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value of the cotton gonds exported from this country in $187^{8}$ was abint $\$ 4.500$ 000 ; in 1875 , a litt!e aver $811,000,000$ and they are now rnning at the rate o
$\$ 12,000,000$ to $\$ 14,000000$ per $\$ 12,000,000$ to $\$ 14,000,000$ per year.-
Great Britain sends one-fourth of ber exports to the Continent and the othe three fourths to Asia, Africh, South Ameries, Mexico, Central America and
Australia. Australia.
To state thie by way of comparison wo find that Great Britaln exnorts to othe countries the prouct of $800,000,000$ pondeds of cotton, while the United Stares exports but $40 ; 000,000$ pounds. With Great Britain it is now a question o cheap transprortation if she would keepher trade with the distant parts of the world
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the United States gopernment the repeal of all aedts that restrict navigation, as xell as the exemption of ships from tax ation, as the true policy to be pursued t this time.
England's immense adrantages in the tributed to her marine his tome is a tharough organzation of her cousula system, which is conducted upon a mach better principle than our own. Mr. At cotton fields ought to compensate for the presént advantages of Eugland, and put us on nearly an equal footing. He say that in Asia, Alrich and South Ainerica there are from five to eight handred millions of people whose clothing is almost wholly of cotton cloth. It is now pro dred millions of people, consuming at the rate of five pounds of cotton per
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extendec.

The Supreme Cuart of the state hav just decided a case in regard to the lia bility of road supervisors, which is es pecially important to these officials.Thero is no townahid office of more re sponsibility. The case In point was that ot the township of Mahanoy agains Scholly, appeal from the court of Com mon Pleas of Scanglkill county. Th wife of the plaintuff brought suit to re cover damages for the death of her hus hand, the same haring been caabed, as al leged, through the neghgence of the de fendants in not providing a safe road.Where the accident occurred the road was barely of sufficient width to allow two ve hicles to pass. A wagon was standing on one side of the road and on the othe the end of a log protruded. In attempt ing to drive between the two decease truck the $\log$ and was thrown down precipice and killed. It appears that the upervisor had let the road out for repair to the lowest bidder, who had given bond to fuldil his contract. It way claimed that this relieved the supervisor from re sponsbblaty the bond haring stipulated t ave the townobip from all aceident. The of the case and held the aingt this vie for damages. The po towship ina) for damages, The point was argued also da county road was not reqaired to b pened its fill wisth But it hat if a jury believe s road appear travel, let the cause be road ungate fo evidence of neglgence and the township reapousible.

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ensurtig the parsage of the bill which contai:ed the charter and the bill was passed. Tilose who voted for it mag di. not a aingle one among them. There who cat wear his skirte of the firnl blot which his agency in the maiter has lett apon'theim." Some effurt having beril made to conpot Mr. Tilden with the charter, the Post-evidently Mr. Bryait-makes thia oftement:
ZHL was in April of the year $18 \% 0$ that dtuael J. Tilden, yot a frequent yisitor a the office of the Evening, Pooth came defor, which be buid, of course senior germed which be bud, of course. He
 itluted to the charier whimed Tweed and his creatures were trying to get enacted at a law. If thet shonld happer; be said; it would give the city, with all the piomers of its goverument, into the hands of men who lelt no restrame of conecience. the who would plander it without 8 nint. The city would be ruiut, he said, if the charter, contrived with a epecial design to make peculation tasy, were fastened upon it, and it wa altugether important passage with al lhe power of resist its whace with al he power of argament whic' it possessed, and pryent it if poscaity, pointed out the contial pers iCacity, pointed out the contrivances for tonbodied tim the hill, and wexpresed wise arnest hope that the pade shoused his earnest hope that the perple shonid the
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the Tweed Charter in the early staves of the discusion. On the contrany; it is bnt umple trath to eay that he was its enemy from the heginning.

The familiar proverto about lyang liks on army bulletin, saps the Harrisbarg Patriat, is r-cevving fresh illastrations in he Turko-Russian war. The tiret report aime from the Turks that they had gaibda victury at Batoun, in Asia Minor, in which eigit bundred Rusbians were aid to have bit the eacred dust. This is immediately, contradisted by a bulletin of the Russians which speaks of the engagement at Ba'oum as a mere aftair of the outposts in which they themeelves vere victorions. I ben came a Russian dieparch that a great battle had been Tought before Kard on the 29th of April, renew by the Ruseians. But otrange: to
won bit say the Tarks aae utterly ignorant of any uch battle having taken place in Arminia. The engagenemis betwpen tbe Trik. on the Danube are obscured by the ame lying bulletina A dispatch from Con. stantuople says that the Torks burnt the villages in front of Gulatz. A Rassian bullétin from Bucharest announces that the bambardment of the Turks was so insignificant that no one was killed. Those who take an interest in the evente on the Danube and in Asia Minor san reconcile those couflicting war bulletins at their leisure.
The saying that "it makeiz a difference whose ox is gored" was dever more pointdiy exemplified than it has been since tre passage of the law regulating the tay of execution in certala cages. Be ause, ander it, the maney "coyotes" canot continue their depredations apon he masses by a confiscation, almost, of heir hard earnings, in seling them out nder the sheriffs hammer, for a mere ominal sum, bat are "gorec": with the ceesity if they ehall demand it, of paying wo thinds of the valau of such property on a dire he dis bould on ho western plains.-

