

*THE WORLD'S COTTON SUPPLY.*

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The Journal of the Jamaica Agricultural Society has the following to say on this subject:

There never was a period in the history of cotton when the prospects of a great world shortage was so evident as now, a shortage, not like the one caused by the Civil War in the United States. Formerly it was almost wholly the county of Lancashire in England that consumed the cotton. Now it still takes as much as ever—or would if it could get it as it is not through want of trade but lack of supply that the mills there have shut down, and Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, India, and the United States have all large cotton manufacturing industries besides. The United States does not supply itself with just the varieties of cotton that we can grow best, viz., Sea Island and Egyptian. It imports from Egypt annually 7½ million dollars worth of cottons. Was there ever an industry with such a good chance—when the world gasps for supplies and cannot get them? Will the demand last? It is calculated that it will, for the United States are using more and more of their Upland Cotton while it is not probable that they will ever be able to grow all the Sea Island they require. A shortage for many years yet is in sight.

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