

Continental Europe, for the year 1850, and the seven subsequent years ending with 1857, has been annually as follows :

*France*—7,077, 7,173, 10,575, 9,018, 8,500, 9,211, 10,115, 8,596 bales.

*Belgium*—1,134, 1,115, 1,634, 1,538, 1,346, 1,211, 1,533, 1,096 bales.

*Holland*—1,038, 1,038, 1,365, 1,173, 1,653, 1,711, 1,903, 1,883 bales.

*Germany*—1,653, 2,115, 2,442, 2,769, 3,981, 4,057, 4,750, 4,142 bales.

*Trieste*—2,282, 2,211, 2,596, 1,981, 1,788, 1,653, 1,865, 1,442 bales.

*Genoa, Naples, etc.*—558, 596, 942, 980, 807, 1,096, 2,115, 1,730 bales.

*Spain*—1,481, 1,768, 1,826, 1,634, 1,788, 2,192, 2,346, 1,730 bales.

*Russia, Norway, etc.*—2,923, 2,923, 4,057, 4,000, 2,577, 2,404, 4,423, 3,846 bales.

The total annual consumption in Europe for the eight years embraced ; the exports of cotton from the United States for the same years, and the total that must have been supplied from other sources than the United States— are shown in the annexed table :

Years.	Total Consumption.	Supplied by the U. States*	Supplied from other Sources.
1850.....	2,458,404	1,444,049	1,014,355
1851.....	2,648,204	2,093,720	554,484
1852.....	3,183,804	2,484,615	699,189
1853.....	3,104,712	2,526,296	578,412
1854.....	3,133,988	2,245,075	888,913
1855.....	3,324,776	2,303,403	1,021,373
1856.....	3,694,184	2,991,175	703,009
1857.....	3,303,560	2,265,588	1,037,972

From this table it would appear that in the eight years employed in illustration, the average annual consumption in Europe is 3,106,454 bales ; the average annual supply from the United States, 2,294,240 bales ; and the average annual supply from all other sources, 812,214 bales.

Among the sources other than the United States, the most important is British India. In 1840 the latter country supplied to the United Kingdom 77,011,839 pounds of cotton, but in 1857 not less than 250,338,144. This shows an increased production between the two periods of 225 per cent. In the same 18 years the exports of cotton from the United States has risen from 743,941,061 pounds, to 1,048,282,475 pounds, or 40.9 per cent. Thus it appears that the rate of increase in India has been six times as great as in the United States.

\* In reducing the quantity to bales, in the first 5 years, the pounds are divided by 440, which has been considered as a fair average. The three last years are official.

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON IN EUROPE.

The average weekly consumption of cotton in Europe, according to Ellison's "Hand-Book of the Cotton Trade," amounted, in 1854, to 47,277 bales, and in 1857, to 63,530, but in 1856 the consumption averaged 71,043 bales, the highest rate ever before attained. The increase in the 8 years ending with 1857, over the consumption of 1850, was thus: 16,253 bales, or 34.4 per cent. ; and the increase from the lowest to the highest rate, 23,765 bales, or 50.3 per cent. The statistics of consumption for the years severally, distinguishing that of the United Kingdom and of the Continent, are—

	United Kingdom.	Continent.	Total.
1850.....	29,125	18,152	47,277
1851.....	31,988	18,939	50,927
1852.....	35,790	25,437	61,227
1853.....	36,613	23,093	59,706
1854.....	37,829	22,440	60,269
1855.....	40,403	23,535	63,938
1856.....	41,987	29,055	71,042
1857.....	39,065	24,465	63,530
1858.....	41,333	.....	.....

And if the consumption on the continent in 1858 has been in proportion to that of the United Kingdom in that year, the total will have been about 70,000 bales.

The weekly consumption in the countries of