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$\frac{\text { CIORRO W. HARRIS, })^{\text {EdItora. }}}{\text { WILMINGTON; N. } G \text {. }}$ Wednespay Mormine, Sept. 23 , ${ }^{7} 74$, The growing cotton trade of thi port and the great general interest in purpose in devoting thenty explain our the large space which it occapies in our editorial discussions to-day.
The cotton cron probable yield?
The New York
at the statements furnished to the Agricultaral Department at, Wash.
ington, which it seems by Federal officials "on the spot"charges that they are grossly inacen rate, pernaps designedly so to please
the planters who wish the crop "so, as to "bear" it. It
says this "bear"-ish disposition is less manifest in the trade reports of th fore has mere confidence in the word of the Southern merchant in a matter planter has more acourate sourees of
information than it has in the stateBulletin, representing "the trade," imagines the planter is similar-
ly swayed in as great measure to tin the word of both planter and npon. Possibly in some instances
the merchant's statements may have cen found at the gathering in of the
crop more accarate. Farmers are proverbially croakers. We copy the
Bulletin's figures presenting the comparison between the crop estimates
of the Department of Agricalture and the actual crop, for the years
1866 and 1873 inclusive.

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 dhe Government estimates show adeficiency, hid in nearly every case a very important one. We deplore, as
nuchias the Builletindoes, this want
 he reports Let them be improved,
but not discontinued. They are beter than nothing. geetting the crop reports. Let us tatement of the cotton crop of 1873, rop reached $4,185,534$ bales, while he exports are $2,840,981$ bales, and
he spinners' takings $1,321,089$ hales, eaving a stock on hand at the close otal receipts at the Atlantic and Gulf shipping ports this year have
been $3,819,436$ bales, arainst 3,651 , 346 bales last year. The movement reaches 237,572 bales. Thefollowing
is the Chronicle's table of comparison of exports for

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 These totala show a decrease in act-
nal consumption this year of 30,038 ual consu
bales. There are some figures of great in
erest to a Soathern reader in the above. Notice in the manufacturers'
consumption that, though there was a gain in Southern consumption in ' 72
and 73 over the year previous of seveoteen thousand bales, there was a falling bapk in $1874-$ '71 from athe
year beforeaf nine thousand bales. This is a year of general decrease in Nonsumption, however. more cotton raised tin the sine time Southern mills take. We want more
capital here engaged in manofacture.


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