

FLAX, HEMP AND JUTE PRODUCTS

The industries which use the three classes of vegetable fibres—flax, hemp and jute—are so closely allied as the result of the use of more than one of the materials in each establishment, that it becomes necessary to classify these industries according to goods produced rather than according to materials used. These heads are: cordage and twine, jute and jute goods, and linen goods and linen thread. The total value of all flax, hemp and jute products is very nearly \$50,000,000, four-fifths of this sum being represented by cordage and twine, while the remaining fifth is divided about equally between jute goods and linen goods. The whole number of persons employed is 21,000, and the total capital \$42,000,000. Cordage and twine employs the greater number of wage-earners and more than half the total capital. Jute and jute goods are made in less than twenty establishments, the number of persons employed is less than 5,000 and the capital invested \$7,000,000.