

## **TWO TONS OF THREE-CENT COINS.**

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The United States Mint in this city has just received over two tons of three-cent silver pieces, which by act of Congress have been abolished from the national coinage. This is, however, only about one-fifth of the quantity of these small coins which are to be brought here from the various sub-Treasuries in the country, there having already been redeemed more than 10 tons. These three-cent pieces now in the Mint would fill three large wagons. They are to be recoined into ten-cent pieces, as the three-cent nickel pieces are to take the place of the old silver three-cent coins. The Treasury Department is redeeming the small coins as fast as possible, and in a few years they will entirely disappear, and only the nickels will be in circulation. The coins have lost a very considerable per cent. of their intrinsic value by usage, in some cases amounting to as much as 25 per cent. In fact, they are rapidly wearing out. This is one reason why they were abolished and the harder and more convenient nickel substituted.

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