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A LEADER AMONG THE NATIONS



Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty, New York harbor.

Must a majestic rhythm of rise and fall
 Conquer the peoples once so proud on earth?
 Does man but march in circles, after all,
 Playing his curious game of death and birth?

Or shall an ultimate nation, God's own child,
 Arise and rule and never conquered be,
 Untouched of time because, all undefiled,
 She makes His ways her ways eternally?

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Introduction.—In previous chapters we traced the progress of our civilization from the earliest colonial days down to the year 1860. In this final chapter we shall take a glance at the progress which our country has made between 1860 and the present time. A bird's-eye view of this progress is shown in the table given below. The figures of the table need not be learned, but while studying this chapter the pupil will find the table exceedingly helpful in making comparisons.

TABLE OF PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1860

Items	1860	1880	1900	1908
1. Farms and farm property	\$ 7,080,493,000	\$12,180,501,538	\$20,514,001,538	\$ 28,000,000,000
2. Farm products	1,910,000,000	2,212,540,927	3,764,177,706	7,778,000,000
3. Products of manufacturing	1,885,861,670	5,369,579,171	13,014,287,498	14,802,147,087
4. Imports of merchandise	353,616,119	667,594,746	849,941,184	1,194,341,792
5. Exports of merchandise	333,576,037	835,630,658	1,394,483,082	1,860,773,346
6. Miles of railroad	30,626	93,267	198,964	236,949
7. Salaries for public schools		37,832,506	137,687,746	196,980,919
8. Population	31,443,321	50,155,703	76,303,307	87,189,392*
9. Immigrants arrived	150,237	457,257	448,572	782,870
10. Wealth	16,159,616,000	42,642,000,000	88,517,306,775	120,000,000,000*

* Estimated.