

German make, representing £1,117 (\$5,436), were sold during the year; and 40 horse-gear threshers, valued at £2,340 (\$11,328).

CHEAP WATCHES AND BICYCLES WANTED IN CHINA.

The United States Consul in Chefoo, China, reports a great advance in the demand for imitation gold watches. In a letter to him written by a well-informed American resident of Wei Hieu, Shantung, it is mentioned that while that province has little demand for canned goods, wheat and the like products, it has an unlimited capacity for watches and clocks; and it is estimated that the sale of bicycles might, if pushed by proper agencies, reach a couple of millions, the demand being, as usual, for the cheapest type produced. We quote the following passage from this gentleman's letter:—"Our chief imports into China to-day are kerosene oil, clocks, watches, canned goods, wheat, etc. Shantung has usually no demand for wheat, canned goods, and the like; but it has an unlimited capacity for cheap watches and clocks, and with a little adaptation to its use and financial ability (or inability) it could absorb a million or two bicycles with ease. . . . A wheel made strong and cheap, without too many luxuries such as pneumatic tires and easy saddles, that could be sold for twenty-five or thirty dollars (gold) would go like wildfire over this province. . . . So also might the importation of cheap watches be increased indefinitely by proper agencies at the coast."

TRADE IN EAST AFRICA.

The British Consul at Beira, East Africa, writes:—Under-mentioned are a few of the more common lines of goods with sale prices, as sold here:—Matches, Japanese, about sixty-five in a box, 2s. 9d. per gross; European, Ship brand, seventy-two in a box, 3s. 6d. per gross; European, Lion brand, ninety-eight in a box, 3s. 6d. per gross; duty on all kinds, 6d. per kilo.; candles, Belgian, 15s. per case, duty, 3½d. per kilo.; cotton blankets, Belgian, about 2 lbs. weight, at 3s. 4d. each; cotton blankets, Belgian, about 1 lb. weight, at 1s. 8d. each; duty, colored, 1s. 6d. per kilo.; white, 10d. per kilo. Piece-goods, fifty by seventy-two, at 1s. 8d. each. These sell in different patterns. They should be well starched. Duty, 1s. 6d. per kilo.; lamps, twenty-five line, are quoted from Germany at 7s.; from England at 9s. 6d.; thirty line, Germany at 8s.; England, 13s. German lamps, therefore, sell in preference to British. The glasses come with the lamps. The better class of boots come from Portugal, selling at 20s. to