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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 <sup>a</sup>		Series Begins	Ward Data End	Number of Links <sup>b</sup>	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

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 <sup>c</sup>
15b	Standing refrigerator (ice box)	one	15.65			1892	1897	5	1L2820 1/3	1077 <sup>c</sup>
16	Damask yard goods, 56-58 in. for tablecloth (linen to 1901, cotton 1901-18)	yard	0.85	1.52 <sup>d</sup>	1.70 <sup>d</sup>	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

<sup>a</sup> 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.

<sup>b</sup> 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.

<sup>c</sup> Priced from spring catalogues.

<sup>d</sup> Per tablecloth, not per yard.

TABLE D-2  
Clothing<sup>a</sup>

Item No.	Description and Major Changes	Unit	1918 Price	Annual Expenditure per Article, 1918 <sup>b</sup>		Series Begins	Ward Data End	Number of Links <sup>c</sup>	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 <sup>d</sup>
1b	Union suit, ribbed lisle (before 1901, shirt and drawers)	one	1.42			1897	1900	1	16L5150	321 <sup>d</sup>
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 <sup>d</sup>
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 <sup>d</sup>
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 <sup>d</sup>
23b	Union suit, lisle (vests before 1892)	one	0.79	1.02	1.13	1890	1902	4	16L6868	317 <sup>d</sup>

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

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TABLE D-2 (concluded)

Item No.	Description and Major Changes	Unit	1918 Price	Annual Expenditure per Article, 1918 <sup>b</sup>		Series Begins	Ward Data End	Number of Links <sup>c</sup>	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 <sup>d</sup> 260 <sup>d</sup>
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 <sup>e</sup>	yard	0.02			1890	1897	6	25N3774	649
34	Lining, silke	yard	1.05			1890	1912	3	14N8381	627

<sup>a</sup> This table excludes five items for which chain indexes were used. See text, p. 83.

<sup>b</sup> See note <sup>a</sup> 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.

<sup>c</sup> See note <sup>b</sup> under home furnishings.

<sup>d</sup> Priced from spring catalogues.

<sup>e</sup> 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.