

England are Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield, and Norwich.

10. Manchester, with its suburbs, contains 309,000 inhabitants, and may justly be called the manufacturing capital of the British empire. Here the cotton manufactures are carried on to an astonishing extent, and probably more solid capital is found in this place than in any town in the kingdom, London excepted.

11. Birmingham has long been celebrated for its extensive manufactures of hardwares, trinkets, and plated goods. These are exported in great quantities to foreign countries, where, in point of cheapness and show united, they are unrivalled. Its population is 183,000.

12. Leeds, a large town in the West Riding of Yorkshire, may be considered the great central mart of the Yorkshire woollen trade. Besides carrying on an extensive home trade, it exports vast quantities of broad and narrow cloths to various parts of the world. Its population is about 150,000.

13. The manufactures of Sheffield are, in many respects, similar to those of Birmingham, but the articles for which it is particularly noted, are cutlery, edge-tools, and plated goods, for which it has a great export trade. Its population is about 120,000.