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SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED.
A correspondent asks for information on the following questions:

- 1. Was the coinage of silver suspended at any time between 1866 and 1878? If so, why?
- 2. What circulated as a substitute for silver?
- 3. What do Treasury Notes represent, and why were they issued? And when were they issued?
- 4. What countries suspended the coinage of silver about the time the U. S. Government demonetized it?
- 5. To which countries are the products of America exported, principally, and what products are exported?
- 6. From which countries do we receive our principal importations?
- 7. What would be the effect of the free coinage of silver in America upon those countries and what would be the effect upon American markets if such countries should refuse to return to the silver standard?
- 8. No. Between 1866 and 1874 the coinage of the silver dollar was suspended, because silver was at a premium and the silver dollars were exported to meet the demand abroad for silver, but the coinage of the lesser coins went on.
- 9. Silver continued to circulate, but in addition to that there were the bank notes which formed the principal part of the currency.
- 10. There are two kinds of Treasury notes, one commonly known as the "greenback" issued under acts of 1862 and 1863 to raise money to carry on the war. Of these \$450,000,000 were issued, \$346,000,000 of which are still outstanding. The others are the notes issued under the act of 1869, known as the Sherman act, to pay for the silver bullion purchased as provided for in that act. These amount to \$155,931,000.
- 11. Germany followed the United States in going to the gold standard. France shortly afterwards ceased the coinage of silver, but retained the double standard. Since then Austria-Hungary, Russia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, and others of the lesser powers have adopted the gold standard, as they were practically compelled to do when the greater powers adopted it, for the same reason, that Germany gave for it, viz: to place her monetary system in harmony with that of Great Britain. But they all use silver largely, and some more silver than gold.
- 12. Our principal exports are to England, Germany and France, and consist of food-stuffs—wheat, corn, meats, etc. We ship something to nearly every country in the world. Our exports during the past fiscal year amounted to \$882,606,938, our imports to \$779,710,024. Our principal imports are from England, Germany, France, Brazil, China and Japan. From the first we import manufactured cotton and woolen goods, steel rails for railroads, cutlery, etc.; from France, silk and silk manufactures, wines, and various other things; from Germany, principally beef sugar, from Brazil, coffee, and from that and other South and Central American countries, spices, wool, hides, etc.; from China, tea and rice, and silk goods; from Japan, silk goods, principally; from Cuba and the Sandwich Islands, sugar principally; from the West Indies form a considerable item. Of the total of \$882,606,938 of exports, about four fifths consist of products of the soil in the shape of bread and meat. Most of our manufactures go to silver countries.
- 13. The effect of free coinage by this country would be to force European countries to follow our example in remonetizing silver as they did in demonetizing it. The leading commercial nations of Europe have a larger and more valuable trade with the silver using nations of the East and with the silver using countries South of us than we have and the remonetization of silver, or free coinage, would give us such a vantage ground with those nations that European nations would be compelled to adopt bimetalism in self defence. The other nations would hardly wait for England to do it if we lead the way. But even

If they should not, that would not adversely affect our trade, for trade between nations is practically a bartering of one commodity for another, comparatively little money changing hands. The "balance" of trade is simply the difference in the value or price of the commodities bought or sold. If they preferred to continue the present system, they would still have to buy from us as they do now, and pay us as they do now, for they do not buy anything from us that they do not need, nor anything that they can buy from other countries with more advantage to themselves. If they can buy wheat, corn, meat, etc., on better terms in other countries than they can in this, they will buy there, whether we have the single gold or the bimetallic standard. But if they should remonetize silver, the increase in the volume of currency which they would lose some of the advantages which they now have by virtue of their silver standard. The Mexican Herald expresses the view of the Mexicans on that subject, and doubtless the views of other silver countries, such as China and Japan, in the following:

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