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APPENDIX D—List of Items in the Price Indexes for Home Furnishings and Clothing

TABLE D-1
Home Furnishings

| Item No. | Description and Major Changes | Unit | 1918 Price | Average Expenditure per Article, 1918 ^a | | Series Begins | Ward Data End | Number of Links ^b | 1918 Sears Catalogue Number | Page |
|----------|---|---------|------------|--|---------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| | | | | Low | Average | | | | | |
| 1a | Carpet, part wool | yard | \$0.92 | \$0.86 | \$1.41 | 1890 | 1896 | 3 | 37N1040 | 1146 |
| 1b | Carpet, all wool Brussels, 27 in. | yard | 1.39 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 3 | 37N1004 | 1146 |
| 2 | Linoleum, printed | sq. yd. | 0.82 | 0.80 | 0.96 | 1890 | 1897 | 4 | 37N2142 | 1150 |
| 3a | Chair, hardwood dining | one | 1.98 | 1.92 | 3.90 | 1890 | 1896 | 5 | 1N25 | 1038 |
| 3b | Chair, reed rocker | one | 3.65 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 2 | 1N904 | 1050 |
| 4a | Table, dropleaf, hardwood | one | 6.85 | 7.34 | 11.82 | 1890 | 1897 | 2 | 1N2404 | 1085 |
| 4b | Table, extension, solid oak | one | 11.75 | | | 1890 | 1898 | 3 | 1N2410 1/3 | 1085 |
| 5a | Couch (bed lounge, 1890-95) | one | 14.50 | | | 1890 | 1901 | 7 | 1N512 1/3 | 1056 |
| 5b | Couch | one | 21.75 | 16.18 | 23.65 | 1902 | none | 3 | 1N536 1/3 | 1056 |
| 6a | Chiffonier, oak, 5-drawer | one | 7.45 | 7.92 | 15.45 | 1895 | 1902 | 2 | 1N4708 1/3 | 1119 |
| 6b | Dresser, hardwood, with mirror | one | 15.45 | | | 1890 | 1901 | 3 | 1N4433 1/3 | 1115 |
| 7a | China closet | one | 15.95 | 16.64 | 23.89 | 1901 | none | 2 | 1N2710 1/3 | 1089 |
| 7b | Sideboard, hardwood with mirror | one | 21.45 | | | 1890 | 1898 | 3 | 1N2618 1/3 | 1088 |
| 8a | Bedstead, hardwood | one | 6.95 | 6.72 | 11.07 | 1890 | 1897 | 5 | 1N5108 | 1123 |
| 8b | Bedstead, metal | one | 8.65 | | | 1892 | 1898 | 4 | 1N5346 | 1127 |
| 9a | Bedsprings | one | {4.48} | 3.69 | 6.24 | 1894 | 1896 | 4 | 1N5759 | 1129 |
| 9b | | one | {6.88} | | | 1901 | none | none | 1N5765 | 1129 |
| 10a | Mattress, excelsior | one | 4.95 | 5.27 | 8.22 | 1890 | 1898 | 2 | 1N7405 | 1138 |
| 10b | Mattress, excelsior and cotton (sea moss before 1903) | one | 8.45 | | | 1894 | 1898 | 4 | 1N7421 | 1138 |

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|-----|---|------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|------|------|---|-------------|-------------------|
| 11a | Blanket, cotton | one | 2.82 | 2.92 | 3.58 | 1894 | 1896 | 2 | 24N7162 1/4 | 569 |
| 11b | Blanket, part wool | one | 4.32 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 3 | 24N7454 | 570 |
| 12 | Bedsheet, cotton, double bed size | one | 1.44 | 1.29 | 1.38 | 1890 | 1897 | 2 | 36N1306 | 578 |
| 13 | Pillowcase, hemmed | one | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 1890 | 1897 | 1 | 36N1328 | 579 |
| 14a | Stove, heating, coal | one | 10.90 | 13.01 | 19.70 | 1890 | 1897 | 3 | 22N691 | 1257 |
| 14b | Stove, cooking, gas (coal before 1902) | one | 17.75 | | | 1893 | 1897 | 3 | 22N813 | 1242 |
| 15a | Ice chest | one | 8.98 | 9.99 | 15.78 | 1892 | 1896 | 1 | 1L2805 1/3 | 1077 ^c |
| 15b | Standing refrigerator (ice box) | one | 15.65 | | | 1892 | 1897 | 5 | 1L2820 1/3 | 1077 ^c |
| 16 | Damask yard goods, 56-58 in. for tablecloth (linen to 1901, cotton 1901-18) | yard | 0.85 | 1.52 ^d | 1.70 ^d | 1892 | 1896 | 2 | 36N2618 | 604 |
| 17a | Towel, cotton huck (linen, 1890-1902) | one | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 1890 | 1897 | 3 | 36N1714 | 613 |
| 17b | Towel, turkish | one | 0.34 | | | 1890 | 1895 | 1 | 36N1976 | 614 |
| 18 | Baby carriage (wood 1911-18, reed 1890-1910) | one | 17.95 | 11.73 | 14.79 | 1890 | 1898 | 4 | 1N7915 | 271 |
| 19a | Sewing machine, hand power | one | 12.25 | | | 1899 | 1900 | 1 | 26N154 | 557 |
| 19b | Sewing machine, foot power (drop head after 1895) | one | 22.95 | 11.05 | 24.44 | 1890 | 1894 | 4 | 26N120 | 551 |

^a From *Cost of Living in the United States*, BLS Bulletin 357. "Low" refers to the income class for which average expenditure per item was lowest; "average" to the average of all income classes. The item designation given in Bulletin 357 is usually broader than that shown here.

^b The transition from Sears to Ward catalogues is counted as a link even if the price was the same from both houses and the item was otherwise identical.

^c Priced from spring catalogues.

^d Per tablecloth, not per yard.

TABLE D-2
Clothing^a

| Item No. | Description and Major Changes | Unit | 1918 Price | Annual Expenditure per Article, 1918 ^b | | Series Begins | Ward Data End | Number of Links ^c | 1918 Sears Catalogue | Page |
|--------------|--|------|------------|---|---------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | | | Low | Average | | | | | |
| <i>Man's</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1a | Union suit, combed cotton (before 1901, shirt and drawers) | one | \$1.48 | \$1.41 | \$1.58 | 1890 | 1900 | 2 | 16L5117 | 320 ^d |
| 1b | Union suit, ribbed lisle (before 1901, shirt and drawers) | one | 1.42 | | | 1897 | 1900 | 1 | 16L5150 | 321 ^d |
| 2a | Cap, winter, corduroy (wool cloth before 1912) | one | 1.00 | 0.95 | 1.11 | 1890 | 1898 | 2 | 93N4622 | 394 |
| 3a | Hat, felt fedora (derby before 1898) | one | 2.50 | 2.58 | 3.23 | 1890 | 1898 | 3 | 93N6104 | 391 |
| 3b | Hat, felt fedora | one | 3.50 | | | 1898 | none | 3 | 93N6220 | 392 |
| 4 | Overcoat, cloth, sheepskin lined | one | 19.50 | 14.79 | 22.38 | 1896 | 1900 | 3 | 41N444 | 483 |
| 5a | Work pants (overalls before 1897) | pair | 2.10 | 1.88 | 2.14 | 1890 | 1897 | 2 | 41N7391 | 502 |
| 5b | Overalls, denim | pair | 2.25 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 3 | 41N7393 | 500 |
| 6a | Work shirt, chambray (cheviot before 1897) | one | 1.00 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 1 | 33N664 | 398 |
| 6b | Work shirt, chambray (jersey before 1908) | one | 1.29 | 1.09 | 1.31 | 1896 | 1901 | 3 | 33N650 | 398 |
| 6c | Dress shirt, cotton, no collar | one | 1.35 | | | 1890 | 1901 | 3 | 33N216 | 404 |
| 7 | Union suit, part wool (before 1898, shirt and drawers) | one | 3.25 | 3.22 | 3.68 | 1890 | 1897 | 3 | 16N6010 | 349 |
| 8a | Nightshirt, muslin | one | 1.19 | 1.08 | 1.27 | 1890 | 1896 | 2 | 33N908 | 374 |
| 8b | Nightshirt, flannelette | one | 1.29 | | | 1896 | 1898 | 1 | 33N921 | 374 |
| 9a | Socks, cotton | pair | {0.26} | 0.24 | 0.28 | 1890 | 1897 | 3 | 86N2030 | 365 |
| 9b | | | {0.27} | | | 1896 | 1897 | 2 | 86N2047 | 365 |
| 10a | Shoes, work | pair | 4.95 | 4.39 | 5.17 | 1898 | none | 3 | 15N4137 | 219 |
| 10b | Shoes, dress | pair | 4.45 | | | 1890 | 1895 | 4 | 15N4108 | 215 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|------|------------------|------|------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------------|------------------|
| 11 | Rubbers | pair | 0.98 | 1.23 | 1.28 | 1890 | 1896 | 1 | 76N9128 | 235 |
| 12 | Collar, celluloid | one | 0.19 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 1890 | 1899 | 1 | any style | 388 |
| 13a } 13b } | Necktie, silk | one | {0.45} {0.55} | 0.46 | 0.61 | 1890 1890 | 1898 1898 | 2 4 | 33N8398 33N8339 | 377 377 |
| <i>Boy's</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Mackinaw or reefer, wool | one | 9.50 | 5.67 | 7.35 | 1896 | 1897 | 3 | 40N2702 | 518 |
| 15 | Knickerbockers, corduroy (knee pants before 1909) | pair | 1.35 | 1.39 | 1.57 | 1890 | 1901 | 2 | 40L620 | 447 ^d |
| 16 | Knickerbockers, all wool serge (knee pants before 1909, cassimere before 1899) | pair | 2.45 | 1.64 | 2.19 | 1890 | 1907 | 3 | 40N2616 | 510 |
| 17 | Union suit, cotton (shirt and drawers before 1908) | one | 0.78 | 0.89 | 1.08 | 1895 | 1904 | 3 | 16L7510 | 313 ^d |
| 18a | Union suit, part wool (all wool shirt and drawers before 1897) | one | 1.98 | 1.84 | 2.15 | 1890 | 1901 | 4 | 16N7110 | 342 |
| 18b | Union suit, part wool (shirt and drawers before 1901) | one | 2.68 | | | 1896 | 1901 | 4 | 16N7335 | 343 |
| 19a } 19b } | Stockings, cotton | pair | {0.33} {0.38} | 0.32 | 0.36 | 1890 | 1898 | 1 2 | 86N2605 86N2608 | 359 359 |
| 20a } 20b } | Shoes, high | pair | {2.69} {3.49} | 2.89 | 3.57 | 1890 | 1900 | 7 5 | 15N5224 15N4924 | 205 202 |
| <i>Woman's</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21a } 21b } | Corset | one | {1.98} {2.48} | 1.75 | 2.35 | 1890 | 1895 1896 | 8 6 | 18N235 18N205 | 254 253 |
| 22 | Corset cover, knitted cotton | one | 0.50 | 0.51 | 0.66 | 1903 | none | 1 | 16N6842 | 338 |
| 23a | Union suit, cotton, sleeveless | one | 0.62 | | | 1896 | 1897 | 3 | 16L6872 | 316 ^d |
| 23b | Union suit, lisle (vests before 1892) | one | 0.79 | 1.02 | 1.13 | 1890 | 1902 | 4 | 16L6868 | 317 ^d |

For notes to a, b, c, and d see p. 152.

(continued)

TABLE D-2 (concluded)

| Item No. | Description and Major Changes | Unit | 1918 Price | Annual Expenditure per Article, 1918 ^b | | Series Begins | Ward Data End | Number of Links ^c | 1918 Sears Catalogue | Page |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------|---|---------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | Low | Average | | | | | |
| 24 | Stockings, cotton, fleece lined | pair | \$0.27 | \$0.28 | \$0.37 | 1890 | 1897 | 4 | 86N2474 | 370 |
| 25a } 25b } | Shoes, high | pair | {2.98 } {3.95 } | 4.28 | 5.34 | 1890 | 1900 | 6 4 | 15N620 15N913 | 184 178 |
| Girl's | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26a } 26b } | Shoes, low | pair | {1.60 } {1.35 } | 1.53 | 1.71 | 1904 1901 | none none | none 4 | 15L7604 15L8480 | 257 ^d 260 ^d |
| 27a } 27b } | Coat, winter, fur-like cloth | one | {4.98 } {3.98 } | 3.98 | 4.63 | 1908 | none | 1 2 | 17N8817 17N8797 | 39 41 |
| 28 | Underwaist | one | 0.39 | 0.32 | 0.35 | 1894 | 1897 | 2 | 16N7074 | 340 |
| Yard Goods and Trimmings | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29a } 29b } | Wool serge | yard | {2.44 } {1.25 } | | | 1893 1890 | 1901 1916 | 3 4 | 14NO 331 14NO 310 | 620 620 |
| 30 | Gingham, checked or striped | yard | 0.24 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 2 | 36N3230 | 584 |
| 31 | Voile (dotted swiss before 1914) | yard | 0.26 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 4 | 36N3079 | 600 |
| 32 | Buttons, white pearl, 24-linec | dozen | 0.08 | | | 1890 | 1912 | 2 | 25N5078 | 660 |
| 33 | Braid trim ^e | yard | 0.02 | | | 1890 | 1897 | 6 | 25N3774 | 649 |
| 34 | Lining, silke | yard | 1.05 | | | 1890 | 1912 | 3 | 14N8381 | 627 |

^a This table excludes five items for which chain indexes were used. See text, p. 83.

^b See note ^a under home furnishings. For man's items, the expenditures shown are those of husbands; for woman's items, those of wives; for boy's items, those of male children, 12 years and under 15 years; for girl's items, those of female children, 4 years and under 8 years.

^c See note ^b under home furnishings.

^d Priced from spring catalogues.

^e These items enter into the composite price of a woman's wool suit before 1906. After 1906, this composite series is used only in the alternative version of the clothing index.