Quick-mending kits should find a good market. In the matter of pedals the American article is almost wholly used.

The average retail price at which bicycles are sold in Malta is $50.

Among firms in a position to handle goods are Melita Cycle Company, 27 Strada Mezzodi, and C. Breed Eynaud & Co., 17 Marina Barriera.

One of the chief obstacles to the increase of trade at Malta is the lack of direct communication, and it would be advisable for manufacturers not to rely upon their foreign agents to push their goods at Malta, but to send samples and price lists directly to the Maltese dealers.

HAWAIIAN TRADE.

Hawaii bought last year over $8,000,000 worth of goods from all parts of the world, of which over 75 per cent. was from the United States. The following table shows the total importations, including specie, into the Hawaiian Islands by countries during the year 1897, with the percentages contributed by each country :

	Amount.	Per cent.
United States, Pacific ports	$6,502,936	73.58
United States, Atlantic ports	297,091	3.36
Great Britain	865,781	9.80
Germany	192,932	2.18
China	260,417	2.94
Japan	292,316	3.31
Australasia and New Zealand	122,453	1.39
Canada	58,674	.66
Islands of the Pacific	5,864	.07
France	30,997	.35
Other countries	208,738	2.36
Totals	$8,838,203	100.00

Canada should enjoy more than two-thirds of one per cent. of this trade.

SHOES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The latest customs statistics of the Philippines show that the imports of footwear for the year 1894 were valued at $94,306. The kinds of these goods are classified as boots and shoes of leather and canvas ; boots and shoes of patent leather and calfskin, slippers and common shoes such as are worn by Chinese, and footwear for children.

Heretofore Spain, protected by laws that discriminated against all foreign products, furnished nearly all the footwear consumed in the Philippines. Now that that discrimination no longer exists, Canadian manufacturers should be prepared to obtain a fair share of the trade.