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APPENDIX E—Composition of Indexes of Items Common to Wholesale and Retail Price Indexes

TABLE E-1

Basic Item	Description <sup>a</sup>	1918 Price <sup>b</sup>	
		Wholesale	Retail
<i>Home Furnishings</i>			
Carpet	Wool faced tapestry	c	c
	All-wool Brussels	c	c
Chair	Dining room, hardwood	\$0.97	\$1.98
Table	Hardwood, drop leaf	1.63	
Bedroom set	Iron bedstead, oak dresser	2.74	6.85
	Cotton, 4 lbs. to the pair	31.84	24.10
Blanket	40% wool, 5 lbs. to the pair	0.95	2.82
Sheet	Unbleached bedsheet, 81 x 86 in.	6.56	4.32
		c	c
<i>Clothing</i>			
All wool dress goods, per yard	Storm serge, 54 in.	1.46	2.44
	Storm serge, 36 in.		1.25
Gingham, per yard	Amoskeag, apron checks	0.18	0.24
Man's shoes, pair	Work shoe, Goodyear welt	1.51	4.95
	Gunmetal lace, Simplex welt	5.63	4.45
Woman's shoes, pair	5.44		
	Gunmetal button, warm lined, McKay sole	3.71	2.98
Man's cotton hose, pair	Black kid lace, low rubber heel		3.95
	Heavy carded yarn, black	0.16	0.26
Woman's cotton hose, pair	Black, undyed soles		0.27
	Heavy seamless, carded yarn, fleece lined	0.31	0.27
Man's wool union suit	One-third wool, extra heavy weight	0.18	
		1.46	3.25

SOURCE: Sears, Roebuck and Company, Catalogue 137, Fall 1918 and BLS Bulletin 269, pp. 70-96 and 132-136.

<sup>a</sup> When more than one specific item is shown in either column, the series for that column is a simple average of relatives for the specific items.

<sup>b</sup> Prices are quoted per yard for yard goods, per pair for shoes and hosiery, and per item for all other items.

<sup>c</sup> Prices in sources cannot be reduced to comparable units.