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United States still has, despite reduction in her livestock in recent years, a larger number of food animals than any other country. Of cattle alone number in United States is 56,000,000, the only country having a larger number being India, with 113,000,000, while Russia in Europe and Asia has 51,000,000; Argentina, 29,000,000; Brazil 25,000,000; Germany, 21,000,000; and United Kingdom, 12,000,000. Of sheep, the United States is 54,000,000; Australia, 92,000,000; Russia, 85,000,000; Argentina, 67,000,000; the United Kingdom, 30,000,000; India, 26.000,000; Uruguay, 26,000,000; and New Zealand, 24,000,000. Of swine, the United States has 61,000'000; Russia, 13,000,000; and Germany, 22,000,-000. Total number of food animals (including merely cattle, sheep and hogs) was, at the latest available date in United States, 169,000,000; Russia in Europe and Asia,

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BRITAIN'S TRADE BOOM.

Detailed statistics just published by the British Board of Trade are eloquent of the enormous growth of the country's trade during the last five years. The exports of manufactured articles have increased by over forty millions sterling in the five years, the increase being notable in every class except ships. The following figures speak for themselves:

	1908	1912
Iron and steel	£14,997,525	£22,050,218
Other metals	3,428,788	4,521,065
Cutlery, hardware, etc	2,651,884	3,968,462
Electrical goods	1,011,757	2,231,845
Machinery	9,675,223	10,676,868
Ships (new)	2,054,071	1,381,929
Wood manufactures	636,657	927,124
Cotton	38,844,741	52,273,990
Wool	7,690,658	11,646,751
Silk	515,205	629,491
Other textiles	2,623,659	3,859,884
Apparel	6,431,472	10,915,135
Chemicals	4,408,538	5,845,199
Leather (not boots)	1,064,159	1,571,724
Earthenware and glass	1,672,954	2,489,372
Paper	1,441,027	2,212,735
Railway cars, motor cars, etc.	3,080,552	4,943,397
Miscellaneous	10,470,686	14,412,992

Total..... £112,595,956 £156,558,172