

notwithstanding the shipment of a large portion of her crop direct to France, in consequence of the failure in that country. As this extraordinary trade has grown up while the rebellion has been in progress, it should afford a warning to the dealers in Chinese produce generally not to trust too much to the probability of the existing war or any other political circumstance causing a scarcity.

The next most important totals are those of Egypt. Fifteen years back—namely, in 1842—the quantity thence was one pound. Last year it was 2,514,356 pounds. The East India supply has gradually declined, the crops in Bengal for the past few years having been unsatisfactory. From France, in 1842, we obtained 1,156,498 pounds, and in 1856 only 157,559 pounds. So far from having any to spare, her manufacturers were compelled to draw upon the stocks on this side; and the few pounds we took from her were merely certain qualities required for peculiar operations. The imports from Italy have been similarly affected. Those from Turkey have also diminished, but this is attributed to the French demand. Among the countries we have drawn upon are the United States, but the small quantities obtained there must have been of Chinese growth. The supplies from Holland and Belgium, it is also assumed, must have come originally either from the Indian Archipelago or France. It appears that the largest importation ever known was in 1854, when the total was 7,535,407 pounds. Last year, however, it was almost as great, and as prices have advanced in two years more than 50 per cent., the money value was proportionately beyond all former precedent.

IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.—RAW SILKS.

	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Prussia.....	.....	.....	.....	12,000	5,383
Hanse Towns..	2,023	9,715	1,706	13,351	1,658
Holland.....	271,089	182,297	155,774	95,972	91,915
Belgium.....	7,416	12,121	14,049	10,549	2,544
France.....	172,005	275,160	148,195	139,070	157,559
Sardinia.....	.....	588	.....	.....	689
Tuscany.....	3,819	2,283	610	734	861
Papal Territ's.	8,530	367	4,321	.....	.....
Naples & Sicily	26,411	19,267	10,478	10,822	1,550
Austrian Italy.	773	916	.....	310	1,609
Malta.....	69,949	99,242	139,186	66,950	62,353
Greece.....	875	5,707	.....	499	.....
Turkey Proper	570,123	601,461	213,796	153,892	197,962
Syria & Pal'tne	14,464	8,650	13,737	4,997	5,925
Egypt.....	911,408	1,863,308	1,530,746	772,693	2,514,356
Brit. E. Indies.	1,335,486	538,502	696,728	884,004	610,422
China.....	2,418,343	2,838,047	4,570,796	4,436,862	3,723,693
U. States.....	948	2,180	17,667	15,652	4,330
Other Ports...	13,859	916	2,735	500	1,763
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	5,832,551	6,480,724	7,535,407	6,618,852	7,383,673

The Manchester *Guardian*, of the 19th June, says:—we are able to confirm the correctness of our views upon the subject of the high price of silk