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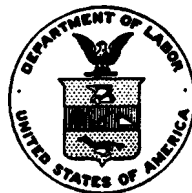
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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES
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Introduction

Although the Bureau of Labor Statistics has been issuing a Consumer Price Index ^{1/} since 1919, the publication of the basic average prices from which the index was computed has been confined to two commodity groups - foods and fuels. Items in these groups were relatively easy to describe and to price throughout the United States with the possibility of averaging price quotations for unlike qualities relatively remote. However, variations in quality from store to store and from city to city presented major difficulties in the price collection and calculation of averages for other items such as apparel, furniture, appliances, etc. Sporadic attempts have been made to publish prices for apparel and other commodities, but staff limitations have prevented their regular publication.

This bulletin is the first attempt by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to present average retail prices for a comprehensive list of articles and services that are a part of the every day living of a moderate income family in the United States.

The problem of quality identification as it relates to price collection and summarization has received major study by the Bureau, particularly since the initiation of "pricing by specification" in 1934. In view of the complex and long-range character of the problem, the Bureau is making available in this report, as many of its current retail price statistics as progress to date permits. Such publication is appropriate at this time when the Bureau is making available comprehensive information relating to its revised CPI. This bulletin initiates publication of selected portions of the basic data on a recurrent basis. Furthermore, publication will substantially satisfy the widespread and persistent public demand for these data and for a detailed description of the collection procedures followed by the Bureau.

Prices are presented for approximately 125 goods and services, selected from among approximately 175 items (other than foods and fuels) and applicable to 10 of the 46 cities that are priced for the CPI ^{2/}. Because of the special problem of quality identification, it was not possible to provide average prices for all of the items covered under the CPI. However, the list includes average prices for important items in all major index groups, except foods and fuels which are published separately, and rents and home ownership costs which involve unique problems currently under study by the Bureau.

Average prices are given for quarterly dates between December 1952 and December 1954. The revised CPI was issued in January 1953 and was linked to the earlier index as of December 1952. To make the revised index calculations, it was necessary to do extensive experimental price work involving detailed scrutiny of the quotations obtained during the regular collections. The details of the quality descriptions were carefully reviewed. All changes that

^{1/} The title, Consumers' Price Index for Moderate Income Families in Large Cities, was adopted in 1954. Previously, this index had been precisely designated, Changes in the Cost of Goods and Services Purchased by Wage Earners and Lower-Salaried Clerical Workers in 1934-36. In popular usage, this title was later shortened to Cost-of-Living Index. The latter designation gave rise to some misunderstanding of the scope of the series, and therefore the current term, Consumer Price Index, was introduced.

^{2/} See appendixes A and B for a full list of the items and cities for which retail prices are collected.

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resulted from this review were incorporated into the price collection in all cities beginning in the latter part of 1952. The revised data were summarized for this bulletin. If staff resources permit, price data for the years 1935 to 1952 will be reviewed and averages published for these earlier years for as many commodities and services as possible. It is anticipated that prices for additional dates and cities and for cities combined will also be included in future publications.

The Bureau has devoted major attention to the price collection problems arising from varying quality. It has solved some of these problems but additional ones remain. Despite some imperfections, however, the great mass of retail price data assembled by the Bureau is an invaluable reservoir of reliable information. These price statistics will fill a serious gap in the basic source materials needed for important economic and social studies. They provide a portion of the much needed data for the analysis of place-to-place differences in the supply of and demand for particular commodities. Many studies of marketing patterns have been hampered by the lack of data on price levels for individual items in retail markets. These statistics are the first steps toward filling this gap. Other studies such as cost estimates for various budgets, studies of price structure, and the relationship of price levels to consumption patterns may utilize some of the data presented. The need for certain improvements and refinements in these data will undoubtedly emerge from such diverse uses. The Bureau hopes to profit from the experience of users, and to publish improved data in the future.

It is inevitable that these basic price data will be used without careful appraisal of their limitations. Users are urged to read the description of the procedures followed in the collection and processing of the data and to determine whether they provide the precision needed for the particular problem being studied.

HISTORY OF RETAIL PRICE COLLECTIONS BY BLS

The history of retail price collection by the Bureau of Labor Statistics is an important part of the history of the efforts of our Government to provide a reliable measure of changes in living costs, to help determine objectively the economic well-being of the working population.

The earliest comprehensive retail price collections in this country were made in 1891 to ascertain the effects of the tariff laws. Responding to a Senate Resolution of March 3, 1891 ^{3/}, the Honorable Nelson D. Aldrich, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Tariff of the Senate Committee on Finance, introduced his report on retail prices and wages with the statement, "One of the principal causes that led to the adoption of the Senate resolution was undoubtedly the existence of a constant demand from legislators and economic students for reliable statistics in regard to the course of prices and wages in the United States. The absence of such statistics has led to a constant and indeterminable dispute over facts in every economic discussion. Without them it has been impossible to judge even with approximate accuracy of the progress of the people of the country and the changes which have taken

^{3/}Resolved, The Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, by subcommittee or otherwise, to ascertain in every practicable way, and to report from time to time to the Senate, the effect of the tariff laws upon the imports and exports, the growth, development, production, and prices of agricultural and manufactured articles, at home and abroad; and upon wages, domestic and foreign; and for this purpose they are authorized to sit by subcommittee or otherwise, during the recess and sessions of the Senate, at such times and places as they may deem advisable, and to employ a stenographer and such clerical and other assistance as may be necessary; the expense of such investigation to be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate.

place from time to time in their condition." ^{4/} To meet this need, the Commissioner of Labor had been requested to obtain data on the "course of retail prices of two hundred and fifteen articles of general consumption in seventy cities and towns in different parts of the country." ^{5/} This study was limited to the period June 1, 1889, to September 1, 1891, and was then discontinued.

In the subsequent decade, studies of the "cost of living" were limited to the collection of information on items of expenditures from families of employees in specific industries. The need for later and more comprehensive data led to a study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1901 of expenditures by more than 25,000 families in the principal industrial centers of the United States. The study was supplemented by information from stores on retail prices of the principal staple articles of food back to 1890. ^{6/} This retail food price collection marked the beginning of regular collections of retail prices of articles purchased by the wage earning population of this country. In the 50 years since that first collection, with the exception of the period from 1907 to 1910, the Bureau's price publications have regularly included retail prices for a list of foods in the industrial cities of the country.

Publication of average retail prices of coal and gas began in 1911 and has continued regularly. Average prices for a limited number of textiles from 1915 to 1923 were published also. ^{7/}

During World War I, the effect of the rising cost of living on the real wages of the working population dramatized the inadequacy of food prices as a measure of total living costs. The Bureau participated in special studies of the cost of living in railroad centers and to a larger extent in shipbuilding centers. ^{8/} Since these were not necessarily representative of living costs for the population as a whole, a full scale study of expenditures and retail prices for articles purchased by wage earners was initiated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1918. With what seems to be a considerable amount of pride, Commissioner of Labor Statistics Royal Meeker announced in December 1918: "I here, for the first time, publicly proclaim that not only is an index number of the cost of living a theoretical possibility, but it is a practical fact in process of coming into being as rapidly as the Bureau of Labor Statistics can push the work along." ^{9/}

This announcement was made after Bureau agents had visited stores and other price sources in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Md. to obtain price data for a comprehensive list of commodities and services that affect the cost of living. Similar price collections were subsequently made in other cities until retail prices had been obtained for an extensive list of commodities and services in 66 cities.

Since World War I, the Bureau has made outstanding progress in the development of procedures for the collection of retail prices and the calculation of indexes. But publication of the basic price data on which the indexes were based has been a notable omission. The chief deterrents have been the difficulties encountered in relating price to quality so that averages are meaningful. The descriptions of these early Bureau studies all contain some reference to the problem of quality identification for most articles of retail trade. The measurement of price change was accomplished by careful attention to the comparability of price quotations from one period of time to the next from the same respondents but the

^{4/} Retail Prices and Wages, Senate Report 986, July 19, 1892, Part I, p. I.

^{5/} See appendix E for a brief statement of the scope of this early study.

^{6/} Results of both studies were published in the 18th Annual Report of the Commissioner of Labor, Carrol D. Wright, in 1903.

^{7/} See appendix E for a list of articles for which average prices have been published from time to time.

^{8/} See appendix F.

^{9/} From The Possibility of Compiling a Cost of Living Index, a paper read at the 31st annual meeting of the American Economic Association, Richmond, Va., Dec. 27, 1918. A reprint of the paper was published in the Monthly Labor Review, March 1919.

collection was not so controlled that prices from the various stores at one period of time related to items of approximately the same quality.

The problem of quality identification was attacked directly in 1933 with inauguration of a project to determine a basis for a more adequate collection and analysis of retail prices. Plans were being developed at that time for a comprehensive revision of the CPI.

A Retail Price Committee (subsequently known as The Federal Interdepartmental Committee on Retail Prices) was appointed by the Central Statistical Board with representation from governmental agencies interested in retail price problems. The Committee prepared a plan for the assembly and analysis of prices, including the development of preliminary commodity specifications for more than 600 items by government and industry commodity experts. ^{10/} Tests of the specifications and other aspects of the retail price project were carried on in 1933 and 1934 under the auspices of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Federal Interdepartmental Committee on Retail Prices.

Utilizing the valuable information derived from this study of retail prices the Bureau, in November 1934, adopted "pricing by specification" as the guiding principle in its regular price collection surveys for the Consumer Price Index.^{11/}

Many variations and refinements in methods of collection have been introduced into pricing by specification since its initiation in 1934; essentially, current price collection procedures are based on descriptions of the quality characteristics of the particular items for which prices are desired and then obtaining price quotations for the defined qualities.

COMMUNITIES IN WHICH PRICES ARE OBTAINED

46-City Sample for the Consumer Price Index

The sampling of cities for pricing items covered by the index was adopted from the sampling of cities set up for the comprehensive study of consumers expenditures in 1950. City characteristics used for stratification for this study were those which were considered to be most directly related to variations in distributions of family expenditures.

The cities of the United States were classified first into 4 size groups. Cities in each size group were then further classified according to climate, density of population per square mile, and average income. For the smallest class an additional stratification--distance to market--was used. After this stratification, a sample of 46 cities was selected by the "Latin Square" technique. ^{12/}

^{10/} See Retail Price Behavior by John H. Cover, University of Chicago. Studies in Business Administration, Vol. I, No. 2. The Central Statistical Board was an independent agency of the United States Government. In 1939, it became a part of the Bureau of the Budget, and is now known as the Office of Statistical Standards.

^{11/} This new pricing procedure was initiated under the direction of Miss Stella Stewart, then Chief of the Retail Price Division of the Bureau.

^{12/} For a detailed description of the city sample see Selection of Cities for the Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1950, Monthly Labor Review, April 1951, (pp. 430-436.)

Simultaneously with the consumer expenditure study special collections of retail prices were made to study variations in price change from city to city. These special studies did not reveal a better classification of city characteristics for pricing purposes than those which had been used to classify cities for expenditure studies. The 46-city sample was therefore adopted for pricing.

Although retail prices are collected every month in a sample of cities for the calculation of the revised CPI, cost and operational considerations did not permit the monthly pricing of every item in each of the 46 cities. The Bureau, therefore, designed a program of collection that would provide maximum information for the calculation of a monthly index without being prohibitively time-consuming, or expensive. ^{13/}

The frequency of price collection for all items varies from once a month in the 5 largest cities to once every 4 months in the 16 smallest cities. The program is as follows:

<u>Population Size group (1947)</u>	<u>Number of cities</u>	<u>Frequency of pricing</u>
A. One million and over		
1. Over 2,000,000	5	5 priced every month
2. 1,000,000 to 2,000,000	7	2 in January, April, July, and October 2 in February, May, August, and November 3 in March, June, September, and December
B. 240,000 to 1,000,000		
	9	3 in January, April, July, and October 3 in February, May, August, and November 3 in March, June, September, and December
C. 30,500 to 240,000		
	9	Same as B size class
D. 2,500 to 30,500		
	16	4 in January, May, and September 4 in February, June, and October 4 in March, July, and November 4 in April, August, and December

The frequency of pricing shown above is supplemented by monthly pricing in all 46 cities for specific commodities in order to assure the accuracy of the monthly index.

Selection of Cities for Which Average Prices are Published

The 10 cities for which average prices are published in this bulletin are the "large" cities for which prices are obtained in March, June, September, and December. They include

^{13/} See appendix A for a listing of the frequency of price collection for each of the 46 cities included in the CPI.

5 cities in the 2 million and over population size group, 3 in the 1 million to 2 million group and 2 in the 240,000 to 1 million group. (The third city in this smallest group was one of the new cities included in the CPI in January 1953 and data have been processed for index computation only). All of these 10 cities are important industrial areas and have been surveyed by the Bureau for the CPI since it was first published on a nationwide basis in 1919. Because of this long experience in price collection in these 10 cities, many of the questions that usually arise during initiation of pricing had previously been solved. In addition, the sizes of the outlet samples in these and other large cities are large enough to give reasonably reliable measures of price levels. Since prices for most retail commodities other than foods do not change every month, supplementary monthly data have not been included for the 10 cities.

ITEMS FOR WHICH PRICES ARE OBTAINED

Item Sample for the Consumer Price Index

The selection of the goods and services on which the revised CPI is based depended on the answers to the following questions: (1), How important is each item in the purchases of the families of urban wage earners and lower salaried workers? and (2), How similar or dissimilar are the price changes over time for the various goods and services purchased by these families?

The 1950 consumer expenditure survey provided the information on the first question by obtaining data on the kinds of things families bought, the amounts they bought, and how much they paid. ^{14/} While these records were being obtained from families, the Bureau also secured prices for hundreds of items in retail stores. These special collections, combined with available price data, helped identify "price families"--those which had shown similar price movements and thus might show similar price changes in the immediate future.

In order to produce a reliable measure of price change for all goods and services, the item sample was then selected to represent, (1) important items in each major group and subgroup and (2) price change patterns as shown by the price families. Approximately 300 articles and services were included in the list for regular pricing. Thus, the emphasis in the selection was on the major function of the CPI--the measurement of price change.

Selection of Items For Which Prices Are Published

In contrast to the measurement of price change, the basic criterion for the selection of the list of items for which average retail prices are published here was the assurance that the quoted prices from all stores in each city, related to the same or approximately the same quality.

The application of this criterion insured that:

- (1) The article or service was so defined that differences in price from store to store were not due to major differences in quality, size, or other characteristics, or
- (2) The article or service had a relatively high degree of standardization within the city (e.g. public transportation), or from city to city (e.g. women's hosiery), or
- (3) When the description was not complete with regard to all variations of construction details, the Bureau was able, by other means, to control the range of quality on which quotations were reported. An example of this is the refrigerator for which the description specifies the main features and the Bureau supplies its representatives with lists of brands and model numbers acceptable for pricing.

The selection was not controlled by the range of prices reported within the city. It is

^{14/} For a complete description of the 1950 consumer expenditure survey, see BLS Bull. 1097 (Revised) Family Income, Expenditures, and Savings in 1950.

one of the characteristics of retail trade that the same quality, and frequently the same brand, sells for different prices in various stores. When the range of prices reported seemed unduly large, examination was made of all the information available to determine whether the articles at the extremes of the range conformed to the Bureau's specification. If there was serious question of their conformity, the quotations were deleted before computing the averages.

QUALITY DESCRIPTIONS USED FOR THE COLLECTION OF RETAIL PRICES 15/

The Role of Specifications

The collection of all retail price data by the Bureau is controlled by the requirements of "pricing by specification." As used by the Bureau, the word "specification" designates a detailed description of an item. This description includes the quality factors that are associated with price and price differences, and other physical characteristics that are needed to identify the item from store to store and from one pricing date to the next.

Pricing by specification proceeds on the basis that the collection agency predetermines the major quality characteristics of each item for which prices are desired and sets the tolerance limits for quality variation. The collection process involves the selection from among all the various items offered for sale, those that have the predetermined characteristics. This is in contrast with various other pricing methods in which the collection agency sets forth the pricing procedures and the collection process determines the quality. For example, prior to November 1934, the Bureau's field representatives were instructed to price the "volume selling quality" in each store. Store selection had been based on the volume of sales to wage earners.

The procedure of pricing by specification has one outstanding advantage that makes it the logical choice among pricing methods for the study of most problems involving the use of retail price data--major quality differences from time to time, from store to store, and from city to city are not reflected as price differences in measures of price change or price level.

Characteristics of Specifications

The chief characteristics of the Bureau's specifications are dictated by the limitations of language that can be used to prescribe a quality level and by the great amount of variation and change in the goods and services available in retail markets. The Bureau's specifications describe quality in terms of the physical and other identifiable features of an article or service. They are detailed, but represent a compromise between the technical and the nontechnical. They define a quality level as rigidly as is consistent with the practicability of collecting retail price data. This consideration leads to the necessity for a range of qualities in each specification rather than a single point in the entire quality scale.

Quality Identification Features. In the absence of standards for most retail goods and services, the identification of the same or similar products is a major problem confronting the staff developing specifications. Most of the intangible characteristics which govern consumer choices are not obvious to sight and touch and defy objective description. The specification for each article, therefore, includes as many of the following features as possible:

- (1) Materials: i.e. What it is made of.
- (2) Construction: i.e. How it is made.
- (3) Performance: i.e. What it will do.

^{15/} The quality descriptions used by the Bureau for the collection of prices summarized in tables 1 to 7, are shown in appendix C.

- (4) What service is provided (applies primarily to services priced).
- (5) Other factors determining price level; e.g. inclusion or exclusion of installation charges.

Not all of these factors are necessary or applicable to each article or service priced. For men's business shirts, for example, the materials include the specification of name of fabric, fiber content, and yarns per inch (thread count). Construction features include color, construction of collars and cuffs, amount of fabric per dozen shirts, size range, and quality of workmanship. Performance is the most difficult factor to describe since there are very few scientific performance tests that can be identified in the final product. In the case of shirts, performance description, therefore, is limited to the amount of shrinkage. Because there are price differentials for shirts by type of brand, the Bureau prices one quality specifically limited to nationally advertised brands, and another quality for which brand type is not specified but which is merchandised primarily under non-nationally-advertised brands.

Amount of Detail in Specifications. The amount of detail in each specification is generally determined by the nature of the goods and services being described. The extremes of variation are probably best illustrated by two items--men's haircuts and furniture. It is difficult to describe the quality of a man's haircut. Differences in quality do exist between shops and even between barbers in a single shop but the differences are intangible and the evaluation of quality difference is based on individual customer preference. Thus, the specification used by the Bureau for a "man's haircut" is complete in these two words. In such cases a limitation on the amount of quality variation is roughly controlled through the selection of the sample of reporting shops. At the other extreme are articles such as bedroom suites where tangible as well as intangible quality factors are present. A specification for a bedroom suite must be specific with regard to composition, style, the kind of exterior wood, the kind of structural parts, and construction features such as joints and finishing, and size of pieces. A specification for a living-room suite would have most of these same factors detailed and, in addition, descriptions of the covering, stuffing, cushion construction, etc.

One of the limiting factors on the amount of detail included in the Bureau's specifications should be mentioned here. With the help of the manufacturers it would be possible to set up technical "engineering" descriptions for many commodities. However, because the specifications are used for price collection in all kinds of reporting outlets, the Bureau has attempted to effect a compromise between technical and nontechnical descriptions. The specifications are expressed in terms that can be recognized by the field agent and the reporter. These include the commonly used technical terms and standards when they are appropriate and available.

Such detailed descriptions have occasionally given some users the erroneous impression that the Bureau's specifications represent standards providing a specified amount of service or standards that have been scientifically tested and found satisfactory. The quality levels that are represented are those which are important in the purchases of wage-earners and clerical workers' families. These qualities are not what families might want to buy or what some group may think should be bought, but are a sample of qualities actually bought by a large number of families insofar as the Bureau is able to determine.

Range of Quality. Another characteristic of specifications is the breadth of the quality range for which prices are reported. Goods and services cannot be divided into neat compartments, with each compartment representing a distinctive quality level. In a quality scale, differentiating characteristics are not confined to one point but are present over a range. The bundle of characteristics in a limited range that represents approximately the same quality at the retail level are included in the specifications.

The degree of precision that can be attained, varies considerably from one item to another. One of the major reasons for differences in precision is found in the production process. For a very few goods and services, the number of producers is relatively small and

consequently differences in the product among distributors is limited. For a few other goods and services, the progress toward quality standards and quality labeling has reduced the amount of quality variation among the offerings to consumers. In these cases, the specifications used by the Bureau have a narrow quality range implied or stated explicitly. For a large number of items, however, the quality differences are almost as great as the number of producers, as each producer attempts to maintain or enlarge his share of the consumer dollar by offering a distinctive product. For furniture, dresses, and similar items for which the number of producers is great, the task in the development of specifications is mainly that of identifying the major price determining factors for each article and establishing a limited range for each. For less important price determining features of a product, where greater variation usually occurs, and where differences in price are usually imperceptible at the retail level, a somewhat greater range is established. Other characteristics of an article or service are defined as optional features for identification purposes and for continuous study to insure that they are included as price determining factors if developments in distribution warrant it.

Development of Quality Descriptions

The isolation and identification of a specific quality level for each item purchased by families for which the CPI is designed, cannot be an exact process. All families do not buy the same quality and the amount of quality description that can be furnished by families for the goods and services they purchase is usually very limited.

The Bureau has determined the quality levels for pricing in two stages. The first stage is the assembly of all descriptive and price information for each item furnished by families in the 1950 consumer expenditure survey. This descriptive data permits division of all purchases into broad categories: e.g. rayon street dresses, cotton street dresses, cotton house dresses, wool dresses, blended fiber dresses. Within each of these broad classes, the prices paid are arrayed from low to high to determine the point or points in the price scale at which the largest number of purchases are made. The second stage is the translation of these broad descriptions and selected price levels to a more precise descriptive quality definition. This was accomplished through reference to the Bureau's own pricing experience and through extensive consultation with producers, retail buying organizations, and trade and professional organizations who worked with the Bureau in the development of detailed descriptions of the goods and services that were being sold at the specified price levels. Thus, the Bureau was able to determine whether proposed descriptions represented qualities most commonly bought by consumers, whether the quality was common enough to permit countrywide pricing, and whether the technical details of the specification were adequate to identify specific qualities from time to time and from place to place.

The various stages in the development of specifications from family reporting to final description for pricing purposes is illustrated below for women's slips. The number of slips and petticoats purchased by the sample of families surveyed in the consumer expenditure survey totaled 12,904 in 1950. Of this number, 4,207 purchases were slips and petticoats of nylon and 8,697 of "other" kinds. The prices paid for each of these two broad classes were arrayed and the following percentage distributions were found:

Price range in 1950	Percent of total number of purchases of women's slips and petticoats	
	Nylon	"Other"
Under \$ 1.50-----	2	8
\$1.50 - \$1.99-----	6	17
2.00 - 2.49-----	4	8
2.50 - 2.99-----	11	26
3.00 - 3.49-----	7	11
3.50 - 3.99-----	15	17
4.00 - 4.49-----	6	5

Price range
in 1950

Percent of total number of purchases
of women's slips and petticoats

	Nylon	"Other"
\$4.50 - \$4.99-----	7	3
5.00 - 5.49-----	8	2
5.50 - 5.99-----	9	1
6.00 - 6.49-----	4	1
6.50 - 6.99-----	5	(1/)
7.00 and over-----	2/16	I
	100	100

Production figures available from the Bureau of the Census "Facts For Industry" and similar publications by the trade showed that rayon slips were by far the most important type in the "other" category. The Bureau had a tailored rayon slip in its pricing program at that time. Since prices for this slip averaged about \$2.95 in 1950, it seemed probable that the quality represented by the 26 percent concentration of family purchases in the \$2.50 to \$2.99 level was already included in the pricing list. This assumption was confirmed by manufacturers and retailers.

Manufacturers and retailers advised the Bureau staff that the bulk of their production of nylon slips and petticoats was expected to be in the \$4 to \$6 range. The lower prices for these items in 1950 may have been due to purchases of a slip which, in some cases, was made from materials that had been intended for government use; e.g., parachute nylon. The nylon slip that was priced for the revised index was selling for about \$5.95 in 1952 and currently about \$4.95.

When the 1950 consumer expenditure survey did not contain sufficient price and quality data to follow the procedure described above, the Bureau selected the articles or services most commonly purchased. This selection was made in the light of past pricing experience and the advice from trade and professional organizations. In most cases, such selections were tested by experimental pricing during the revision program.

Specification Problems in Practice

The range of quality in each specification could be narrowed considerably if it were not necessary to obtain prices throughout the United States. However, the practical aspects of pricing make it necessary to adjust the ideal to the feasible. This is translated into pricing practice in various ways. Allowing a range of quality in each specification is only one method.

The adjustment that the Bureau has adopted is a system of regular and alternate specifications. A basic description called the "regular" specification is priced throughout the United States if possible. If it can be priced in some cities but not in others, an "alternate" description is developed, usually in the same general quality range, but with different physical characteristics. In a few cases, however, the alternate represents a different quality, size, or quantity which may or may not be associated with a price difference. The alternate specifications are then priced in those cities where the volume of sales to moderate income families exceeds the sale of the regular specification to which it is an alternate. The alternates thus represent city or regional deviations.

There are a few cases where such alternates still do not allow the necessary pricing

1/ Less than 0.5 percent.

2/ Reports of prices paid ranged from \$7 to \$32.

flexibility because of the amount of variation from one store to another within a city. For these few cases, a series of alternates are provided, and the Bureau's representatives are instructed to price in each outlet the one which is sold in volume in that outlet. The term used for this series of alternates is "outlet" deviations. For men's and boys' jackets, for example, the material from which the jacket is made, the construction features of the jacket, and other physical characteristics vary considerably from store to store even though many different kinds of jackets fall into the same general quality range and approximately the same retail price levels. For these jackets, the Bureau has set up four different alternates -- bomber type with rayon/acetate shell, surcoat type with rayon/acetate shell, bomber type with nylon blend shell, and surcoat type with nylon blend shell. Any one of these four may be priced in an individual store.

In this bulletin, prices are given for articles with regional and city deviations with appropriate identification by code number or footnote, but those priced under the "outlet" alternates are excluded.

Supplementary Aids in Quality Identification

Because of the difficulties that surround the development of specifications and the possibility of different interpretations by the Bureau's field representatives and price informants, the Bureau provides supplementary aids for quality identification. For many of the articles included in the pricing, the Bureau provides lists of manufacturers, brand names, model numbers, and other identifying information for those articles that meet the quality descriptions. In addition, illustrations, swatches of fabrics, and similar materials are provided to indicate qualities to be priced.

Such supplementary aids are especially important for consumer durable goods, since an effective description of these products would require virtual listing of the products engineering details.

Changes in Specifications

The continuing work of collecting retail prices requires procedures for changing specifications from time to time, because of the many changes in styles, sizes, materials, and construction of goods available in the retail market.

The frequency, extent, and rate of quality changes are extremely important in the treatment of prices for the index measurement. This problem has been examined extensively over the years, particularly during the World War II period when the CPI was used administratively for wage control. Because of the voluminous literature already available on this subject in the "Report of the President's Committee on the Cost of Living" ^{16/} and similar publications, the kinds of changes that occur and how they are introduced into the price collection program is discussed only briefly below.

The most frequent and most familiar kinds of quality change are those associated with style, particularly in the apparel category. Style changes are not considered quality changes unless other factors relating to style are also altered, e.g. changes in materials, (nylon instead of mohair or cotton for upholstered furniture coverings.) However, many of these short run changes do not alter the essential quality characteristics of a product, or, if they do, the alterations are frequently so small that they are not measurable. For example, in the latter part of 1953, it became apparent that the price reports for women's slips would be inadequate unless data were obtained for the increasingly popular rayon-nylon. Accordingly, in January 1954, the description of the yarn was changed from "viscose and/or

^{16/} Report of the President's Committee on the Cost of Living, Office of Economic Stabilization, 1945. Other publications dealing with this subject are listed in the bibliography in BLS Bull. 966, Consumers' Prices in the United States, 1942-48, (pp. 80-82).

acetate" to a choice in each city of "viscose and/or acetate" or "10 to 12 percent nylon, balance acetate." This was expected to result in a price difference between the two choices. Actual pricing, however, revealed that price levels for the two types of fabric were approximately the same. As a result, the specification was again revised to consider the two fabrics as interchangeable.

A much more intricate problem in pricing was presented by the kinds of equipment included with new cars. In 1954, when new car dealers selling the popular makes priced for the index, began to offer substantial price reductions throughout the Nation on the current models of new cars, we revised our specifications to assure a realistic basis for computing the actual sell-prices. Prior to July 1954 we had used a uniform definition of a "basic" car--specific make, price line and body style--and engine size where appropriate--equipped only with the standard equipment included in the factory list price. This definition was replaced in July 1954 by a flexible description of a car with the optional equipment which the individual dealer customarily sells with the basic car. Optional equipment priced with the car in the last half of 1954 usually included gas, oil, antifreeze (in cold weather months), a heater, directional signals, an oil filter, and an oil-bath air filter. In addition, the list of typical equipment commonly delivered with the basic car frequently included a radio, undercoating, and 1 or 2 lesser accessories from a potential group of more than 30 types of equipment. With the adoption of specifications designed for each individual reporter-dealer, the description of a new car, even of the same make, varied from dealer to dealer and from time to time, just as it does in actual practice. Automatic transmissions, overdrive, as well as factory-installed power assists for steering, brakes, seats, and windows will be excluded from the list of optional features which are being priced until they are purchased customarily with most of the priced cars. To compute the change in the price of a new car we total the price of the typically equipped car, subtract the dealer's current price concession, and compare this net price with that of a similarly equipped car in the preceding period. When the equipment varies from time to time, additions to or deletions from the price of equipment in the preceding period are made in order to obtain prices of comparable cars. 17/

The Bureau makes every effort to follow the latest market developments and to prepare specifications for the newer commodities and services. These are generally introduced into the pricing surveys through the system of "alternate" specifications (see p. 10).

There are, however, other changes that occur in small increments over a longer period of time that do alter the quality of the article priced for the CPI. The refrigerator and some of the other electrical household equipment are examples. The mechanical refrigerator as we know it today was practically unknown in the early twenties and was not in general use until the thirties. The Bureau measured changes in prices of equipment for refrigerating food by pricing the ice box until 1935, at which time electrical refrigerators were introduced. The electrical refrigerator priced first was 6 to 7 cubic-foot capacity, "U" type, that is, with compartment for the ice trays in the upper center. Subsequently, major improvements were made by the industry in the style, construction, and efficiency of the electrical refrigerator. As a result, the article currently purchased in large volume by families and priced by the Bureau, is a box of 8 to 9.7 cubic-foot capacity with an across-the-top freezer. Similar changes in quality occur slowly but continuously for many commodities and services. The alternate specification procedure enables the Bureau to provide for the pricing of an article which is becoming important and which may eventually replace the article originally priced. However, the alternate is dropped if it does not surpass the volume of sales of the "regular" specification in any of the index cities.

For every change in specification, the Bureau must make an evaluation of whether the change represents the same quality, a narrowing or widening of the quality range, a major change in quality level, or an entirely new quality level. Such evaluations are designated by

17/ Because of the many price adjustments that would be required to put all dealers' prices on the same basis, new car prices are not included in this bulletin.

the changes in code numbers assigned to the specifications. When a change is minor in character and no change in quality is intended, the Bureau calls it a "redefined" specification and retains the same code number. If there are a number of changes in the quality factors which change the position of the specification in the quality scale, a new code number is assigned. If only one or two of the quality and price determining factors or the limits of the quality or size range are revised, this is indicated by adding a decimal point followed by a digit to the code number; e.g. H-652.2 indicates a bedroom suite which has had two revisions since the original description was developed. The coding system thus becomes the mechanical means of indicating evaluations of specification changes for index measurement and for comparison of prices from city to city.

THE OUTLET SAMPLES

As for all the other sampling stages for the CPI, the samples of stores, service establishments, doctors, dentists, and other sources from which prices are obtained, are those that sell and provide the goods and services purchased by wage earners and salaried clerical workers. In setting the general design of samples for groups of commodities and services, those factors that were likely to influence price change, such as size, kind of outlet, type of operation, quality of commodities sold or services rendered, and location, were taken into account.

The basic statistical data required for classification by these factors are not fully available from any one source. However, through the assembly of data from a variety of sources and subsequent testing by field collection, the resulting samples yield a measure of price change that has a reasonably high degree of accuracy for index purposes and also for the calculation of average prices for many of the commodities and services.

The 1950 consumer expenditure survey, which included a "where bought" question for many commodities, was used where possible in setting up the design of the outlet sample and in some cities, even for selecting the individual units for the sample. Sales by merchandise lines available in the 1948 Census of Retail Trade provided additional evidence for many cities on the importance of the various types of outlets. The approximate importance of retail sales by section of city and other pertinent information on distribution was supplied by chambers of commerce, retail trade associations, and similar local organizations. Thus, for commodities, a picture of retail distribution in each city was built. For services, basic data for designing the samples were obtained primarily from professional and trade organizations in each city.

A special experimental pricing project was designed to guide the Bureau in the selection of price reporting sources. This study was conducted in 1950 during the revision of the CPI and was concerned primarily with the variability of price movement among outlets. Prices for approximately 75 commodities were secured from a wide variety of stores in all sections of Chicago, Ill. and Youngstown, Ohio. The data were indicative of the variability that could be expected in price movement among sections of a city, among types of stores, and among stores of the same type.

The first step in deciding where to collect the prices was to determine the size of sample for each of the groups of items. This was decided on the basis of the importance of each item in the CPI and on the variance of prices and price movements as shown by the Bureau's pricing experience. These decisions were then reviewed for operational considerations, including the most efficient distribution of workload for the pricing staff and the relative costs of obtaining prices from various sources. The resulting sample sizes generally vary between 4 and 8 quotations for each commodity in each city. Since the individual outlets selected in each classification were usually the largest in the class, each quotation represents a very large number of transactions. Approximations of the sampling errors from the average prices published herein indicate that they are relatively small (about 5 percent in most cases but somewhat greater for articles and services that are difficult to describe and to price).

The methods used to determine the samples for each of the major classes of goods and

services included in this report are described below. The sample sizes included in these descriptions refer only to the large cities, including the 10 for which prices are published.

Repairs and Maintenance

Prices for each home repair item are obtained from a sample of 4 to 6 contractors or other types of companies that do "home improvement" work in each city. Data were not available from the consumer expenditure survey or other sources that provided the basic data for drawing a sample for price reporting. Therefore, the sources from which prices are obtained were selected by the Bureau's field representative after a preliminary review of the types and sizes of these firms in each city. Depending on the item priced and the volume of work done by each type of firm, the samples for home repairs and maintenance are made up of selections from among the following reporters: General contractors and those specializing in carpentry work, building, flooring, roofing, painting, heating and plumbing; hardware stores; mail-order stores; electrical supply and household appliance stores; heating and plumbing equipment dealers; paint, glass, and wallpaper stores; building materials dealers and lumber yards; and public utility stores.

The quotations reported for these items have a greater degree of variability among firms than for apparel and many other commodities but the differences are apparently not greater than those usually found among estimates obtained by individuals. Averages for the items in this group are not as complete as for the groups of items described below because the Bureau has not yet reviewed the quotations in some cities to verify that the prices quoted are for the same quantity and quality of work. In a few cases where a city average seems to be considerably different from the usual level, a review of the quotations in the field and in the office have revealed no major departure from the specifications and hence no reason for excluding these prices from this report.

The Bureau's experience in the collection of prices for these items is of relatively short duration--about 2 years. It is expected that factors that make for variability among firms and among cities will be identified with greater accuracy as additional experience is obtained both in the field and in the office.

Generally, the largest firms in each type of home repair and maintenance have been included in the pricing with such adjustments as are necessary to obtain prices. These firms represent more collection time per quotation than practically any other commodity or service in the index because of location and difficulties encountered in trying to collect prices during normal working hours.

Housefurnishings

Housefurnishings include household textiles, floor covering and furniture, and appliances and other housewares. The sampling of outlets for articles in this group was substantially the same as that described below for apparel. Only such adjustments were made as were necessitated by differences in the types of stores engaged in the distribution of these commodities, the availability of data from the 1950 consumer expenditure survey, and the variability of prices among sections of city, types of outlets, and among outlets of each type.

Household Operation

This group is made up of heterogeneous commodities and services, which in terms of outlet sampling, requires a separate sample for practically every item in each city.

For soaps and detergents, which are distributed mainly through grocery stores, the Bureau adopted the outlet sample reporting food prices. These samples vary in size from 34 stores in Atlanta to 143 in New York and represent in their proper importance, the various kinds and sizes of grocery stores in each city.

The reporting outlets for laundry services and for dry cleaning were selected by the

field representative following a preliminary study for each city. Firms were classified according to type of operation (i.e., chain or independent), kinds of services offered, and percent of work delivered. The largest of the firms representing these various classifications were then included in the sample. Prices for both laundry and dry cleaning were obtained from the same firms only if both services in the specific city were performed by the same firms. The size of the sample in each city is large enough to produce at least 4 quotations for each of the laundry and dry cleaning services priced. The firms included represent the central, as well as neighborhood areas.

Apparel

The basic design of the outlet sample--both size and distribution--for apparel (and housefurnishings) rests on results obtained from four major sources: (1) information from the consumer expenditure survey on where each article was purchased, (2) study of causes of price variation within a city as discerned from the Bureau's pricing experience and from analyses of the special pricing project conducted during the revision of the CPI, (see p.13), (3) distribution of sales among store types for subgroups of apparel for specific cities as found in the 1948 Census of Retail Trade, and (4) studies of consumer buying made by newspapers, chambers of commerce, and other local organizations. In most cases, these studies were used to confirm rather than determine the Bureau's procedures.

The starting point in setting up the sample depending on cost and workload factors. An average number of quotations per city per item was set up with departures from this average, item by item, depending on the importance of the item in the index and on statistical behavior affecting the accuracy of the price change measurements. Again, because of the limits imposed by workload in collecting prices, tentative maxima and minima were also set up. Within these limits, adjustments up or down were made to produce maximum accuracy without materially increasing the overall workload. The average, maximum, and minimum number of quotations per item per city are presented below:

	<u>Average</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
A1 Cities <u>1/</u>	5	2	10
A2 and B Cities <u>1/</u>	4	2	8

The analyses of historical data and the special pricing project were then used to classify all articles into four groups according to the causes for variations in price movement: (1) those for which there was no significant variation within the city, (2) those for which variation in price movement was due primarily to type of store, (3) those for which it was due primarily to section of city, (4) those for which it was due to both type and section, and (5) those for which the variation could not be assigned to either type, section, or the combination of type and section.

Departures from the average number of quotes were made in accordance with the class in which a commodity fell. When there was practically no difference in the price movement regardless of where prices were collected, the minimum number of quotations was assigned to those articles. The number of quotations was increased in proportion to the amount of variation along a graduated scale between the maximum and minimum number. Further adjustments in the size of the sample were made to take into account the causes for variation and the importance of the particular article in the index. That is, when both type of store and section were to be taken into account, six quotations could not be spread efficiently over many types or sections. If the article was important in the index and thus made a significant contribution to total sampling error, the number of quotations was increased to provide a reliable

1/ See appendix A for a listing of the 46 cities priced for the CPI, by population size group.

measure for the article. On the other hand, if the article was of minor importance in the index, representation for the cause least important was eliminated. In practice, it was found that such a small number of articles fell in groups 3 and 4 above, that section of city, which is costly to represent, could be ignored for most items. This finding is reasonable when the trend in retail distribution in recent years is taken into account. Many of the stores selling apparel and housefurnishings operate stores in both the central city, neighborhood shopping centers, and in suburban sections. Ordinarily the buying for all stores is done on an integrated basis and advertising is uniform for all stores. It is fairly safe therefore to assume that the competitive factors that operate in the central city also operate in the outlying areas. The other factor in this consideration is that distances have "shrunk" with increased use of automobile transportation.

The experimental pricing project previously described (see p.13) yielded results that provide some indication of differences between average prices from the outlet sample now used and one that would cover all areas of a city and the city and suburban area combined. In Chicago, the coverage of stores in the central shopping area was enlarged and, in addition, stores were priced in 5 neighborhood areas within the city limits and in 5 suburban areas. The table below contains unweighted average prices for 7 commodities and services. These are typical of the differentials among areas for the approximately 75 items included in the study. Since the differences were relatively small and probably not significant, it is not likely that weighting by volume of sales in each area would materially revise the relationships.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES IN CHICAGO FOR SELECTED ARTICLES OF APPAREL, BY AREA SAMPLED,
SEPTEMBER 1950 TO FEBRUARY 1951

Item and area sampled	Number of quotations	1950				1951	
		September	October	November	December	January	February
MEN'S WORK TROUSERS, Cotton whipcord							
CPI sample (4 C, 1 N)-----	5	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.99
Central shopping area only-----	6	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.75
Central and neighborhood-----	13	3.69	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.82	3.86
Central, neighborhood, and suburban ---	20	3.72	3.82	3.75	3.75	3.81	3.85
MEN'S UNDERSHIRT, Cotton knit							
CPI sample (5 C, 1 N)-----	6	.60	.63	.63	.64	.64	.64
Central shopping area only-----	14	.58	.60	.61	.61	.62	.62
Central and neighborhood-----	23	.58	.61	.61	.61	.63	.64
Central, neighborhood, and suburban ---	33	.57	.59	.59	.59	.61	.61
WOMEN'S WOOL SUIT							
CPI sample (5 C, 1 N)-----	6	40.79	40.79	40.79	38.80	43.13	43.88
Central shopping area only-----	8	38.05	38.05	38.05	36.56	38.31	39.84
Central and neighborhood-----	18	39.72	39.72	39.72	40.17	40.28	43.04
Central, neighborhood, and suburban ---	25	43.86	43.86	43.49	42.83	42.72	45.90
BOYS' SPORT SHIRT, Cotton							
CPI sample (5 C, 1 N)-----	6	2.53	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.44
Central shopping area only-----	9	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.34
Central and neighborhood-----	18	2.27	2.27	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.36
Central, neighborhood, and suburban ---	26	2.33	2.33	2.34	2.35	2.30	2.40
WOMEN'S NYLON HOSE, Nationally Advertised BRANDS							
CPI sample (4 C, 1 N)-----	5	1.72	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77
Central shopping area only-----	6	1.67	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68
Central and neighborhood-----	13	1.62	1.63	1.63	1.64	1.66	1.66
Central, neighborhood, and suburban ---	23	1.60	1.63	1.64	1.66	1.67	1.67
BIRDSEYE DIAPERS							
CPI sample (4 C, 1 N)-----	5	2.67	2.69	2.69	2.69	2.87	2.87
Central shopping area only-----	8	2.74	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.88	2.91
Central and neighborhood-----	13	2.69	2.77	2.78	2.78	2.83	2.91
Central, neighborhood, and suburban ---	19	2.82	2.89	2.90	2.90	2.97	3.02
MEN'S WORK SHOES							
CPI sample (3 C, 1 N)-----	4	7.70	7.95	8.08	8.08	8.32	8.32
Central shopping area only-----	8	7.64	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76
Central and neighborhood-----	17	7.74	7.80	7.92	7.98	8.22	8.25
Central, neighborhood, and suburban ---	30	7.78	7.83	7.98	8.05	8.33	8.40
C = Central; N = Neighborhood							

Transportation

This group of items, like that for household operation, required a number of outlet samples.

Prices for gasoline and motor oil are obtained from a sample of 4 or 5 filling stations in each city. The selection was made to assure representation of the popular brands.

Two major manufacturer's brands of tires are priced in accessory stores, and factory owned outlets if available in the city. Distributor's brands are also priced in one retail outlet and one service station.

Auto repairs prices are obtained from one authorized dealer for each make of car in each city and from one nondealer auto repair shop in each city.

For public transportation, the Bureau obtains the fares for each kind of service from the transit companies. Coverage of companies is practically 100 percent in all cities. When more than one company operates in a city, the fares are weighted together by the volume for each company.

Medical Care

In each city, prices for medicines and drugs are collected in a sample of drug stores, selected to represent the types of store (e.g. chain and independent) important in each city in proportion to sales volume insofar as it can be determined. Both central and neighborhood areas are covered.

In most cities, prices for hospital care are reported by all the general hospitals where paying patients are in the majority. In a few of the large cities, the sample size has been limited to the five largest hospitals. The samples exclude luxury type hospitals, those that have only special cases (e.g. spastics) and those which handle a majority of charity patients.

The doctors, surgeons, and dentists who report fees for medical services were selected with the assistance of the local medical and dental associations. In the 10 large cities for which average prices are provided in this report, the reporting members of the medical profession are usually located in those sections of each city in which moderate income families live. The samples exclude physicians and dentists who charge exceptionally high fees, those who practice only part time or treat only a few of the cases being priced, as well as those whose very high or very low fees indicate that the degree of service rendered may vary from that given by the average professional reporter.

For eye examination and glasses, local associations also assisted in the selection of samples of optometrists.

Personal Care

All toiletries and cosmetics are priced in the same sample of drug stores as medicines and drugs, except for soaps and cleansing tissues. Prices for these two articles are obtained in the grocery store sample regularly reporting food prices.

The degree of unionization among barber shops in each city was the major factor determining the size and distribution of the pricing sample. If 75 percent or more of the shops in a city were unionized, a sample of union shops was selected consisting of 1 central and 1 neighborhood shop. If less than 75 percent were unionized, the sample was distributed proportionately among union and nonunion shops as they existed in the city. In this case usually one central shop was included with the remainder in neighborhood areas. Shops with fewer than three chairs and those located in hotels and office buildings were excluded.

The sample of beauty shops was designed to represent both central and neighborhood areas as well as type of outlet, such as beauty parlors in department stores if they are important

in a city. Shops with fewer than three full-time operators and luxury-type shops were excluded.

Reading and Recreation

Prices for television sets and radios are reported by a sample of department, furniture, and appliance stores selected as described for apparel and housefurnishings. For these commodities as for other electrical equipment, discounts available to all customers are reflected in the prices. The store sample, however, does not contain representation of "discount house" selling.

The sample of motion picture theaters was selected according to the importance of central and neighborhood houses. The number of theaters sampled in the 10 large cities included in this report range from 8 in Atlanta to 12 in New York, and were usually selected in the ratio of 1 central to 3 neighborhood. Theaters with special characteristics were excluded; e.g. cinerama, foreign film houses, and those regularly having vaudeville acts or feature bands.

All of the newspapers commonly bought by families covered by the index are priced. In the 10 large cities, these are all local papers.

Other Goods and Services

Cigarettes by the carton are priced in a subsample of the grocery stores reporting food prices. Prices for cigarettes by the pack and cigars are obtained in a sample of drug stores and tobacco stores selected to represent various sections of the city.

PRICE COLLECTION PROCEDURE

Quality identification, which presents the most difficult problem in the collection of retail prices, is emphasized by the Bureau through its actual collection procedure. Prices for practically all of the articles and services included in the CPI are obtained by personal visit of specially trained field personnel. Wherever possible, agents inspect the merchandise for which prices are reported to minimize possible errors in the application of specifications.

Each member of the Bureau's field staff is required to take a training course and to work under supervision of a more experienced member before performing independent field work. Equipment for carrying out assignments include detailed instruction and reference manuals, as well as swatches, illustrations, and similar guides. At intervals, conferences of the entire field staff are held to discuss pricing problems and their solutions.

Price data are obtained directly from the retail store, service establishment, professional people and others who sell or provide the commodities and services priced. In a large department store, for example, the agent receives authorization from the manager, president, or other official, then visits the appropriate departments within the store to talk with the department head, examine the stock, and obtain the price quotations.

There are only a few exceptions to the above procedure. One exception relates to a few large retail organizations that operate stores in many cities. If these organizations control the quality of the commodities sold throughout the country and set the price at which the goods are sold, the Bureau's agent obtains information for all cities through the company's central office. For firms that have a "uniform price," i.e. a specified quality sells for the same price in all stores, one price schedule is obtained. When prices are not uniform, the price variations applicable to the cities surveyed by the Bureau are reported. A second exception concerns commodities distributed through manufacturers' retail outlets. In this case, reporting is initiated by personal visit to ensure that prices are for the specified qualities. Subsequent price reports are obtained by mail questionnaire with periodic checking by personal visit.

In a few cases where quality identification is relatively simple, such as railroad fares, automobile insurance, and similar items, prices are obtained through a specially designed shuttle-type mail questionnaire, from printed manuals issued by organizations that have assembled the required data, or from organizations that have collected rates and prices for the administration of their own program.

RULES GOVERNING THE COLLECTION PROCESS

The primary use by the Bureau of retail price data--that is, the measurement of time to time changes in prices--underlies the rules governing the actual collection of individual quotations. However, because the major principle in the pricing is to obtain prices for the same quality insofar as possible, supplementary rules for collection help make the quotations appropriate for the measurement of price level.

This section describes the rules by which the Bureau's representative is guided in selecting an individual article or service for pricing and the circumstances which the Bureau has set up as acceptable pricing conditions within a store or service establishment.

Initial Selection of an Item for Pricing

There are four basic criteria which must be met before a specification is priced for the first time in a city or an outlet.

1. The item selected must meet the specification. The field representative first attempts to price the "regular" specification. If this is not possible, an "alternate" is priced on a city wide basis. This alternate may be one which has been predetermined by the Bureau or if prices cannot be obtained otherwise, it may be developed from a description which the agent provides of what is sold in the city.
2. The item must be regular, up-to-date merchandise in good condition, thus avoiding price reports for out-of-date models, seconds and irregulars, remnants, joblots, close-outs, and items put on forced sales such as liquidation, fire, and flood sales. The limitation to regular stock also rules out fads and high style items. To this extent, the articles for which prices are reported are those that are the relatively staple articles in retailers' stocks.
3. The item must be available in saleable quantity. The application of this criterion assures that prices are reported for merchandise that is in stock in the customary assortment of colors, models, patterns, styles, sizes, etc., rather than on incomplete assortments that limit availability to relatively few families.
4. The item must be the volume seller. This requirement is the final step in sampling in the Bureau's attempt to maximize the coverage of purchases made by index families. Ordinarily any one store or service establishment will have more than one item which meets the specification. The Bureau's representative in consultation with the retailer identifies the one which is most popular currently and is expected to retain popularity over an extended period. When there are several products which are about equal in volume, the agent prices one which will result in representation in the city of the products of various manufacturers.

Subsequent Pricing

The article or service that is selected according to these criteria is priced as long as it is available and acceptable for pricing. If there is a temporary absence for one collection date because stock has not been delivered or for some other reason, but it is expected to be in stock by the next pricing, the Bureau accepts the last regular price in effect since the 15th of the preceding month.

When the item is no longer available or acceptable for pricing, a "substitution" is made, either within the outlet or in another outlet selling the specified quality. A substitution within an outlet normally involves only changeover from the brand formerly priced to another brand which also meets the specification. The new brand may be one which replaced the former brand in the outlet or it may be one which had been offered but had not been the volume seller. When it is necessary to price in another outlet, the criteria governing the initial selection of an item then apply.

In some cases, where there has been a gradual change in the goods and services being offered in a city, the pricing may be shifted from a "regular" to an "alternate" specification. During the pricing period in which such a changeover is made, prices are secured for both specifications.

Prices Reported

As a general rule, all prices reported are the regular prices in effect on the day the outlet is visited by the Bureau's representative (or for the 15th of the month in the case of mail collection). However, if the item being priced is on sale, a determination is made as to the duration of the sale. The sales price, rather than the regular price, is reported if the item has been or is expected to be on sale for 2 weeks, provided the merchandise is available in usual assortments and is in good condition. Sales of shorter duration have not been considered as an acceptable condition because many families cannot visit specific stores to take advantage of short-time price reductions. With this one exception, the prices reported are the actual selling prices as marked or as reported by the outlet. Discounts and premiums are taken into account if they are applicable to all customers, but are not taken into account if they are the result of a special agreement between the seller and the individual buyer.

Prices reported are usually cash prices. In a few cases, credit stores typically quote credit prices to customers and give a discount for cash. The price reported to the Bureau is the credit price, which is converted to a cash price by deducting the cash discount.

For soaps and similar articles that are typically sold in quantities of more than one, the multiple unit price is reported to the Bureau. Where more than one multiple price is offered by the retailer, the lowest multiple price for 6 or less units is reported, e.g., if a retailer reports prices of 2 for 27 cents or 8 for \$1 for a specific item, the price reported to the Bureau is 2 for 27 cents.

PROCEDURE USED FOR AVERAGING QUOTATIONS FOR PUBLICATION

The average prices included in the tables 1-7 are simple averages of the quoted prices in each pricing period. Minor adjustments to this general rule are noted below.

Theoretically, it might be desirable to compute an average which is weighted by volume of purchases of index families in each type of outlet or by volume of retail sales by type of outlet. Weighting by type of outlet is now being conducted on an experimental basis from information obtained in the 1950 study of consumer purchases. These first tests do not indicate major differences between the weighted and unweighted averages--at least not enough to justify the additional work required. The basic data needed to weight by volume of sales by type of outlet are incomplete. Retail sales information available in the Census of Retail Trade relates to groups of commodities rather than to individual items and data for various types of service establishments are not available.

The question of weighting in averaging retail prices warrants additional study. It introduces a fairly minor limitation on the use of the present averages as completely representative of the price level in a city. The experimental pricing project conducted in Chicago revealed relatively small differences between unweighted prices computed from the Bureau's sample and an extensive one covering the city. Weighting might widen these differences somewhat but the differences would probably still be within the sampling errors. See table

on p. 17). (Note: This weighting limitation does not apply to the food prices published by the Bureau. For food, an average for each type of store is obtained using sales volume weights, e.g. chain store prices are weighted together with information obtained from the individual companies and the sample of independent stores is drawn to be self weighting. The averages for the types are then weighted together with sales volume by type of store to produce an average price for the city for each item.)^{18/}

Some differences in price change are shown by the averages included in this bulletin and those used for the calculation of the CPI. For the index, the emphasis is on the comparability of quotations in each store from one period to the next. This requirement is adhered to so that differentials in price due to quality differences are not reflected in the index as a price change. Although the majority of quotations are for items conforming to specifications, when necessary, the Bureau specifically authorizes the pricing of articles that deviate somewhat from the specification, so long as the prices in successive periods are for the same quality. All such deviations were deleted before computing the average prices included in this report. Every effort was made to use only quotations for goods and services falling within the range of quality described in each specification. In the measurement of price change, however, quotations for somewhat different qualities can be included so long as they refer to the same quality from one period to the next.

As previously stated, there were relatively minor adjustments to the general rule of averaging all quotations reported for a specific period. Adjustments to the quoted prices were as follows:

1. Prices quoted for varying quantities of an item were converted to a common unit, e.g. cosmetics to a "per oz." basis. Although most of the quotations obtained for such items as toothpaste, face cream, etc. are for "regular" sizes, the content of the regular size varies from brand to brand.
2. "Extras" of various kinds were included or excluded as necessary so that the average for a city would be based on prices for the same components in all stores. This type of adjustment was made in only a few cases, most of them for furniture, to adjust for varying numbers of pieces. These adjustments were made only when the Bureau had specific information on the value of the "extras"; for example, if a vanity bench is included with a bedroom suite in one store, the Bureau representatives obtained the value of the bench. The price for the bedroom suite was then reduced by the reported value of the bench in that store.
3. Some quotations were eliminated because information elsewhere on the schedule or information from manufacturers themselves indicated that the article on which the price was quoted was not the quality defined in the specification or did not conform to a specific deviation from the specification that was allowed for a particular city.
4. If a price was not reported by one store for one period and the quotation after the missing date was the same as the previous quotation, it was assumed that there was no change in price in that store.
5. If a price was missing from one store for a period and the quotation after the missing date showed that a change in price had occurred in the interim, it was assumed that prices in that store had followed the same course of prices as reported for all other stores in the city.

^{18/} For a description of the method of averaging food prices see Store Samples for Retail Food Prices, January 1947, Monthly Labor Review, (p. 90).

TREATMENT OF TAXES

The CPI includes measures of changes in two types of taxes: (1) those attached to the ownership and use of goods, such as automobile registration and use taxes, inspection fees, taxes on real estate, etc., and (2) those paid by consumers to obtain goods and services, including retail sales taxes, retail excise taxes, and manufacturers' and processors' taxes that are passed on to the consumer as part of the price.

The taxes that are applicable to the ownership and use of goods are treated as separate items in the collection process. They are obtained usually by mail questionnaire from State and local agencies concerned with the levying and collection of taxes or from tax manuals containing the necessary tax information.

The taxes that are applicable to the purchase of goods and services are handled by special collection techniques. No effort is made to isolate taxes levied prior to the retail sale such as custom duties or manufacturers' excise taxes that are passed on to the retailer and then to the consumer. It is assumed that these are reflected in the retail price.

For those goods and services subject to retail sales taxes and all other taxes levied at the retail level, prices are reported excluding taxes insofar as possible. The amount and percent of tax applicable to each item is reported separately by the Bureau's representative. In some cases, however, the tax structure is so complicated or the tax applies only to a part of the total price that the accuracy of the reporting is maintained by obtaining from the seller, prices including tax and identifying the taxes that are part of the price.

In general, taxes levied on the retail price have not been added to the averages published in this report. In the relatively few cases where prices are quoted including all taxes and the amount of the tax could not be deducted, the inclusion of taxes is indicated by footnote. Users can approximate prices including taxes for other commodities by using the sales tax rates for each city shown in appendix D.

TABLES

Average retail prices in 10 large cities for the selected list of items are presented in tables 1 to 7. The articles and services have been arranged according to the major groups and subgroups of the CPI. All prices are exclusive of sales taxes and other local taxes assessed at the retail level unless specifically indicated.

For some commodities or services, prices for specific cities have not been included and the omissions have been explained briefly in footnotes. Such omissions do not mean that the Bureau does not have data, but only that certain quality deviations from the specified article were necessary to measure price change. These deviations would have made an average of all stores somewhat meaningless. In a few cases some doubtful conversions would have been necessary to put all quotations on a common basis. Where such questions arose, it was decided to omit the data from this report.

Changes in samples of stores necessitated by continuous pricing have also been indicated by footnote when the change resulted in a different price level. For the periods during which these sample changes were made, comparable prices for stores in both the old and new samples have been indicated in footnotes. For example, if a particular article of apparel had been priced in six stores in March 1954 and one store discontinued the article after that date, the agent initiated pricing in a substitute store. The footnote contains the averages of the five stores reporting in both March and June 1954.

A brief description for each item is given in the table stub. For some items, prices are shown for the regular specifications in some cities and for alternate specifications in the remaining cities. The complete descriptions for both the regular and the alternate specifications are given in appendix C.

Table 1 - HOUSING: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
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A HOME REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINT, nationally advertised brands, per gallon										
Atlanta-----	H-104	(1/)	\$ 5.73	\$ 5.73	\$ 5.73	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.06
Baltimore-----	H-104	\$ 5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.87	5.87
Chicago-----	H-104	6.05	6.05	6.05	5.82	6.29	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30
Cincinnati-----	H-104	5.63	5.63	5.64	5.64	5.76	5.91	5.79	5.79	5.79
Detroit-----	H-104	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.90	5.93	5.93	5.93	5.93	5.93
Los Angeles-----	H-104	5.75	5.75	5.63	5.82	5.97	5.97	5.97	5.97	5.94
New York-----	H-104	5.82	5.92	5.92	5.92	6.01	6.00	5.90	5.90	5.92
Philadelphia-----	H-104	5.74	5.72	5.71	5.71	5.78	5.86	5.87	5.87	5.87
St. Louis-----	H-104	5.70	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.96
San Francisco-----	H-104	5.90	5.92	5.97	5.97	6.17	6.17	6.17	6.17	6.17
PAINT BRUSH, pure hog bristle (H-106), mixed bristle (H-107), or nylon bristle (H-108)										
Atlanta-----	H-108	(1/)	5.18	4.81	5.03	4.83	4.91	4.91	4.91	4.93
Baltimore-----	H-107	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.08
Chicago-----	H-108	3.86	3.86	3.86	2/3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.18	4.18
Cincinnati-----	H-106	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	5.78	5.78	5.28	5.28	5.46	5.46
Detroit-----	H-108	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	4.49	4.49	4.60	4.60	4.60
Los Angeles-----	H-108	(3/)	(3/)	3.24	3.07	3.18	3.13	3.48	3.03	3.03
New York-----	H-106	5.49	5.49	4.99	2/4.73	4.73	4.23	4.23	4.08	4.08
Philadelphia-----	H-106	5.64	5.64	5.94	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98
St. Louis-----	H-108	3.20	3.10	3.10	3.13	2/3.52	3.52	3.52	3.48	3.48
San Francisco-----	H-106	4.68	4.68	4.68	4.23	3.86	4/3.20	4/3.20	4/3.05	4/3.05
HOT WATER HEATER, gas, 30 gallon, installed 5/										
Atlanta-----	H-130	(1/)	133.48	134.07	142.79	141.92	140.63	139.77	139.77	140.61
Baltimore-----	H-130	145.11	145.11	145.11	145.95	2/150.80	154.36	151.90	151.90	151.90
Chicago-----	H-130	156.33	156.33	156.33	156.33	156.33	159.02	158.35	157.33	157.33
Cincinnati-----	H-130	171.34	171.34	173.00	175.49	175.66	176.51	168.13	168.64	170.09
Detroit-----	H-130	167.28	166.54	167.04	168.08	2/170.16	167.36	158.08	6/166.62	6/165.32
Los Angeles-----	H-130	7/121.34	7/121.94	7/124.15	7/127.93	7/127.93	7/127.31	7/124.32	7/125.44	7/126.29
New York-----	H-130	187.49	188.70	191.12	192.37	192.37	192.37	190.66	191.86	191.86
Philadelphia-----	H-130	153.64	159.29	158.48	156.21	154.23	155.66	153.84	147.45	147.45
St. Louis-----	H-130	(3/)	143.83	143.83	143.83	144.54	2/148.31	147.23	147.23	145.95
San Francisco-----	H-130	138.78	139.60	142.19	142.54	142.70	142.98	140.77	141.18	141.52
FAUCET for kitchen sink, installed, wall mount (H-144.1) or deck type (H-145.1) 5/ 8/										
Atlanta-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	---	17.87	17.87	18.27	18.27
Baltimore-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	---	---	19.28	19.28	19.58
Chicago-----	H-145.1	---	---	---	23.63	23.63	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88
Cincinnati-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	---	18.29	18.72	18.72	18.72
Detroit-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	16.90	16.90	16.91	16.91	17.23	17.23
Los Angeles-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	---	19.20	18.99	19.42	19.42
New York-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	18.12	18.12	18.18	17.42	17.42
Philadelphia-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	---	17.82	17.82	17.82	19.48
St. Louis-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14.22	14.22
San Francisco-----	H-144.1	---	---	---	---	---	19.59	19.59	19.69	19.79

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Table 1 - HOUSING: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
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E. HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
BATH TOWEL, 22" x 44"										
Atlanta-----	H-400	(1/)	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98
Baltimore-----	H-400	\$ 1.03	1.03	1.06	1.06	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.03	1.03
Chicago-----	H-400	1.05	1.05	.94	.94	.94	.94	.94	.91	.91
Cincinnati-----	H-400	1.09	1.09	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.04	.99	1.00
Detroit-----	H-400	1.08	1.10	1.10	1.12	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.06	1.06
Los Angeles-----	H-400	1.06	.97	.97	.97	.97	.92	.91	.92	.92
New York-----	H-400	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.00
Philadelphia-----	H-400	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
St. Louis-----	H-400	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02	1.02	.96	1.01	1.01
San Francisco-----	H-400	.94	.88	.90	.92	.94	.88	.90	.93	.90
SHEET, muslin, type 128, 81"x99" (H-410) or 81"x108" (H-411)										
Atlanta-----	H-410	(1/)	(3/)	2.36	2.27	2.27	2.07	1.95	2.14	2.14
Baltimore-----	H-410	2.63	2.42	2.55	2.47	2.42	2.22	2.18	2.15	2.26
Chicago-----	H-410	2.39	2.36	2.34	2.25	2.22	2.07	2.04	1.97	1.97
Cincinnati-----	H-410	2.16	2.01	1.92	1.92	1.98	1.84	1.69	1.64	1.74
Detroit-----	H-410	2.37	2.35	2.28	2.12	2.14	2.06	1.83	2/2.08	2/2.08
Los Angeles-----	H-411	2.56	2.53	2.36	2.40	2.37	2.27	2.05	2.15	2.15
New York-----	H-410	2.42	2.47	2.40	2.35	2.35	2.19	2.11	2.13	2.25
Philadelphia-----	H-410	2.54	2.52	2.34	2.32	2.32	2.08	2.10	2.18	2.18
St. Louis-----	H-410	2.34	2.34	2.16	2.15	2.15	1.95	1.82	1.86	2.01
San Francisco-----	H-411	2.58	2.59	2.52	2.56	2.59	2.36	2.30	2.23	2.30
BEDSPREAD, cotton Jacquard, 85"x105"										
Atlanta-----	H-420	(1/)	6.67	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.26	6.16	6.16	6.16
Baltimore-----	H-420	6.96	6.95	6.95	6.96	6.95	6.76	6.76	6.76	6.76
Chicago-----	H-420	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94
Cincinnati-----	H-420	5.77	5.57	5.57	5.57	5.57	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.57
Detroit-----	H-420	5.96	5.96	5.96	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.07	6.27
Los Angeles-----	H-420	6.28	6.28	6.28	6.38	6.28	6.12	6.12	6.12	6.39
New York-----	H-420	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10
Philadelphia-----	H-420	6.36	6.36	6.46	6.56	6.56	6.36	6.36	6.36	6.36
St. Louis-----	H-420	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	6.55	6.35	6.35	6.35	5.95
San Francisco-----	H-420	7.05	7.05	6.53	6.54	6.94	6.74	6.74	6.74	6.74
BLANKET, wool, 72"x90"										
Atlanta-----	H-430	(1/)	(10/)	(10/)	14.72	14.71	(10/)	(10/)	15.22	15.22
Baltimore-----	H-430	(3/)	(10/)	(10/)	14.56	13.96	(10/)	(10/)	13.96	14.75
Chicago-----	H-430	14.69	(10/)	(10/)	14.69	14.69	(10/)	(10/)	14.19	14.19
Cincinnati-----	H-430	14.69	(10/)	(10/)	14.19	14.21	(10/)	(10/)	14.21	14.21
Detroit-----	H-430	14.72	(10/)	(10/)	15.21	15.46	(10/)	(10/)	14.96	14.46
Los Angeles-----	H-430	14.14	(10/)	(10/)	14.94	14.94	(10/)	(10/)	15.34	15.34
New York-----	H-430	14.24	(10/)	(10/)	14.81	15.38	(10/)	(10/)	14.36	13.76
Philadelphia-----	H-430	(3/)	(10/)	(10/)	14.95	14.96	(10/)	(10/)	15.76	15.76
St. Louis-----	H-430	13.57	(10/)	(10/)	14.08	14.08	(10/)	(10/)	13.82	13.82
San Francisco-----	H-430	14.34	(10/)	(10/)	14.49	15.15	(10/)	(10/)	15.05	15.05
TABLECLOTH, 52"x52" or 54" x 54", cotton (H-440) or cotton and rayon (H-441)										
Atlanta-----	H-440	(1/)	2.41	2.31	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14
Baltimore-----	H-440	2.42	2.37	2.42	2.38	2.40	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.43
Chicago-----	H-440	2.26	2.27	2.34	2.34	2.51	2.50	2.50	2.26	2.26
Cincinnati-----	H-440	2.37	2.22	2.14	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.26
Detroit-----	H-440	2.22	2.27	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.27	2.27	2.22
Los Angeles-----	H-441	11/2.25	3.64	3.39	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.16
New York-----	H-440	2.22	2.23	2.23	2.18	2.18	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.32
Philadelphia-----	H-441	2.77	2.77	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78
St. Louis-----	H-441	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78
San Francisco-----	H-440	2.45	2.45	2.50	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.44	2.60	2.60

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B. HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
CURTAINS, cotton "Priscilla" type, 90" (H-451A) or 81" (H-451B)										
Atlanta-----	H-451A	(1/)	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.92	(10/)	(10/)	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.56	(10/)	(10/)
Baltimore-----	H-451A	\$ 4.25	4.30	4.35	(10/)	(10/)	4.14	4.12	(10/)	(10/)
Chicago-----	H-451A	3.98	3.98	3.98	(10/)	(10/)	3.73	3.73	(10/)	(10/)
Cincinnati-----	H-451A	4.09	4.33	4.33	(10/)	(10/)	4.26	4.26	(10/)	(10/)
Detroit-----	H-451B	4.14	4.18	4.21	(10/)	(10/)	4.05	4.02	(10/)	(10/)
Los Angeles-----	H-451B	3.78	3.91	3.91	(10/)	(10/)	3.68	3.44	(10/)	(10/)
New York-----	H-451A	4.31	4.31	4.31	(10/)	(10/)	4.14	4.10	(10/)	(10/)
Philadelphia-----	H-451A	4.83	4.83	4.72	(10/)	(10/)	4.24	4.20	(10/)	(10/)
St. Louis-----	H-451A	4.08	4.08	4.08	(10/)	(10/)	3.68	3.64	(10/)	(10/)
San Francisco-----	H-451B	4.27	4.30	4.29	(10/)	(10/)	4.35	4.35	(10/)	(10/)
CURTAINS, tailored rayon marquisette, 90" (H-460A) or 81" (H-460B)										
Atlanta-----	H-460A	(1/)	(10/)	(10/)	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.35	(10/)	(10/)	2.35	2.35
Baltimore-----	H-460A	(3/)	(10/)	(10/)	(3/)	(3/)	(10/)	(10/)	2.09	2.13
Chicago-----	H-460A	2.78	(10/)	(10/)	2.62	2.62	(10/)	(10/)	2.62	2.32
Cincinnati-----	H-460A	2.78	(10/)	(10/)	2.78	2.78	(10/)	(10/)	2.68	2.68
Detroit-----	H-460B	2.48	(10/)	(10/)	2.33	2.33	(10/)	(10/)	2.33	2.18
Los Angeles-----	H-460B	2.28	(10/)	(10/)	2.23	2.38	(10/)	(10/)	2.28	2.28
New York-----	H-460A	2.70	(10/)	(10/)	2.65	2.65	(10/)	(10/)	2.65	(3/)
Philadelphia-----	H-460A	2.61	(10/)	(10/)	2.56	2.56	(10/)	(10/)	2.56	2.56
St. Louis-----	H-460A	2.70	(10/)	(10/)	2.56	2.48	(10/)	(10/)	2.42	2.42
San Francisco-----	H-460B	2.56	(10/)	(10/)	2.56	2.38	(10/)	(10/)	2.38	2.38
DRAPERY FABRIC, cotton, pebble or bark cloth, 48" wide, per yard										
Atlanta-----	H-480	(1/)	1.81	1.72	1.66	1.54	1.54	1.49	1.37	1.37
Baltimore-----	H-480	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.77	1.77	1.71	1.71	1.74	1.74
Chicago-----	H-480	1.82	1.81	1.78	1.75	1.71	1.78	1.78	1.74	1.75
Cincinnati-----	H-480	1.93	1.93	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89
Detroit-----	H-480	12/1.69	12/1.69	12/1.69	12/1.69	12/1.69	12/1.69	12/1.69	12/1.69	12/1.69
Los Angeles-----	H-480	1.84	1.78	1.78	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.61	1.64	1.62
New York-----	H-480	1.90	1.88	1.80	1.79	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80
Philadelphia-----	H-480	1.93	1.92	1.92	1.88	1.88	1.85	1.82	1.82	1.82
St. Louis-----	H-480	1.84	1.72	1.72	1.69	1.69	1.59	1.59	1.59	1.62
San Francisco-----	H-480	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81

C. FLOOR COVERING AND FURNITURE

AXMINSTER RUG, all wool (H-520) or wool and rayon (H-521), 9x12 ft.										
Atlanta-----	H-521	(1/)	90.97	90.97	91.24	91.24	91.65	92.41	92.65	92.40
Baltimore-----	H-520	90.39	90.39	90.39	91.67	91.67	91.46	91.46	92.37	92.37
Chicago-----	H-520	94.63	94.63	99.15	99.15	99.15	95.97	89.30	87.95	13/80.70
Cincinnati-----	H-521	84.66	85.37	85.37	85.46	85.46	85.07	84.47	83.86	83.86
Detroit-----	H-520	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Los Angeles-----	H-521	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	88.25	88.25	88.25	91.32
New York-----	H-520	99.99	100.99	100.99	2/98.98	98.98	96.18	96.98	97.49	95.49
Philadelphia-----	H-520	97.53	96.62	95.51	95.51	96.31	95.30	93.50	93.50	93.50
St. Louis-----	H-520	94.48	90.86	(14/)	90.86	90.86	92.24	91.98	91.98	91.98
San Francisco-----	H-521	85.11	85.11	85.11	88.86	88.86	88.48	87.10	89.22	89.11

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C. FLOOR COVERING AND FURNITURE - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
BROADLOOM, velvet, all wool, 9 ft. width, per sq. yd.										
Atlanta-----	H-530	(1/)	11.31	11.38	11.52	10.81	10.74	10.60	10.99	10.99
Baltimore-----	H-530	11.88	12.03	11.62	15/11.48	11.20	11.20	10.95	11.34	11.41
Chicago-----	H-530	10.21	10.21	16/10.66	10.66	10.66	10.15	9.75	10.86	10.86
Cincinnati-----	H-530	10.28	10.55	10.80	10.80	10.09	9.95	9.95	10.09	10.09
Detroit-----	H-530	10.45	10.59	10.35	10.58	10.82	10.66	10.66	10.35	10.84
Los Angeles-----	H-530	10.60	10.58	10.32	17/10.54	10.52	10.02	10.04	9.86	9.83
New York-----	H-530	11.15	11.26	11.37	11.26	11.15	10.75	10.35	10.35	10.75
Philadelphia-----	H-530	10.28	10.18	18/10.80	10.80	10.46	10.63	10.63	10.62	10.62
St. Louis-----	H-530	11.57	11.55	11.66	11.57	11.57	10.88	10.88	10.68	11.37
San Francisco-----	H-530	11.17	11.10	11.10	11.50	11.17	10.95	10.95	10.95	10.95
HARD SURFACE RUG, printed enamel with felt base, 9x12 ft.										
Atlanta-----	H-570	(1/)	12.30	12.30	12.94	13.04	13.28	13.38	13.38	13.38
Baltimore-----	H-570	10.89	10.89	10.89	11.12	11.45	12.21	12.21	12.54	12.54
Chicago-----	H-570	11.64	11.64	11.81	11.81	11.81	11.81	11.81	12.48	12.48
Cincinnati-----	H-570	10.91	11.11	11.37	11.92	12.09	12.82	12.82	12.82	12.82
Detroit-----	H-570	10.84	11.34	11.41	11.65	11.70	12.45	12.95	12.95	12.95
Los Angeles-----	H-570	10.85	11.55	11.56	11.77	11.72	12.06	12.14	12.14	12.62
New York-----	H-570	11.37	11.37	11.56	11.85	11.95	12.54	12.54	12.54	12.54
Philadelphia-----	H-570	11.10	11.40	11.58	11.62	11.69	12.44	12.44	12.44	12.44
St. Louis-----	H-570	10.92	10.94	10.95	12.04	12.04	12.19	12.19	12.19	12.19
San Francisco-----	H-570	10.80	10.80	11.17	11.61	11.61	11.65	11.65	12.05	12.05
LIVING ROOM SUITE, 2 or 3 piece, medium grade cover- ing, Mohair (H-600), blends (H-601) or nylon (H-602) 19/										
Atlanta----- 2 pc.	H-600	(1/)	212.11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2 pc.	H-601	---	---	226.17	239.17	239.17	245.83	249.32	249.32	---
2 pc.	H-602	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	253.49	264.49
Baltimore----- 3 pc.	H-600	315.26	(3/)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2 pc.	H-601	---	---	227.82	230.13	224.28	215.07	215.07	211.65	210.65
Chicago----- 2 pc.	H-600	238.24	239.48	(3/)	(3/)	---	---	---	---	---
2 pc.	H-602	---	---	---	---	259.49	262.21	262.21	274.80	268.13
Cincinnati----- 2 pc.	H-600	254.72	254.72	254.72	242.22	242.22	242.22	242.22	242.22	---
2 pc.	H-602	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	242.08	242.08
Detroit----- 2 pc.	H-601	236.14	236.14	237.67	241.76	249.57	249.57	243.48	247.48	247.48
Los Angeles----- 2 pc.	H-602	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	257.36	264.36	285.61	291.98	301.85
New York----- 2 pc.	H-600	305.15	305.08	284.62	277.31	---	---	---	---	---
3 pc.	H-602	---	---	---	---	381.08	384.74	384.74	386.74	386.74
Philadelphia----- 3 pc.	H-600	(3/)	(3/)	348.39	341.72	341.72	341.72	341.72	337.72	337.72
St. Louis----- 2 pc.	H-601	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	242.22	242.22	242.22	242.22	242.22
San Francisco----- 2 pc.	H-600	301.99	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2 pc.	H-601	---	279.29	287.29	(3/)	(3/)	---	---	---	---
2 pc.	H-602	---	---	---	---	---	244.58	238.58	243.28	243.28

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
COIL BEDSPRING (H-630) or BOX SPRING (H-631)										
Atlanta-----	H-630	(1/)	26.34	26.95	---	---	---	---	---	---
	H-631	---	---	---	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95
Baltimore-----	H-630	28.84	29.93	28.84	28.89	---	---	---	---	---
	H-631	---	---	---	---	46.39	46.39	46.39	46.39	46.39
Chicago-----	H-631	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	47.22	47.22	47.22	44.72	44.72
Cincinnati-----	H-631	39.85	39.85	39.85	39.85	39.85	39.85	39.85	39.85	39.85
Detroit-----	H-630	26.79	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Los Angeles-----	H-631	35.42	35.42	35.42	36.33	37.37	37.37	37.46	37.46	37.46
New York-----	H-630	25.97	25.97	25.97	26.31	---	---	---	---	---
	H-631	---	---	---	---	39.88	39.88	39.88	39.88	39.88
Philadelphia-----	H-630	28.30	28.36	28.36	28.61	28.61	28.61	28.61	---	---
	H-631	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	44.86	44.86
St. Louis-----	H-630	25.88	25.88	25.88	25.88	26.48	26.48	26.48	26.39	---
	H-631	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38.98
San Francisco-----	H-631	42.74	42.57	42.17	40.38	40.03	39.93	39.93	39.93	39.93
MATTRESS, INNERSPRING										
Atlanta-----	H-635	(1/)	39.46	37.95	37.95	37.95	37.95	37.95	37.95	37.95
Baltimore-----	H-635	45.98	45.98	45.98	45.98	45.98	45.98	45.98	45.98	45.98
Chicago-----	H-635	44.34	44.34	44.84	44.84	44.84	44.84	44.84	44.84	46.09
Cincinnati-----	H-635	39.84	39.84	39.34	39.34	39.34	39.34	39.34	39.34	39.34
Detroit-----	H-635	45.11	43.36	43.36	43.36	43.36	43.36	43.36	43.36	43.36
Los Angeles-----	H-635	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
New York-----	H-635	41.37	41.37	41.37	40.77	40.77	40.77	40.86	40.86	40.86
Philadelphia-----	H-635	40.77	40.77	39.86	39.86	39.86	39.86	39.86	39.86	39.86
St. Louis-----	H-635	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
San Francisco-----	H-635	42.53	42.53	41.53	2/42.42	42.42	42.42	42.42	42.42	42.42
BEDROOM SUITE, 3 piece, Modern, with single dresser (H-651.1) or double dresser (H-652.1) 20/										
Atlanta-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	(3/)	(3/)	266.31	269.55
Baltimore-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	231.67	234.00	221.98	223.64
Chicago-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	300.49	303.11	272.98	272.98
Cincinnati-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	228.64	235.66	226.57	226.57
Detroit-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	258.32	260.32	260.44	260.44
Los Angeles-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	224.42	224.42	228.52	228.52
New York-----	H-651.1	---	---	---	---	---	266.08	266.08	264.11	260.50
Philadelphia-----	H-651.1	---	---	---	---	---	204.62	204.62	204.62	204.62
St. Louis-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	236.75	236.75	213.62	212.12
San Francisco-----	H-652.1	---	---	---	---	---	260.33	256.50	251.69	251.69
DINETTE SET, Early American maple										
Atlanta-----	H-661	(1/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Baltimore-----	H-661	83.12	83.12	83.12	82.96	82.96	82.96	82.96	79.62	79.62
Chicago-----	H-661	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	107.16	107.16
Cincinnati-----	H-661	85.72	85.72	86.98	86.98	87.22	82.22	94.68	94.68	94.68
Detroit-----	H-661	(3/)	(3/)	99.50	96.42	98.00	104.69	104.69	104.69	104.69
Los Angeles-----	H-661	(3/)	99.92	99.92	100.92	95.98	101.42	103.92	101.42	97.68
New York-----	H-661	(3/)	94.54	96.04	92.16	92.16	92.16	90.72	90.72	90.72
Philadelphia-----	H-661	76.21	76.21	75.97	77.22	77.22	78.47	79.45	78.20	78.20
St. Louis-----	H-661	93.68	95.74	94.82	95.34	95.94	95.94	94.03	95.72	95.88
San Francisco-----	H-661	(3/)	(3/)	114.67	119.12	120.16	120.16	120.23	113.57	111.11

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
SEWING MACHINE, electric, console, domestic manu- facture										
Atlanta-----	H-700	(1/)	\$ 175.99	\$ 181.60	\$ 180.35	\$ 182.85	\$ 182.85	\$ 183.46	\$ 183.46	\$ 185.96
Baltimore-----	H-700	\$ 181.10	181.10	187.85	190.35	192.85	192.85	193.46	192.21	192.21
Chicago-----	H-700	172.67	172.67	180.07	180.07	180.07	180.07	182.76	179.76	180.76
Cincinnati-----	H-700	177.11	177.11	180.11	181.36	187.61	188.86	180.67	189.48	191.98
Detroit-----	H-700	169.61	174.61	176.36	176.36	181.36	181.36	181.98	176.35	180.10
Los Angeles-----	H-700	182.11	184.61	186.36	186.36	191.36	191.36	191.98	191.98	191.98
New York-----	H-700	182.22	177.98	179.15	183.32	189.98	190.39	188.64	185.33	179.63
Philadelphia-----	H-700	187.87	187.87	189.27	189.27	189.27	184.27	184.76	184.95	186.95
St. Louis-----	H-700	167.47	168.87	170.27	170.27	172.27	172.27	175.76	167.95	167.95
San Francisco-----	H-700	180.86	184.61	186.36	186.36	188.86	188.86	181.98	188.22	189.48
VACUUM CLEANER, upright (H-710), tank type (H-711), or canister (H-712) 22/										
Atlanta-----	H-711	(1/)	89.59	89.84	89.84	89.84	89.95	87.45	86.20	87.45
Baltimore-----	H-710	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	84.09	85.34	81.34	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Chicago-----	H-712	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	84.95	84.95	84.95	2/79.95	79.95
Cincinnati-----	H-710	74.95	72.70	75.20	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	---	---	---
	H-712	---	---	---	---	---	---	73.95	73.95	67.95
Detroit-----	H-710	(3/)	81.18	84.08	83.45	83.45	83.45	91.32	90.08	83.58
Los Angeles-----	H-710	(3/)	86.75	85.09	85.09	85.12	88.78	88.62	(3/)	(3/)
New York-----	H-711	79.95	80.78	84.12	83.28	84.95	84.95	80.78	79.95	23/69.53
Philadelphia-----	H-710	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
St. Louis-----	H-710	78.91	79.11	24/86.70	86.70	86.70	86.70	---	---	---
	H-712	---	---	---	---	---	---	73.28	67.28	63.57
San Francisco-----	H-711	(3/)	(3/)	82.71	83.46	---	---	---	---	---
	H-712	---	---	---	86.20	86.20	86.20	81.20	78.70	79.32
WASHING MACHINE, electric, wringer type, 8-9 pound capacity 22/										
Atlanta-----	H-720	(1/)	134.95	134.95	135.95	2/138.70	134.84	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Baltimore-----	H-720	136.77	133.30	136.14	134.27	2/132.68	132.12	132.12	132.12	132.12
Chicago-----	H-720	125.95	125.95	127.95	126.95	126.95	2/129.12	131.12	127.45	127.45
Cincinnati-----	H-720	146.06	146.06	145.51	143.84	143.84	143.84	134.95	134.39	133.84
Detroit-----	H-720	138.26	138.26	2/138.41	138.41	138.41	137.05	139.04	139.04	139.04
Los Angeles-----	H-720	139.95	138.95	140.76	140.76	140.76	137.76	137.76	137.76	137.76
New York-----	H-720	122.76	122.76	25/121.51	123.63	119.03	119.58	116.81	26/108.12	108.12
Philadelphia-----	H-720	133.28	134.39	131.06	131.62	131.62	27/129.95	126.20	126.20	129.32
St. Louis-----	H-720	138.52	138.52	139.63	136.29	137.41	133.82	133.82	130.54	123.14
San Francisco-----	H-720	142.45	139.95	143.70	139.95	139.95	139.95	139.95	139.95	139.95
REFRIGERATOR, standard model, across-the-top freezer, 8.0 to 9.7 cu. ft. 22/										
Atlanta-----	H-730	(1/)	277.95	271.95	273.95	273.95	275.95	262.15	264.15	256.15
Baltimore-----	H-730	292.15	287.73	281.62	281.62	281.62	274.39	268.57	267.79	261.31
Chicago-----	H-730	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Cincinnati-----	H-730	274.92	269.95	269.95	264.94	264.94	255.78	255.45	247.51	245.51
Detroit-----	H-730	(3/)	(3/)	288.84	288.84	271.62	287.73	275.20	272.98	272.98
Los Angeles-----	H-730	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	294.24	294.24	281.38	268.22	262.93	243.42
New York-----	H-730	(3/)	(3/)	276.48	275.48	266.48	271.11	260.58	251.65	245.59
Philadelphia-----	H-730	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	288.95	284.95	292.95	274.62	280.03	280.03
St. Louis-----	H-730	(3/)	274.95	276.62	279.95	273.28	266.62	261.00	246.12	244.46
San Francisco-----	H-730	(3/)	(3/)	276.44	278.28	278.28	266.29	256.38	258.38	258.38

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
TOASTER, automatic, pop-up 22/										
Atlanta-----	H-750	(1/)	\$ 22.52	\$ 23.10	\$ 23.24	\$ 23.24	\$ 23.24	\$ 22.38	\$ 21.52	\$ 21.38
Baltimore-----	H-750	\$ 22.36	22.36	22.36	22.97	23.17	23.17	22.07	21.97	21.96
Chicago-----	H-750	22.95	22.95	22.95	23.70	23.70	22.96	22.08	22.08	22.08
Cincinnati-----	H-750	22.52	22.52	22.52	22.58	22.74	22.74	22.07	22.19	21.96
Detroit-----	H-750	22.39	22.39	22.39	22.67	21.58	22.53	20.40	21.10	20.96
Los Angeles-----	H-750	21.64	22.18	22.72	22.97	2/22.42	22.33	21.16	21.91	21.09
New York-----	H-750	22.09	22.26	22.26	22.29	22.56	22.28	21.43	21.43	21.27
Philadelphia-----	H-750	22.79	22.79	22.79	22.79	22.96	23.12	22.12	22.29	22.29
St. Louis-----	H-750	21.25	21.65	22.17	22.96	21.95	20.84	20.75	15.29	14.19
San Francisco-----	H-750	22.54	22.54	22.68	22.96	22.96	22.54	21.33	21.25	21.54
SAUCE PAN, aluminum, 2-quart size										
Atlanta-----	H-760	(1/)	.95	.97	.97	.96	.96	.96	.97	.97
Baltimore-----	H-760	.89	.89	.90	.91	.93	.93	.94	.96	.96
Chicago-----	H-760	.87	.87	.87	.87	.91	.91	.92	.92	.92
Cincinnati-----	H-760	.92	.92	.95	.95	.95	.95	.96	.96	.96
Detroit-----	H-760	.90	.91	.92	.92	.93	.93	.94	.95	.95
Los Angeles-----	H-760	1.07	1.07	1.08	2/1.02	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.06
New York-----	H-760	1.00	1.00	1.00	2/.96	.96	.96	.96	.96	.96
Philadelphia-----	H-760	.96	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
St. Louis-----	H-760	.91	.92	.92	.92	.92	.96	.96	.96	.96
San Francisco-----	H-760	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06
DINNERWARE, 53-piece set										
Atlanta-----	H-770	(1/)	22.39	22.39	22.89	23.05	23.05	22.64	20.97	22.64
Baltimore-----	H-770	22.18	21.88	21.68	21.97	21.26	21.26	20.95	21.35	20.75
Chicago-----	H-770	20.76	20.76	20.74	20.94	21.66	21.66	21.66	21.48	20.95
Cincinnati-----	H-770	(28/)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Detroit-----	H-770	20.57	20.97	20.36	20.56	20.76	21.07	20.36	20.36	20.36
Los Angeles-----	H-770	21.96	21.91	21.37	21.51	21.91	22.50	22.50	22.87	22.67
New York-----	H-770	20.58	20.58	20.46	20.46	20.62	20.54	20.62	20.96	20.96
Philadelphia-----	H-770	20.71	20.71	20.68	21.34	20.93	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30
St. Louis-----	H-770	(28/)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
San Francisco-----	H-770	(28/)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PAPER NAPKINS, white, luncheon size, per package of 80										
Atlanta-----	H-764	(29/)	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13
Baltimore-----	H-764	(29/)	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Chicago-----	H-764	(29/)	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13
Cincinnati-----	H-764	(29/)	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Detroit-----	H-764	(29/)	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Los Angeles-----	H-764	(29/)	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
New York-----	H-764	(29/)	.13	.14	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13
Philadelphia-----	H-764	(29/)	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.12	.12	.13
St. Louis-----	H-764	(29/)	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
San Francisco-----	H-764	(29/)	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14

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Table 1 - HOUSING: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
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D. APPLIANCES AND OTHER HOUSEWARES 21/ - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB, 60-watt										
Atlanta-----	H-766	(29/)	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.18
Baltimore-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.17
Chicago-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.17	.17
Cincinnati-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.16	.17	.16	.16	.16	.16	.17
Detroit-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.17	.18
Los Angeles-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.18	.17	.17	.16	.17	.16	.17
New York-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.18
Philadelphia-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.16	.17	.17	.18	.18	.18	.18
St. Louis-----	H-766	(29/)	.16	.16	.16	.17	.17	.18	.17	.18
San Francisco-----	H-766	(29/)	.15	.16	.18	.18	.18	.17	.17	.18
TOILET TISSUE, per roll										
Atlanta-----	H-799	(1/)	.08	.08	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
Baltimore-----	H-799	\$ 0.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.09	.09	.09
Chicago-----	H-799	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
Cincinnati-----	H-799	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
Detroit-----	H-799	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
Los Angeles-----	H-799	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.09	.09	.08
New York-----	H-799	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
Philadelphia-----	H-799	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08
St. Louis-----	H-799	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
San Francisco-----	H-799	.09	.09	.09	.08	.09	.09	.09	.09	.08

E. HOUSEHOLD OPERATION

LAUNDRY SOAP, granules or powder, per 24 oz.										
Atlanta-----	H-800	(1/)	.33	.33	.33	.33	.35	.36	.37	.36
Baltimore-----	H-800	.30	.30	.31	.31	.30	.32	.33	.34	.34
Chicago-----	H-800	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31	.32	.34	.34	.34
Cincinnati-----	H-800	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31	.32	.33	.34	.34
Detroit-----	H-800	.31	.31	.30	.30	.30	.32	.32	.33	.33
Los Angeles-----	H-800	.32	.32	.33	.33	.33	.33	.34	.33	.33
New York-----	H-800	.31	.31	.31	.31	.32	.32	.33	.33	.33
Philadelphia-----	H-800	.30	.30	.29	.30	.30	.32	.34	.34	.34
St. Louis-----	H-800	.31	.31	.32	.32	.32	.33	.34	.35	.36
San Francisco-----	H-800	.33	.35	.33	.33	.33	.34	.35	.36	.36
DETERGENT, general laundering, per 19 oz.										
Atlanta-----	H-804	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.31	.32	.32	.31
Baltimore-----	H-804	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.32	.32	.32
Chicago-----	H-804	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.31	.32	.32	.32
Cincinnati-----	H-804	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.31	.31	.31
Detroit-----	H-804	.31	.31	.30	.30	.30	.31	.31	.31	.31
Los Angeles-----	H-804	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
New York-----	H-804	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.31	.31	.31
Philadelphia-----	H-804	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.30	.32	.32	.32
St. Louis-----	H-804	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.30	.30	.30	.31
San Francisco-----	H-804	.32	.32	.32	.32	.32	.32	.33	.33	.33

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E. HOUSEHOLD OPERATION - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
LAUNDRY SERVICE, 20 lb. bundle 30/										
Thrifty wash										
Baltimore-----	H-811	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.82
Fluffed dry (no starch)										
Chicago-----	H-812	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.14	3.14
Cincinnati-----	H-812	2.97	2.97	2.97	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.04
Detroit-----	H-812	3.04	3.17	3.25	3.25	3.30	3.41	3.41	3.45	3.46
New York-----	H-812	4.19	4.20	4.20	4.22	4.22	4.22	31/4.20	4.20	4.22
Philadelphia-----	H-812	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88
St. Louis-----	H-812	2.76	2.76	2.82	2.92	2.92	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.95
San Francisco-----	H-812	2.89	2.99	3.06	2/3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11
Economy finish										
Atlanta-----	H-814	(1/)	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.06	4.06	4.06
Baltimore-----	H-814	3.96	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.09	4.09
Finished (complete)										
Cincinnati-----	H-815	5.39	5.39	5.39	5.68	5.68	5.68	5.68	5.68	5.68
Detroit-----	H-815	6.88	7.02	7.24	7.30	7.30	7.46	7.60	7.64	7.64
Los Angeles-----	H-815	6.31	6.38	6.76	2/6.92	6.92	6.94	6.94	6.95	6.95
New York-----	H-815	6.67	6.67	6.66	6.68	6.68	6.63	6.69	6.69	6.71
Philadelphia-----	H-815	5.78	5.78	5.78	5.78	5.78	5.78	5.84	5.84	5.84
St. Louis-----	H-815	5.68	5.68	5.58	5.80	5.80	5.90	5.90	5.93	5.93
San Francisco-----	H-815	5.90	6.10	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24
DRY CLEANING AND PRESSING										
Man's suit, 2-piece, delivered										
Atlanta-----	H-830	(29/)	.89	.91	.91	.91	.91	.91	.91	.91
Baltimore-----	H-830	(29/)	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	2/1.03	1.03	1.06	1.06
Chicago-----	H-830	(29/)	1.49	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54
Cincinnati-----	H-830	1.02	1.02	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
Detroit-----	H-830	(29/)	1.55	1.58	1.59	1.59	1.59	1.60	1.60	1.60
Los Angeles-----	H-830	(29/)	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.46	1.46	1.46
New York-----	H-830	(29/)	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.46
Philadelphia-----	H-830	(29/)	1.22	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26
St. Louis-----	H-830	(29/)	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41
San Francisco-----	H-830	(29/)	1.69	1.73	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72
DRY CLEANING AND PRESSING										
Woman's dress, 1-piece, cash, carry, and call-for										
Atlanta-----	H-835	(1/)	.75	.78	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80
Baltimore-----	H-835	.93	.93	.94	.94	.94	2/.98	.98	1.00	1.00
Chicago-----	H-835	1.38	1.38	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.43	2/1.27	1.27	1.27
Cincinnati-----	H-835	.90	.90	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
Detroit-----	H-835	1.43	1.46	1.46	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.44	1.44	1.44
Los Angeles-----	H-835	1.32	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.38	1.38	1.38
New York-----	H-835	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.10
Philadelphia-----	H-835	1.14	1.14	1.24	1.24	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.24	1.24
St. Louis-----	H-835	1.24	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.29	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32
San Francisco-----	H-835	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58

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Footnotes for Table 1 - HOUSING

- 1/ Atlanta was priced on a different cycle prior to 1953.
- 2/ Change in outlet sample. Quotations from outlets common to both old and new samples showed no price change from preceding period.
- 3/ Number of quotations for items conforming to specification insufficient for publication of average price.
- 4/ Price for H-108.
- 5/ Retail sales taxes on materials are included in the prices in cities where sales taxes are effective (See appendix D)
- 6/ Includes temperature relief valve required by law.
- 7/ City-wide deviation from specification priced in Los Angeles. Heater is galvanized, without glass lining or magnesium rod.
- 8/ Quotations in most cities prior to revision of specifications in 1953 varied from store to store because of inclusion or exclusion of soap dish and aerator. Published prices exclude both.
- 9/ Price for H-411. July 1954 prices were \$1.79 for H-410 and \$2.04 for H-411.
- 10/ Seasonal item not priced this month.
- 11/ Price for H-440. March 1953 price for H-440 was \$2.49.
- 12/ City-wide deviation from specification priced in Detroit. Fabric reported is lighter than 1.25 yards per pound.
- 13/ Price for H-521. August 1954 prices were \$92.63 for H-520 and \$74.95 for H-521.
- 14/ H-521 priced in June 1953. Average price was \$79.59.
- 15/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$11.62 for June 1953 and \$11.65 for September 1953.
- 16/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$10.21 for March 1953 and \$10.09 for June 1953.
- 17/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$10.12 for June 1953 and \$9.80 for September 1953.
- 18/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$10.18 for March 1953 and \$10.36 for June 1953.
- 19/ Differences in prices among stores in any one city are sometimes as large as \$75.00. The averages published, therefore, may vary from the "true average" by as much as \$25.00. Also, substitutions within stores within the quality limits of the specifications occur from time to time with differences of as much as \$75.00 between the old and the new item.
- 20/ Prior to 1954, prices were reported for any one of six possible alternates.
- 21/ The samples of stores from which prices are obtained do not include "discount houses"
- 22/ These articles are subject to special pricing procedures. Instead of obtaining the price for the one brand which sells in largest volume in each store, the Bureau's agent reports prices for one model of each manufacturer whose line is carried in each store. When a manufacturer introduces new models, the agent prices the new model most nearly comparable to that previously priced. The prices that are published are based on those brands for which prices were available for all dates included in the table. Some of the differences between cities are due to greater popularity of specific brands in some cities than in others.
- 23/ Price for H-712.
- 24/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$83.90 for March 1953 and \$86.70 for June 1953.
- 25/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$122.76 for March 1953 and \$119.76 for June 1953.
- 26/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$108.96 for June 1954 and \$108.12 for September 1954.
- 27/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$135.58 for December 1953 and \$129.95 for March 1954.
- 28/ Separate pieces of open stock dinnerware are priced.
- 29/ Not priced in every city before 1953.
- 30/ Prices are reported for the 2 services done in greatest volume in each city except in Atlanta, Chicago, and Los Angeles where one service is predominant. If there is a price differential between first and last part of the week, prices are reported for when volume of business is done.
- 31/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$4.17 for March 1954 and \$4.18 in June 1954.

Table 2 - APPAREL: Average Retail Prices for Selected Commodities and Services,
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A. MEN'S OUTERWEAR

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954				
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	
SUIT, 2-piece, new wool, hard-finished worsted, #4 tailoring											
Atlanta-----	A-110	(1/)	\$ 66.75	\$ 66.75	\$ 68.12	\$ 68.12	\$ 68.12	\$ 68.12	\$ 68.12	\$ 68.12	
Baltimore-----	A-110	\$ 59.19	60.69	60.11	60.72	2/62.36	62.36	62.36	62.25	62.25	
Chicago-----	A-110	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	64.50	64.50	
Cincinnati-----	A-110	62.39	63.50	63.50	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	67.00	67.00	
Detroit-----	A-110	63.91	63.91	64.88	65.50	65.50	66.88	66.88	66.88	66.88	
Los Angeles-----	A-110	61.19	60.56	60.56	3/62.44	62.44	62.44	62.44	62.40	62.40	
New York-----	A-110	62.80	62.80	62.80	63.99	63.99	63.99	63.99	63.99	63.69	
Philadelphia-----	A-110	60.62	60.62	61.67	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	
St. Louis-----	A-110	64.50	64.50	64.50	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	
San Francisco-----	A-110	64.75	64.25	64.25	66.24	66.24	66.24	66.24	67.99	66.86	
SUIT, 2-piece, new wool, hard-finished worsted, #1 to #2 tailoring											
Atlanta-----	A-114	(1/)	45.74	45.99	46.74	46.10	46.11	46.11	43.61	43.50	
Baltimore-----	A-114	42.68	42.92	42.92	43.04	43.04	43.04	43.04	42.92	42.92	
Chicago-----	A-114	46.60	46.60	46.60	47.11	47.11	47.11	47.11	47.11	47.11	
Cincinnati-----	A-114	42.06	42.31	42.31	43.06	43.06	42.31	42.31	42.20	42.20	
Detroit-----	A-114	42.42	42.42	42.42	42.92	42.92	42.92	42.92	42.92	42.92	
Los Angeles-----	A-114	43.60	43.60	43.60	43.71	41.21	46.21	46.21	46.16	46.16	
New York-----	A-114	45.64	45.84	45.84	45.93	45.93	45.93	45.93	45.89	45.89	
Philadelphia-----	A-114	40.79	41.80	42.00	42.09	42.09	43.48	43.48	43.39	43.39	
St. Louis-----	A-114	40.72	40.61	40.61	39.74	39.74	41.05	41.05	40.94	40.94	
San Francisco-----	A-114	46.75	47.31	47.31	47.42	47.42	44.80	44.80	44.85	44.85	
SUIT, 2-piece, rayon and/or acetate, tropical weight, #1 to #2 tailoring											
Atlanta-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	31.90	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	32.69	(4/)	(4/)	
Baltimore-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	33.00	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	33.98	(4/)	(4/)	
Chicago-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	
Cincinnati-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	31.67	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	30.25	(4/)	(4/)	
Detroit-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	32.00	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	33.29	(4/)	(4/)	
Los Angeles-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	
New York-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	29.80	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	29.95	(4/)	(4/)	
Philadelphia-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	31.25	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	29.10	(4/)	(4/)	
St. Louis-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	27.96	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	29.42	(4/)	(4/)	
San Francisco-----	A-120	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	
SLACKS, dress, new wool, hard finish fabrics											
Atlanta-----	A-130	(1/)	(5/)	(5/)	16.09	16.09	16.09	(5/)	16.10	16.10	
Baltimore-----	A-130	15.16	15.16	15.16	15.16	15.16	14.16	14.16	14.76	14.76	
Chicago-----	A-130	15.42	15.08	15.08	15.25	15.25	15.42	15.42	15.08	15.08	
Cincinnati-----	A-130	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	17.22	17.22	17.22	17.22	
Detroit-----	A-130	18.23	18.22	18.34	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.84	18.84	18.84	
Los Angeles-----	A-130	16.43	16.10	16.10	16.43	16.43	16.43	16.43	16.27	16.27	
New York-----	A-130	14.63	14.32	14.32	14.73	14.90	14.90	6/13.24	6/13.24	6/13.24	
Philadelphia-----	A-130	14.83	14.83	14.83	15.12	15.12	15.12	15.12	15.12	15.12	
St. Louis-----	A-130	(5/)	16.33	16.33	16.52	16.52	16.52	16.52	16.12	15.92	
San Francisco-----	A-130	16.71	16.51	16.31	16.71	16.91	16.51	16.31	15.91	15.91	

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
SLACKS, rayon/acetate gaberdine, fair workmanship (A-136) or clean workmanship (A-137)										
Atlanta-----	A-136	(7/)	\$ 5.61	\$ 5.61	\$ 5.61	\$ 5.61	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.97	\$ 5.76	\$ 5.76
Baltimore-----	A-136	(7/)	5.17	5.19	5.19	5.39	5.59	5.59	5.59	5.59
Chicago-----	A-136	(7/)	5.75	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.56	5.56	5.77	5.37
Cincinnati-----	A-136	(7/)	(5/)	(5/)	5.29	5.29	5.18	5.18	5.18	5.18
Detroit-----	A-136	(7/)	5.95	5.76	5.76	5.56	5.75	5.56	5.16	5.56
Los Angeles-----	A-137	(7/)	(5/)	6.56	6.56	6.75	6.56	6.36	6.66	6.66
New York-----	A-136	(7/)	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.48	5.48	8/6.46	8/6.46	8/6.47
Philadelphia-----	A-136	(7/)	6.31	6.31	6.73	6.73	6.73	6.73	6.73	6.73
St. Louis-----	A-137	(7/)	(5/)	(5/)	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62
San Francisco-----	A-137	(7/)	(5/)	(5/)	6.55	6.35	6.35	6.36	6.36	6.36
WORK TROUSERS, cotton twill, clean workmanship										
Atlanta-----	A-170	(1/)	3.65	3.56	3.48	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.39
Baltimore-----	A-170	(5/)	3.70	3.69	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.56	3.58	3.58
Chicago-----	A-170	\$ 3.62	3.44	3.52	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.40	3.40
Cincinnati-----	(9/)	2.99	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.79
Detroit-----	A-170	3.38	3.48	3.51	3.41	3.41	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.29
Los Angeles-----	A-170	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.47	3.41	3.41	3.41	3.41	3.41
New York-----	A-170	3.61	3.63	3.70	3.66	3.66	3.66	3.64	3.64	3.64
Philadelphia-----	A-170	3.85	3.80	3.80	3.72	3.72	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65
St. Louis-----	A-170	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.34	3.34	3.34	3.34	3.34	3.34
San Francisco-----	A-170	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.73	3.73	3.73	3.64
WORK SHIRT, carded chambray, 3.90 yd./lb.										
Atlanta-----	A-185	(1/)	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.54	1.54
Baltimore-----	A-185	1.63	1.65	1.66	1.66	1.67	1.62	1.60	1.57	1.57
Chicago-----	A-185	1.58	1.58	1.59	1.59	1.59	1.60	1.60	1.48	1.48
Cincinnati-----	A-185	1.49	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46
Detroit-----	A-185	1.49	1.48	1.48	1.46	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.42	1.42
Los Angeles-----	A-185	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.50	1.50
New York-----	A-185	1.64	1.65	1.66	1.66	1.66	1.63	1.55	1.50	1.50
Philadelphia-----	A-185	1.64	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.66	1.66	1.60	1.60
St. Louis-----	A-185	1.79	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.69	1.66
San Francisco-----	A-185	(5/)	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.63	1.63
WORK GLOVES, twill canvas with inside nap finish, knit wrists										
Atlanta-----	A-188	(1/)	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.29	.27	.27
Baltimore-----	A-188	.33	.33	.33	.33	.33	2/.36	.36	.34	.34
Chicago-----	A-188	.29	.29	.28	.27	.27	.27	.27	.25	.25
Cincinnati-----	A-188	.29	.30	.30	.28	.28	.25	.25	.25	.25
Detroit-----	A-188	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.26	.26
Los Angeles-----	A-188	.30	.30	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.26	.26
New York-----	A-188	.31	.32	.31	.31	.31	.30	.30	.29	.29
Philadelphia-----	A-188	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.33	.33	.31	.31
St. Louis-----	A-188	.29	.27	.27	.27	.27	.27	.27	.25	.25
San Francisco-----	A-188	.34	.34	.33	.33	.33	.33	.34	.33	.33

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
BUSINESS SHIRT, broadcloth, 128x68 or 136x60, combed yarn, nationally advertised										
Atlanta-----	A-200	(1/)	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88
Baltimore-----	A-200	\$ 3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80
Chicago-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
Cincinnati-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
Detroit-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
Los Angeles-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
New York-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
Philadelphia-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
St. Louis-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
San Francisco-----	A-200	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
BUSINESS SHIRT, broadcloth, 100 or 112x60, carded yarn										
Atlanta-----	A-202	(1/)	2.09	2.17	2.27	2.27	2.25	2.09	2.09	2.09
Baltimore-----	A-202	2.24	2.27	2.30	2.34	2.36	2.31	2.31	2.26	2.26
Chicago-----	A-202	2.25	2.33	2.33	2.35	2.36	2.36	2.48	2.48	2.48
Cincinnati-----	A-202	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Detroit-----	A-202	2.16	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.18	2.18	2.16	2.16
Los Angeles-----	A-202	2.30	2.20	2.20	2.22	2.22	2.18	2.18	1.98	1.98
New York-----	A-202	1.93	1.93	1.99	1.99	2.04	1.91	1.91	1.91	1.91
Philadelphia-----	A-202	2.19	2.31	2.43	2.43	2.43	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37
St. Louis-----	A-202	2.26	2.25	2.25	2.30	2.31	2.26	2.26	2.37	2.34
San Francisco-----	A-202	2.30	2.44	2.38	2.44	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.34	2.34
PAJAMAS, cotton, printed percale, 68x72 or broadcloth, 80x60										
Atlanta-----	A-220	(1/)	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98
Baltimore-----	A-220	3.01	3.01	3.01	3.09	3.09	3.09	2.89	2.89	2.89
Chicago-----	A-220	3.04	3.04	3.05	3.01	3.05	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98
Cincinnati-----	A-220	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23	(5/)	10/3.48	10/3.48	10/3.48
Detroit-----	A-220	2.89	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.96
Los Angeles-----	A-220	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.98	2.98
New York-----	A-220	2.95	2.94	2.99	3.06	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95
Philadelphia-----	A-220	2.98	2.98	2.98	3.05	3.05	2.98	2.98	2.98	2.98
St. Louis-----	A-220	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.18	3.18
San Francisco-----	(10/)	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.77	3.77	3.77
UNDER SHIRT, combed cotton, rib knit										
Atlanta-----	A-230	(1/)	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
Baltimore-----	A-230	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51
Chicago-----	A-230	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.57	.56	.56	.56
Cincinnati-----	A-230	.69	.69	.69	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68
Detroit-----	A-230	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49
Los Angeles-----	A-230	.50	.50	.50	.52	.52	.52	.52	.52	.52
New York-----	A-230	.52	.52	.52	.52	.52	.52	.52	.52	.52
Philadelphia-----	A-230	.58	.60	.60	.60	.60	.58	.58	.58	.58
St. Louis-----	A-230	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
San Francisco-----	A-230	.60	.60	.58	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
SHORTS, cotton, printed broadcloth, 80x60, carded yarn										
Atlanta-----	A-234	(1/)	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65	II/\$ 0.64	\$ 0.64
Baltimore-----	A-234	\$ 0.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68
Chicago-----	A-234	.66	.66	.66	.66	.66	.64	.64	.64	.64
Cincinnati-----	A-234	.67	.65	.69	.69	.69	.69	.67	.67	.66
Detroit-----	A-234	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68
Los Angeles-----	A-234	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.64	.64	.64	.64
New York-----	A-234	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
Philadelphia-----	A-234	.68	.68	.68	.68	.68	.66	.66	.66	.66
St. Louis-----	A-234	.65	.65	.65	.65	.68	.66	.65	.65	.64
San Francisco-----	A-234	.66	.66	.62	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67
SOCKS, dress, combed mercer- ized cotton, 220-240 needles										
Atlanta-----	A-240	(1/)	.66	.66	.66	.66	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Baltimore-----	A-240	.44	.44	.46	.46	.46	.46	.46	.45	.45
Chicago-----	A-240	.49	.49	.49	.49	.50	.50	.50	.49	.49
Cincinnati-----	A-240	.57	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.56	.56	.56
Detroit-----	A-240	.49	.49	.47	.47	.47	.47	.47	.50	.50
Los Angeles-----	A-240	.46	.47	.47	.50	.50	.50	.50	(5/)	(5/)
New York-----	A-240	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.54	.53	.52	.52
Philadelphia-----	A-240	.59	.59	.59	.59	.59	.59	.59	.58	.58
St. Louis-----	A-240	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48
San Francisco-----	A-240	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	(5/)
SOCKS, dress, rayon, 220- 240 needles										
Atlanta-----	A-244	(1/)	.62	.62	.62	.60	.60	.60	(5/)	(5/)
Baltimore-----	A-244	.51	.53	.52	.52	.52	.54	.54	.52	.52
Chicago-----	A-244	.48	.48	.49	.49	.49	.50	.50	.49	.51
Cincinnati-----	A-244	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
Detroit-----	A-244	.52	.52	.52	.54	.54	.54	.54	.55	.55
Los Angeles-----	A-244	.44	.44	.47	.47	.47	.47	.47	.47	.46
New York-----	A-244	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.48	(5/)	(5/)
Philadelphia-----	A-244	.50	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.50	.49	.50
St. Louis-----	A-244	.52	.53	.53	.53	.53	.52	.52	.50	.50
San Francisco-----	A-244	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.49	.49	.49	.49

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
SLACKS, gabardine, rayon/ acetate (A-320) or nylon blend (A-321)										
Atlanta-----	A-321	(1/)	(5/)	(5/)	\$ 4.31	\$ 4.31	\$ 4.65	\$ 4.65	\$ 4.65	\$ 4.65
Baltimore-----	A-321	\$ 5.16	\$ 5.16	\$ 5.16	5.17	5.17	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97
Chicago-----	A-321	12/4.57	12/4.57	4.48	4.48	4.48	4.48	4.31	2/4.40	4.40
Cincinnati-----	A-320	12/4.22	(5/)	(5/)	3.99	3.99	3.74	2/4.18	4.19	4.19
Detroit-----	A-321	4.70	4.70	2/4.62	4.80	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.64	4.64
Los Angeles-----	A-321	(5/)	(5/)	4.15	4.31	4.31	4.30	4.44	4.46	4.46
New York-----	A-321	5.02	5.02	5.30	2/5.11	5.11	5.11	4.83	4.78	4.78
Philadelphia-----	A-321	5.24	5.24	5.24	13/5.18	5.18	5.18	5.18	5.18	5.18
St. Louis-----	A-320	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	3.64	3.64	3.56	2/3.66	3.66	3.66
San Francisco-----	A-321	(5/)	(5/)	4.57	4.56	4.56	4.57	4.37	4.37	4.37
DUNGAREES or JEANS, blue denim, 8 oz./yd. (A-360) or 9-10 oz./yd. (A-361)										
Atlanta-----	A-360	(1/)	2.19	2.14	2.09	2.06	2.14	2.12	2.15	2.23
Baltimore-----	A-360	2.30	2.26	2.35	2.38	2.38	2.41	2.41	2.41	2.41
Chicago-----	A-360	2.31	2.31	2.30	2.25	2.20	2.17	2.17	2.07	2.07
Cincinnati-----	A-360	2.35	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	(5/)	(5/)
Detroit-----	A-360	(5/)	2.21	2.21	2.16	2.16	2.14	2.14	2.12	2.12
Los Angeles-----	A-361	3.17	3.16	3.14	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26
New York-----	A-360	2.66	2.67	2.67	2.63	2.58	2.47	2.47	2.47	2.47
Philadelphia-----	A-360	2.08	2.08	2.10	2.06	2.08	2.10	2.10	2.05	2.05
St. Louis-----	A-360	2.14	2.12	2.12	2.07	2.01	1.94	1.94	1.97	1.96
San Francisco-----	A-361	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	3.02	3.11	3.11	3.09	3.11	3.11
SPORT SHIRT, short sleeves, cotton broadcloth, poplin or twill										
Atlanta-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.91	1.87	(4/)	(4/)	1.87	1.74	(4/)	(4/)
Baltimore-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.97	1.97	(4/)	(4/)	1.97	1.98	(4/)	(4/)
Chicago-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.86	1.81	(4/)	(4/)	1.99	1.99	(4/)	(4/)
Cincinnati-----	A-370A	(4/)	(5/)	1.77	(4/)	(4/)	1.70	1.59	(4/)	(4/)
Detroit-----	A-370A	(4/)	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	1.60	(4/)	(4/)
Los Angeles-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.79	1.79	(4/)	(4/)	1.75	1.75	(4/)	(4/)
New York-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.76	1.69	(4/)	(4/)	1.71	1.61	(4/)	(4/)
Philadelphia-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.93	1.99	(4/)	(4/)	2.25	2.25	(4/)	(4/)
St. Louis-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.77	1.77	(4/)	(4/)	1.77	1.72	(4/)	(4/)
San Francisco-----	A-370A	(4/)	1.77	1.77	(4/)	(4/)	1.77	1.87	(4/)	(4/)
SPORT SHIRT, long sleeves, cotton broadcloth, poplin or twill (A-370B) or printed flannel (A-371)										
Atlanta-----	A-370B	(1/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.09	2.09	(4/)	(4/)	2.00	2.00
Baltimore-----	A-370B	2.33	(4/)	(4/)	2.37	2.30	2.30	(4/)	2.12	2.12
Chicago-----	A-370B	2.27	(4/)	(4/)	2.38	2.41	(4/)	(4/)	14/1.78	14/1.78
Cincinnati-----	A-370B	2.31	2.31	(4/)	2.31	2.31	(4/)	(4/)	2.31	2.15
Detroit-----	A-370B	1.94	1.94	(4/)	1.94	1.94	1.94	(4/)	14/1.63	14/1.63
Los Angeles-----	A-370B	2.07	(4/)	(4/)	2.07	2.07	(4/)	(4/)	14/1.59	14/1.59
New York-----	A-370B	1.98	(4/)	(4/)	2.00	2.00	(4/)	(4/)	2.01	2.01
Philadelphia-----	A-370B	2.20	(4/)	(4/)	2.20	2.20	(4/)	(4/)	2.15	14/1.84
St. Louis-----	A-370B	2.07	(4/)	(4/)	1.98	1.98	(4/)	(4/)	1.98	1.98
San Francisco-----	A-370B	1.92	(4/)	(4/)	2.04	2.04	(4/)	(4/)	2/2.11	2.11

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
BRIEFS, cotton rib knit, combed yarn										
Atlanta-----	A-380	(1/)	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60
Baltimore-----	A-380	\$ 0.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58
Chicago-----	A-380	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.63	.63
Cincinnati-----	A-380	.64	.62	.62	.64	.62	.61	.61	.61	.61
Detroit-----	A-380	.55	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.54
Los Angeles-----	A-380	.63	.63	.63	.62	.63	.63	.63	.63	.63
New York-----	A-380	.51	.54	.54	.54	.54	.54	.55	.55	.55
Philadelphia-----	A-380	.64	.63	.63	.64	.64	.64	.60	.60	.60
St. Louis-----	A-380	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
San Francisco-----	A-380	.59	.59	.57	.59	.57	.57	.57	.58	.58

D. WOMEN'S OUTERWEAR

SPORT COAT, wool, full length, fair workmanship, with interlining (A-410), without interlining (A-411)										
Atlanta-----	A-410	(1/)	(4/)	(4/)	28.23	28.23	(4/)	(4/)	2/29.94	28.71
Baltimore-----	A-410	31.97	(4/)	(4/)	31.97	30.16	(4/)	(4/)	31.88	29.76
Chicago-----	A-410	34.06	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	31.26	30.12
Cincinnati-----	A-410	30.18	(4/)	(4/)	30.60	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	32.96	(5/)
Detroit-----	A-410	28.91	(4/)	(4/)	28.95	28.95	(4/)	(4/)	15/30.76	28.97
Los Angeles-----	A-411	28.26	(4/)	(4/)	27.42	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	29.23	27.66
New York-----	A-410	29.12	(4/)	(4/)	32.02	31.69	(4/)	(4/)	32.06	28.58
Philadelphia-----	A-410	29.95	(4/)	(4/)	30.97	30.97	(4/)	(4/)	31.14	29.43
St. Louis-----	A-410	26.10	(4/)	(4/)	29.42	29.42	(4/)	(4/)	28.72	28.61
San Francisco-----	A-411	29.80	(4/)	(4/)	29.89	29.90	(4/)	(4/)	30.50	30.50
SPORT COAT, wool, full length, clean workmanship 17/										
Atlanta-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	(5/)	(5/)
Baltimore-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	49.88	49.88
Chicago-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	50.85	50.85
Cincinnati-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	53.60	53.60
Detroit-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	48.96	46.96
Los Angeles-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	44.53	44.53
New York-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	54.82	53.47
Philadelphia-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	(5/)	(5/)
St. Louis-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	52.74	52.74
San Francisco-----	A-415	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	48.92	46.92
SUIT, 2 piece, wool, hard finished fabric (A-430) or soft finished fabric (A-431)										
Atlanta-----	A-430	(1/)	(5/)	(4/)	41.22	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	39.96	41.22
Baltimore-----	A-430	43.71	43.71	(4/)	40.71	(5/)	41.95	(4/)	42.96	42.96
Chicago-----	A-430	41.91	41.91	(4/)	19/46.16	46.16	46.16	(4/)	(5/)	20/41.49
Cincinnati-----	A-431	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	37.45	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	2/38.98	40.97
Detroit-----	A-430	(5/)	39.93	(4/)	2/38.18	(5/)	38.18	(4/)	(5/)	(5/)
Los Angeles-----	A-430	37.90	35.90	(4/)	37.91	(5/)	38.92	(4/)	2/37.39	37.39
New York-----	A-430	38.08	39.35	(4/)	39.35	38.86	39.51	(4/)	38.36	2/36.98
Philadelphia-----	A-430	33.99	38.71	(4/)	39.95	39.95	39.95	(4/)	39.95	39.95
St. Louis-----	A-430	41.10	41.58	(4/)	40.76	38.76	40.76	(4/)	39.60	39.96
San Francisco-----	A-430	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	38.66	38.66	41.40	(4/)	39.90	2/44.21

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
SKIRT, wool, soft finished fabric 23/										
Atlanta-----	A-450	---	---	---	\$ 5.73	\$ 5.73	(4/)	(4/)	\$ 5.98	\$ 5.98
Baltimore-----	A-450	---	---	---	6.14	6.14	(4/)	(4/)	6.31	6.31
Chicago-----	A-450	---	---	---	6.37	6.37	(4/)	(4/)	6.14	6.14
Cincinnati-----	A-450	---	---	---	6.72	6.72	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(5/)
Detroit-----	A-450	---	---	---	7.37	7.37	(4/)	(4/)	7.18	7.17
Los Angeles-----	A-450	---	---	---	5.98	5.65	(4/)	(4/)	5.82	5.98
New York-----	A-450	---	---	---	5.80	5.80	(4/)	(4/)	5.81	5.81
Philadelphia-----	A-450	---	---	---	7.30	7.30	(4/)	(4/)	7.31	7.31
St. Louis-----	A-450	---	---	---	6.15	6.15	(4/)	(4/)	6.15	5.78
San Francisco-----	A-450	---	---	---	6.48	6.48	(4/)	(4/)	6.15	6.15
SKIRT, rayon and/or acetate, straight or gored, clean workmanship (A-455) or fair workmanship (A-456) 7/										
Atlanta-----	A-455	---	\$ 5.72	\$ 5.72	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	4.92	4.67
Baltimore-----	A-456	---	(5/)	4.99	4.32	3.98	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.98	3.82	3.98
Chicago-----	A-455	---	4.97	4.97	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.36	24/3.99
Cincinnati-----	A-455	---	5.48	5.48	5.48	5.48	5.48	5.48	5.74	5.74
Detroit-----	A-455	---	5.46	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	(5/)	24/3.58	24/3.58
Los Angeles-----	A-455	---	4.58	4.79	4.79	4.79	4.99	4.99	4.95	4.59
New York-----	A-456	---	(5/)	3.82	3.94	3.94	3.94	3.94	2/3.98	3.98
Philadelphia-----	A-456	---	(5/)	4.17	4.17	4.37	4.37	4.37	2/3.98	3.96
St. Louis-----	A-456	---	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	3.74	3.98	(5/)	2/3.78	3.98
San Francisco-----	A-455	---	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	4.98	4.81
BLOUSE, rayon and/or acetate crepe, or nylon tricot 25/										
Atlanta-----	A-461	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.98
Baltimore-----	A-461	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.79	3.79
Chicago-----	A-461	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.31	3.31
Cincinnati-----	A-461	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	(5/)	(5/)
Detroit-----	A-461	---	---	---	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.43	3.64	3.64
Los Angeles-----	A-461	---	---	---	2.98	2.98	3.15	2.98	3.15	3.15
New York-----	A-461	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.41	3.41	3.41
Philadelphia-----	A-461	---	---	---	---	---	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.23
St. Louis-----	A-461	---	---	---	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15
San Francisco-----	A-461	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.82	3.48
STREET DRESS, wool, 1 piece										
Atlanta-----	A-490	(1/)	(4/)	(4/)	17.22	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	16.48	16.48
Baltimore-----	A-490	17.76	(4/)	(4/)	18.96	20.96	(4/)	(4/)	18.37	18.17
Chicago-----	A-490	17.41	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	26/15.93	15.94
Cincinnati-----	A-490	18.37	(4/)	(4/)	18.17	17.91	(4/)	(4/)	17.57	17.77
Detroit-----	A-490	17.76	(4/)	(4/)	16.97	16.13	(4/)	(4/)	2/15.97	16.17
Los Angeles-----	A-490	18.72	(4/)	(4/)	(5/)	19.72	(4/)	(4/)	20.54	(5/)
New York-----	A-490	18.33	(4/)	(4/)	27/16.80	17.22	(4/)	(4/)	16.92	16.51
Philadelphia-----	A-490	15.56	(4/)	(4/)	16.56	16.56	(4/)	(4/)	15.96	(5/)
St. Louis-----	A-490	20.10	(4/)	(4/)	20.10	19.27	(4/)	(4/)	19.27	18.60
San Francisco-----	A-490	15.32	(4/)	(4/)	15.32	15.32	(4/)	(4/)	15.92	15.72

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
STREET DRESS, cotton, 1 piece										
Atlanta-----	A-495	(4/)	\$ 8.76	28/\$ 9.69	(4/)	(4/)	\$ 9.37	\$ 9.09	(4/)	(4/)
Baltimore-----	A-495	(4/)	8.46	8.79	(4/)	(4/)	9.13	9.13	(4/)	(4/)
Chicago-----	A-495	(4/)	8.07	8.07	(4/)	(4/)	8.10	8.10	(4/)	(4/)
Cincinnati-----	A-495	(4/)	9.57	9.57	(4/)	(4/)	2/9.22	9.22	(4/)	(4/)
Detroit-----	A-495	(4/)	(5/)	(5/)	(4/)	(4/)	9.57	9.97	(4/)	(4/)
Los Angeles-----	A-495	(4/)	8.55	8.55	(4/)	(4/)	8.95	8.95	(4/)	(4/)
New York-----	A-495	(4/)	7.95	7.95	(4/)	(4/)	29/8.59	8.38	(4/)	(4/)
Philadelphia-----	A-495	(4/)	8.52	8.52	(4/)	(4/)	30/8.16	8.16	(4/)	(4/)
St. Louis-----	A-495	(4/)	(5/)	8.30	(4/)	(4/)	7.47	8.30	(4/)	(4/)
San Francisco-----	A-495	(4/)	8.35	8.35	(4/)	(4/)	31/8.12	8.29	(4/)	(4/)
HOUSE DRESS, printed per- cale, 1 piece										
Atlanta-----	A-498	(1/)	3.18	2.98	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.95	3.11	3.31	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.31
Baltimore-----	A-498	\$ 3.48	3.48	3.48	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45
Chicago-----	A-498	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.25	3.25
Cincinnati-----	A-498	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.31	3.31
Detroit-----	A-498	3.18	3.18	3.14	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10
Los Angeles-----	A-498	2.95	2.96	3.03	3.02	2.95	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.06
New York-----	A-498	3.49	3.53	3.53	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Philadelphia-----	A-498	3.32	3.32	3.28	3.42	3.42	3.42	3.42	3.42	3.42
St. Louis-----	A-498	2.94	2.95	2.92	2.89	2.89	2.89	2.89	2.89	2.89
San Francisco-----	A-498	3.24	3.24	3.20	3.30	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35

E. WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR AND ACCESSORIES

NIGHTGOWN, rayon or rayon/ acetate crepe (A-520) or acetate tricot (A-522)										
Atlanta-----	A-520	(1/)	3.58	3.42	3.42	3.38	3.39	3.39	3.39	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.18	3.18
Baltimore-----	A-520	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65
Chicago-----	A-520	3.69	3.69	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55
Cincinnati-----	A-520	3.98	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	3.98	3.98	---	---	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.98	2.98	2.98
Detroit-----	A-520	3.77	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.78	---	---	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.17	3.17	3.37
Los Angeles-----	A-520	3.59	3.38	(5/)	3.59	3.59	3.58	---	---	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.21	3.31	3.31
New York-----	A-520	3.45	3.38	3.55	2/3.41	3.41	3.41	---	---	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.84	2.70	2.84
Philadelphia-----	A-520	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.65	---	---	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.37	3.37	3.37
St. Louis-----	A-520	3.48	3.48	3.48	3.48	3.48	3.13	---	---	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.15	3.15
San Francisco-----	A-520	3.57	3.58	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	---	---
	A-522	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.56	3.56

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
SLIP, rayon or rayon/acetate crepe, tailored (A-530) or trimmed (A-531) 32/										
Atlanta-----	A-530	(1/)	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.37	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Baltimore-----	A-530	\$ 2.74	2.74	2.74	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.74
Chicago-----	A-530	2.49	2.49	2.61	2.61	(5/)	(5/)	---	---	---
	A-531	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.98	3.32	3.32
Cincinnati-----	A-530	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.85	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10
Detroit-----	A-530	2.79	2.59	2.59	2.59	2.59	2.59	---	---	---
	A-531	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.65	3.65	3.65
Los Angeles-----	A-530	2.73	2.98	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	---	---	---
	A-531	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.39	3.39	3.39
New York-----	A-530	2.69	2.59	2.59	2.49	2.49	2.49	2/2.58	2.58	2.58
Philadelphia-----	A-530	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.81	2.81	2.81	2/2.86	2.86	2.86
St. Louis-----	A-530	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.79	(5/)	(5/)	---	---	---
	A-531	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.65	3.65	3.65
San Francisco-----	A-530	2.88	3.08	3.08	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	---	---	---
	A-531	---	---	---	---	---	---	(5/)	3.32	3.32
SLIP, nylon tricot, tailored 7/										
Atlanta-----	A-532	---	4.46	4.46	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.66
Baltimore-----	A-532	---	4.96	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.76
Chicago-----	A-532	---	4.72	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64
Cincinnati-----	A-532	---	5.34	5.34	5.34	4.84	4.71	4.46	4.46	4.46
Detroit-----	A-532	---	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.37	4.37	4.37	4.37
Los Angeles-----	A-532	---	4.50	4.50	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47
New York-----	A-532	---	4.42	4.42	4.42	4.42	4.39	4.11	4.11	4.11
Philadelphia-----	A-532	---	4.47	4.64	4.63	4.80	4.79	4.79	4.79	4.79
St. Louis-----	A-532	---	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46
San Francisco-----	A-532	---	4.69	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.29
PANTIES, acetate tricot										
Atlanta-----	A-536	(1/)	.87	.87	.92	2/.87	.87	.87	.81	.79
Baltimore-----	A-536	.78	.76	.76	.76	.76	.76	.76	.75	.75
Chicago-----	A-536	.74	.73	.73	.73	.73	.73	.73	.73	.73
Cincinnati-----	A-536	.81	.81	.81	.81	.81	.81	.81	.81	.81
Detroit-----	A-536	.82	.82	.82	.82	.82	.80	.80	.79	.79
Los Angeles-----	A-536	.73	.77	.77	.79	.79	.75	.77	.75	.75
New York-----	A-536	.70	.70	.70	2/.72	.72	.72	.72	.72	.71
Philadelphia-----	A-536	.82	.80	.80	.80	.85	.85	.85	.81	.81
St. Louis-----	A-536	.83	.82	.82	.82	.82	.80	.80	.80	.79
San Francisco-----	A-536	.82	.83	.84	.84	.84	.84	.82	.81	.81
HOSE, nylon, 51 gauge, 15 denier, manufacturer's brands, nationally adver- tised										
Atlanta-----	A-560	(1/)	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34
Baltimore-----	A-560	1.37	1.37	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.38	2/1.42	1.39	1.39
Chicago-----	A-560	1.42	1.42	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.35	1.35
Cincinnati-----	A-560	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.41	1.38	1.38	1.38
Detroit-----	A-560	1.50	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.39	1.39	1.35	1.30
Los Angeles-----	A-560	1.55	1.45	1.42	1.42	1.42	33/1.18	1.16	1.16	1.16
New York-----	A-560	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.41	1.41	1.38	1.38
Philadelphia-----	A-560	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.42	1.42	1.42
St. Louis-----	A-560	1.44	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.50	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.41
San Francisco-----	A-560	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.50	1.50	1.41	1.38	1.37	1.41

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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
HOSE, nylon, 51 gauge, 15 denier, manufacturer's or distributor's brands, not nationally advertised										
Atlanta-----	A-561	(1/)	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.83
Baltimore-----	A-561	\$ 1.04	1.04	1.06	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	.94
Chicago-----	A-561	1.02	1.05	1.00	.98	.95	.98	.94	34/1.13	34/1.13
Cincinnati-----	A-561	.95	.95	.95	.83	.77	.77	.82	.82	.79
Detroit-----	A-561	1.06	1.06	1.06	(5/)	(5/)	34/1.15	34/1.14	34/1.14	34/1.16
Los Angeles-----	A-561	1.20	1.20	1.15	1.11	1.08	35/ .98	.95	34/1.18	34/1.16
New York-----	A-561	1.01	1.00	1.00	.98	.98	1.00	1.00	.96	.93
Philadelphia-----	A-561	.95	.95	.95	.93	.93	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
St. Louis-----	A-561	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.05	.99	.95	.95	.95	.98
San Francisco-----	A-561	1.17	1.14	1.10	1.07	1.02	34/1.20	34/1.18	34/1.18	34/1.18
GLOVES, "double woven" cotton										
Atlanta-----	A-580	(1/)	2.24	2.32	2.28	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.37	2.37
Baltimore-----	A-580	(7/)	2.20	2.20	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15
Chicago-----	A-580	(7/)	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	2.06
Cincinnati-----	A-580	(7/)	2.49	2.68	2.68	2.68	2.68	2.68	2.68	2.68
Detroit-----	A-580	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39	36/1.99
Los Angeles-----	A-580	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.08	2.08
New York-----	A-580	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40
Philadelphia-----	A-580	(7/)	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09
St. Louis-----	A-580	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56
San Francisco-----	A-580	2.78	2.72	2.72	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78

F. GIRL'S APPAREL

PANTIES, cotton knit, untrimmed										
Atlanta-----	A-660	(1/)	.53	.55	.56	.57	.57	.57	.57	.57
Baltimore-----	A-660	.55	.54	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
Chicago-----	A-660	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
Cincinnati-----	A-660	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Detroit-----	A-660	.61	.61	.61	.61	.61	.61	.61	.61	.61
Los Angeles-----	A-660	.55	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53
New York-----	A-660	.56	.56	.56	.56	.57	.54	.53	.54	.56
Philadelphia-----	A-660	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65
St. Louis-----	A-660	.57	.57	.59	.57	.57	.57	.57	.57	.57
San Francisco-----	A-660	.57	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56	.56
ANKLETS, cotton, combed yarn										
Atlanta-----	A-670	(1/)	.36	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37
Baltimore-----	A-670	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38
Chicago-----	A-670	.36	.36	.36	.36	.38	.38	.38	.36	.36
Cincinnati-----	A-670	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36	.37	.37	.37
Detroit-----	A-670	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.37	.37
Los Angeles-----	A-670	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34
New York-----	A-670	.35	.34	.34	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36
Philadelphia-----	A-670	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.39	.39
St. Louis-----	A-670	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34
San Francisco-----	A-670	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37

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G. INFANTS' WEAR AND YARD GOODS

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
DIAPERS, cotton gauze, per dozen										
Atlanta -----	A-840	(1/)	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.68
Baltimore -----	A-840	\$ 3.95	3.96	3.95	3.92	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.75	3.75
Chicago -----	A-840	3.71	3.71	3.71	3.68	3.36	3.36	3.53	3.51	3.49
Cincinnati -----	A-840	3.70	3.74	3.74	3.74	3.47	3.33	3.48	3.48	3.58
Detroit -----	A-840	3.87	3.95	3.95	3.92	3.58	3.50	3.75	3.75	3.75
Los Angeles -----	A-840	3.65	3.61	3.46	3.47	3.28	3.18	3.39	3.30	3.39
New York -----	A-840	3.62	3.70	3.70	3.68	3.40	3.35	3.46	3.46	3.49
Philadelphia -----	A-840	3.72	3.79	3.79	3.76	3.54	3.46	3.64	3.64	3.64
St. Louis -----	A-840	3.71	3.74	3.74	3.71	3.38	3.38	3.54	3.49	3.49
San Francisco -----	A-840	3.40	3.43	3.45	3.38	3.32	3.24	3.28	3.28	3.28
ACETATE TAFFETA, 39" wide, per yard										
Atlanta -----	A-800	(1/)	.72	.69	.70	.70	.70	.70	.67	.67
Baltimore -----	A-800	.76	.76	.76	.76	.76	.73	.76	.76	.71
Chicago -----	A-800	.66	.64	.64	.64	.64	.64	.66	.66	.66
Cincinnati -----	A-800	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67
Detroit -----	A-800	.69	.69	.69	.69	.70	.67	.67	.67	.67
Los Angeles -----	A-800	.62	.62	.58	.62	.62	.61	.61	.61	.61
New York -----	A-800	.73	.70	.71	.71	.66	.66	.68	.68	.68
Philadelphia -----	A-800	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67	.67
St. Louis -----	A-800	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.70	.80	.80
San Francisco -----	A-800	.74	.74	.74	.74	.76	.76	.76	.76	.76
PERCALE, 36" wide, per yard										
Atlanta -----	A-810	(1/)	.51	.51	.51	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49
Baltimore -----	A-810	.53	.53	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
Chicago -----	A-810	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Cincinnati -----	A-810	.45	.43	.43	.43	.43	.41	.43	.43	.43
Detroit -----	A-810	.51	.51	.53	.53	.53	.51	.49	.51	.51
Los Angeles -----	A-810	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.48	.48	.47	.48
New York -----	A-810	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51
Philadelphia -----	A-810	.53	.53	.53	.53	.54	.52	.52	.52	.52
St. Louis -----	A-810	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49
San Francisco -----	A-810	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53

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Table 2 - APPAREL: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
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H. FOOTWEAR

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
OXFORDS, men's, calf upper, Goodyear welt										
Atlanta-----	A-700	(1/)	\$ 12.95	\$ 13.20	\$ 13.20	\$ 13.20	\$ 12.95	\$ 12.95	\$ 12.95	\$ 12.95
Baltimore-----	A-700	\$ 13.34	13.34	13.45	13.70	13.95	13.95	13.95	13.95	13.95
Chicago-----	A-700	13.31	13.31	13.89	14.23	14.37	14.37	14.37	13.94	13.94
Cincinnati-----	A-700	11.94	11.95	11.95	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.45	12.20	12.20
Detroit-----	A-700	16.35	16.35	16.60	16.60	16.60	16.60	16.70	16.70	16.70
Los Angeles-----	A-700	11.72	11.72	11.95	11.95	11.95	11.95	11.95	12.12	12.12
New York-----	A-700	14.87	14.87	15.11	13.77	13.77	13.77	13.77	13.77	13.77
Philadelphia-----	A-700	13.20	13.45	13.70	13.70	2/13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.55
St. Louis-----	A-700	11.53	11.55	11.74	11.74	11.74	2/12.53	12.53	12.34	12.34
San Francisco-----	A-700	(5/)	14.06	14.14	14.14	14.14	14.54	14.54	14.54	14.54
OXFORDS, men's, kip upper (A-702) or side upper (A-703), Goodyear welt										
Atlanta-----	A-702	(1/)	6.72	6.97	6.97	6.97	6.97	6.87	6.87	7.17
Baltimore-----	A-702	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	8.21	8.21	8.45	8.45	8.21	8.21
Chicago-----	A-703	(5/)	7.83	7.94	8.35	8.28	8.28	8.28	8.44	8.44
Cincinnati-----	A-702	(5/)	8.64	8.46	37/8.56	8.56	8.56	8.56	8.56	8.56
Detroit-----	A-703	7.65	7.80	7.90	7.95	7.95	7.95	7.95	7.95	7.95
Los Angeles-----	A-702	9.44	9.44	9.44	2/9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.55	9.55
New York-----	A-702	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	8.95	2/9.15	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08
Philadelphia-----	A-703	8.34	8.15	2/7.96	7.96	7.96	7.96	7.96	7.96	7.96
St. Louis-----	A-702	9.71	9.71	9.97	38/9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36
San Francisco-----	A-703	7.72	7.79	7.70	2/7.79	7.96	7.96	7.96	7.96	7.96
WORK SHOES, men's, high, elk upper, Goodyear welt										
Atlanta-----	A-710	(1/)	6.48	6.58	6.58	6.87	6.87	7.07	7.07	7.07
Baltimore-----	A-710	7.31	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32
Chicago-----	A-710	(5/)	6.94	6.94	6.94	6.94	6.94	6.94	7.06	7.06
Cincinnati-----	A-710	7.42	7.45	7.20	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.20	7.20
Detroit-----	A-710	7.66	7.68	7.68	7.68	7.68	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.60
Los Angeles-----	A-710	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.80	7.80
New York-----	A-710	7.34	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.38
Philadelphia-----	A-710	7.95	7.97	7.97	7.97	7.97	7.97	7.97	7.97	7.97
St. Louis-----	A-710	7.85	7.86	7.94	7.94	7.94	7.94	7.94	7.94	7.94
San Francisco-----	A-710	7.60	7.62	7.62	7.62	7.62	7.62	7.45	7.45	7.45
RUBBERS, men's, sandal or storm type										
Atlanta-----	A-718	(1/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.18	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.23
Baltimore-----	A-718	2.24	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.35	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.44
Chicago-----	A-718	2.38	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.38	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.50
Cincinnati-----	A-718	2.20	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.20	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.26
Detroit-----	A-718	2.40	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.35	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.54
Los Angeles-----	A-718	2.26	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.47	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.54
New York-----	A-718	2.25	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.25	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.50
Philadelphia-----	A-718	2.31	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.31	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.32
St. Louis-----	A-718	2.27	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.27	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.35
San Francisco-----	A-718	2.14	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2/2.26	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	2.38

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Table 2 - APPAREL: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services, in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly

H. FOOTWEAR - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
OXFORDS, women's, calf or kid upper, Goodyear welt										
Atlanta-----	A-730	(1/)	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20
Baltimore-----	A-730	\$ 10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35
Chicago-----	A-730	11.44	11.44	10.69	10.69	10.69	10.69	10.69	10.94	10.94
Cincinnati-----	A-730	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45
Detroit-----	A-730	11.62	11.62	11.95	11.95	12.45	11.95	11.96	11.96	11.96
Los Angeles-----	A-730	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14
New York-----	A-730	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.15	10.15	10.15
Philadelphia-----	A-730	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20
St. Louis-----	A-730	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.78	10.78	10.78	10.78	10.78	10.78
San Francisco-----	A-730	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.55
PUMPS, women's, calf upper, cement process, leather outsole										
Atlanta-----	A-734	(1/)	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.30	39/8.36	8.36	8.17	8.17
Baltimore-----	A-734	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95
Chicago-----	A-734	(5/)	(5/)	8.19	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.69	8.69
Cincinnati-----	A-734	9.44	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45
Detroit-----	A-734	7.62	7.80	7.80	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.79
Los Angeles-----	A-734	9.94	9.94	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.94
New York-----	A-734	7.61	7.61	7.45	7.45	7.61	2/7.35	7.35	7.36	7.36
Philadelphia-----	A-734	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.96	8.96	8.96	8.96	8.96
St. Louis-----	A-734	9.61	9.61	9.61	9.61	9.61	9.61	10.11	10.11	10.11
San Francisco-----	A-734	(5/)	9.34	9.34	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54
PLAY SHOES, women's, elk or suede, split upper, composition outsole										
Atlanta-----	A-740	(1/)	4.39	4.39	4.39	4.39	4.78	4.79	4.99	4.99
Baltimore-----	A-740	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	2/4.81	4.81	4.81
Chicago-----	A-740	3.86	3.86	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Cincinnati-----	A-740	3.79	3.79	3.79	3.99	3.99	3.99	3.99	3.99	3.99
Detroit-----	A-740	4.81	4.82	4.82	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.48
Los Angeles-----	A-740	4.48	4.48	4.0/4.59	4.19	4.19	3.99	3.99	3.99	3.99
New York-----	A-740	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	2/4.42	4.42	4.42	3.99	4.13
Philadelphia-----	A-740	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.47	5.47	5.63	5.63	5.63
St. Louis-----	A-740	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.97	4.77	4.77
San Francisco-----	A-740	4.15	3.98	3.98	3.99	3.99	3.82	3.82	3.99	3.99
OXFORDS, children's, elk or side leather upper, synthetic outsole, 3-sole stitchdown (A-760) or Goodyear welt (A-761)										
Atlanta-----	A-760	(1/)	4.55	4.55	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.63
Baltimore-----	A-761	5.48	5.36	5.48	2/5.65	5.65	5.49	5.49	5.54	5.54
Chicago-----	A-760	4.24	4.24	4.24	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.64	4.64
Cincinnati-----	A-761	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.14	5.14
Detroit-----	A-760	4.86	4.86	4.86	5.06	2/4.88	4.88	4.88	4.97	4.97
Los Angeles-----	A-760	4.47	4.48	4.28	4.48	4.48	4.68	4.98	4.98	5.17
New York-----	A-761	4.72	4.77	4.77	4.77	4.77	4.77	4.77	4.75	4.75
Philadelphia-----	A-761	5.35	5.35	5.48	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.18	5.18
St. Louis-----	A-760	4.61	4.72	4.72	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.97	4.97
San Francisco-----	A-760	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.56	4.60	4.60	4.67	4.69	4.69

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Table 2 - APPAREL: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly

II. FOOTWEAR - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
SHOE REPAIRS, half soles and heels for men's street shoes, fine grade (A-790) or prime grade (A-791) <u>41/</u>										
Atlanta-----	A-790	(1/)	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81
Baltimore-----	A-790	\$ 2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51
Chicago-----	A-790	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.52
Cincinnati-----	A-791	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	3.35	3.35	3.35
Detroit-----	A-791	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.18
Los Angeles-----	A-791	3.24	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.31	3.35	3.35	3.39
New York-----	A-790	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49
Philadelphia-----	A-790	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.53	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.54	2.54
St. Louis-----	A-790	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23	3.23
San Francisco-----	A-791	3.35	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.48	3.51
SHOE REPAIRS, heel lifts for women's dress shoes <u>41/</u>										
Atlanta-----	A-796	(1/)	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36	.36
Baltimore-----	A-796	.40	.40	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42
Chicago-----	A-796	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Cincinnati-----	A-796	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51	.51
Detroit-----	A-796	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42	.42
Los Angeles-----	A-796	.48	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49
New York-----	A-796	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40
Philadelphia-----	A-796	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.46	.46
St. Louis-----	A-796	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.50	.50	.50
San Francisco-----	A-796	.49	.50	.50	.50	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49

1/ Atlanta was priced on a different cycle prior to 1953.
2/ Change in outlet sample. Quotations from outlets common to both old and new samples showed no price change from preceding period.
3/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$60.56 in June 1953 and \$61.18 in September 1953.
4/ Seasonal item not priced this month.
5/ Number of quotations for items conforming to specification insufficient for publication of average price.
6/ Trousers of lighter weight material, 12-12½ oz./yd. instead of 13-14 oz./yd.
7/ Not priced prior to 1953.
8/ Price for A-137.
9/ Prices are for work trousers of cotton covert with weight of 8 oz./sq. yd. Other details are as specified for A-170.
10/ Prices are for pajamas of broadcloth 100 or 112x60 and have 52 to 53 yd./doz.
11/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$0.62 in June 1954 and \$0.64 in September 1954.
12/ 11-11½ oz. rayon/acetate gabardine instead of 14 oz. as specified.
13/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for stores common to both old and new samples were \$5.24 for June 1953 and \$5.48 for September 1953.
14/ Price for A-371.
15/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$28.70 for December 1953 and \$28.66 for September 1954.
16/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$29.12 in December 1952 and \$30.92 in September 1953.
17/ Not priced before September 1954.
18/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$40.71 in September 1953 and \$42.45 in March 1954.
19/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$42.40 in March 1953 and \$46.16 in September 1953.
20/ Price for A-431.
21/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$39.95 in December 1953 and \$37.98 in September 1954.
22/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$38.66 in March 1954 and \$37.39 in September 1954.
23/ Not priced before September 1953.

24/ Price for A-456.
25/ Quotations for blouses prior to the introduction of alternate specification A-461 in 1953 were for qualities that differed from store to store in many cases.
26/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$17.41 in December 1952 and \$16.92 in September 1954.
27/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$18.33 in December 1952 and \$17.33 in June 1953.
28/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$8.76 in March 1953 and \$9.57 in June 1953.
29/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$7.95 in June 1953 and \$8.20 in March 1954.
30/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$7.91 in June 1953 and \$8.16 in March 1954.
31/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$8.35 in June 1953 and \$8.55 in March 1954.
32/ Beginning June 1954, slips priced under A-530 include crepes specified and also those with mixture of 10-12% nylon. At the same time, trimmed slips of the same materials were introduced into pricing under alternate specification A-531.
33/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$1.42 in December 1953 and \$1.31 in March 1954.
34/ Price for 60 gauge, 15 denier.
35/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$1.10 in December 1953 and \$1.05 in March 1954.
36/ Price for "double woven" nylon.
37/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$8.46 in June 1953 and \$8.71 in September 1953.
38/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$9.97 in June 1953 and \$9.72 in September 1953.
39/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$8.16 in December 1953 and \$8.36 in March 1954.
40/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$4.48 in March 1953 and \$4.74 in June 1953.
41/ Retail sales taxes on materials are included in the prices in cities in which sales taxes are effective. (See appendix D)

Table 3 - TRANSPORTATION: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954.			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
AUTOMOBILE TIRE, low pressure, 6.70x15 1/ 2/										
Atlanta-----	T-300	(3/)	24.19	24.19	24.19	24.82	24.48	24.63	21.20	21.62
Baltimore-----	T-300	23.74	23.73	23.73	23.73	24.28	24.27	20.66	22.23	22.28
Chicago-----	T-300	24.07	24.06	24.06	24.06	24.61	24.58	24.58	19.32	19.70
Cincinnati-----	T-300	25.57	25.56	25.55	25.55	26.06	25.49	21.90	22.12	23.25
Detroit-----	T-300	24.63	23.73	24.62	24.62	25.76	25.73	23.62	22.67	22.92
Los Angeles-----	T-300	24.66	24.64	24.64	24.53	25.81	25.78	20.99	21.10	21.77
New York-----	T-300	23.23	23.22	23.22	23.22	21.75	21.21	19.63	18.80	20.06
Philadelphia-----	T-300	22.81	22.81	22.81	23.81	24.43	24.14	21.42	22.63	23.14
St. Louis-----	T-300	24.07	24.06	24.84	24.84	25.41	25.38	20.02	24.23	24.03
San Francisco-----	T-300	23.17	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.89	24.86	24.86	22.27	22.99
GASOLINE, regular, per gal. 2/										
Atlanta-----	T-400	(3/)	.29	.29	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
Baltimore-----	T-400	.27	.27	.28	.30	.29	.29	.29	.30	.30
Chicago-----	T-400	.27	.28	.28	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29
Cincinnati-----	T-400	.26	.26	.26	.28	.28	.28	.27	.27	.27
Detroit-----	T-400	.27	.27	.29	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
Los Angeles-----	T-400	.25	.27	.27	.29	.28	.28	.28	.27	.27
New York-----	T-400	.27	.27	.28	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29	.29
Philadelphia-----	T-400	.26	.26	.27	.28	.28	.29	.29	.29	.29
St. Louis-----	T-400	.21	.26	.26	.27	.27	.27	.27	.21	.20
San Francisco-----	T-400	.26	.28	.28	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
GASOLINE, premium, per gal. 2/										
Atlanta-----	T-401	(3/)	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
Baltimore-----	T-401	\$ 0.29	.29	.30	.32	.32	.32	.32	.33	.32
Chicago-----	T-401	.29	.30	.30	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31
Cincinnati-----	T-401	.28	.28	.28	.31	.31	.31	.30	.30	.30
Detroit-----	T-401	.29	.29	.31	.32	.32	.32	.32	.32	.32
Los Angeles-----	T-401	.28	.30	.30	.31	.31	.31	.30	.30	.30
New York-----	T-401	.29	.29	.30	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31
Philadelphia-----	T-401	.29	.29	.29	.30	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31
St. Louis-----	T-401	.23	.28	.28	.29	.29	.29	.29	.24	.23
San Francisco-----	T-401	.28	.31	.31	.33	.33	.33	.33	.33	.33
MOTOR OIL, regular (T-410) or premium (T-411), per quart 2/										
Atlanta-----	T-410	(3/)	.30	.30	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31	.31
Baltimore-----	T-410	.32	.32	.32	.36	.36	.37	.37	.37	.37
Chicago-----	T-410	.32	.32	.34	.36	.36	.36	.36	.37	.37
Cincinnati-----	T-410	.30	.30	.30	.4/.47	.4/.47	.4/.47	.4/.47	.4/.45	.4/.45
Detroit-----	T-410	.37	.37	.37	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38
Los Angeles-----	T-411	.43	(5/)	(5/)	.45	.46	.46	.46	.46	.46
New York-----	T-411	.39	(5/)	.39	.40	.41	.41	.41	.41	.41
Philadelphia-----	T-410	.30	.30	.30	.32	.32	.32	.32	.32	.32
St. Louis-----	T-411	.39	(5/)	.42	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
San Francisco-----	T-411	.42	(5/)	(5/)	.45	.47	.47	.47	.47	.47
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Table 3 - TRANSPORTATION: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
BRAKE RELINING 2/										
Atlanta-----	T-500	(6/)	21.78	21.20	21.43	21.43	21.60	21.60	21.65	21.65
Baltimore-----	T-500	(6/)	21.43	22.24	22.66	22.66	22.66	22.66	22.66	22.66
Chicago-----	T-500	(6/)	26.04	25.71	25.36	25.22	25.50	26.64	25.97	24.35
Cincinnati-----	T-500	(5/)	25.59	25.64	25.76	25.76	26.04	26.04	26.04	26.37
Detroit-----	T-500	(6/)	22.21	22.84	22.97	23.34	23.87	23.87	22.86	24.77
Los Angeles-----	T-500	(6/)	20.78	21.02	19.65	19.06	21.00	19.02	22.41	22.41
New York-----	T-500	(6/)	26.30	27.57	27.57	28.49	28.83	28.83	28.83	28.55
Philadelphia-----	T-500	(6/)	22.43	22.65	25.03	23.28	23.81	23.81	23.81	23.81
St. Louis-----	T-500	(6/)	24.29	24.74	24.74	24.87	27.26.49	27.24	27.49	27.49
San Francisco-----	T-500	(6/)	25.16	23.57	23.71	25.05	24.13	23.56	25.12	25.12
CHASSIS LUBRICATION, automobile										
Atlanta-----	T-510	(3/)	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19
Baltimore-----	T-510	1.09	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13
Chicago-----	T-510	1.50	1.50	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56
Cincinnati-----	T-510	1.21	1.21	1.25	8/1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.42
Detroit-----	T-510	1.08	1.08	1.14	9/1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19
Los Angeles-----	T-510	1.25	1.29	1.33	9/1.31	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.31
New York-----	T-510	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.41	2/1.43	1.38	1.38	1.38
Philadelphia-----	T-510	1.12	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
St. Louis-----	T-510	1.25	1.33	1.33	9/1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44
San Francisco-----	T-510	1.46	1.50	1.54	1.54	2/1.50	1.50	1.56	1.56	1.56
STREETCAR FARE, cash, per ride 10/										
Atlanta-----	T-800	(3/)	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15
Baltimore-----	T-800	\$ 0.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.18	.18
Chicago-----	T-800	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Cincinnati-----	T-800	.17	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Detroit-----	T-800	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Los Angeles-----	T-800	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
New York-----	T-800	.08	.08	.08	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
Philadelphia-----	T-800	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.18	.18	.18	.18
St. Louis-----	T-800	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
San Francisco-----	T-800	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
BUS FARE, cash, per ride 10/										
Atlanta-----	T-820	(3/)	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
Baltimore-----	T-820	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.18	.18
Chicago-----	T-820	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Cincinnati-----	T-820	.17	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Detroit-----	T-820	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Los Angeles-----	T-820	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
New York-----	T-820	.10	.10	.10	.12	.12	.14	.14	.14	.14
Philadelphia-----	T-820	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.18	.18	.18	.18
St. Louis-----	T-820	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
San Francisco-----	T-820	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15

1/ Prior to September 1954, one tire was priced. Beginning September 1954, the number of tires priced depended on the number of tires most commonly sold to customers at one time. The price for more than one tire was converted to the price for one tire.

2/ Prices include all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes (See appendix D).

3/ Atlanta was priced on a different cycle prior to 1953. 4/ Price for T-411. 5/ Regular grade only priced.

6/ Prior to 1953, information was obtained only from dealer repair shops.

7/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$25.24 in December 1953 and \$25.57 in March 1954.

8/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$1.31 in June 1953 and \$1.38 in September 1953.

9/ Change in outlet sample. Quotations from outlets in both old and new samples showed no price change from preceding period.

10/ T-800 includes fares for surface trolley, trolley coach, subway, and elevated train. In many cities, fares may be purchased for cash per single ride (as published for T-800 and T-820) or fares may be purchased as multiple units by purchasing tokens or tickets, or passes of various kinds. The cost of one ride under token, ticket, or pass purchases is usually less than the cash fare.

Table 4 - MEDICAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
A. MEDICINE										
PRESCRIPTION, NON NARCOTIC dispensed (M-100) or com- pounded (M-110), per dozen capsules										
Atlanta-----	M-100	(1/)	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.96	2/ 0.90	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.09
Baltimore-----	M-110	\$ 0.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85
Chicago-----	M-100	.96	.96	.96	.96	.96	.96	.96	.96	.96
Cincinnati-----	M-110	.84	.84	.84	.84	.84	.84	.84	.84	.84
Detroit-----	M-100	3/1.97	3/1.00	3/1.00	3/1.00	3/1.00	3/1.06	3/1.06	3/1.06	3/1.06
Los Angeles-----	M-110	3/1.22	3/1.22	3/1.22	3/1.29	3/1.29	3/1.29	3/1.29	3/1.29	3/1.29
New York-----	M-110	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.05	1.07	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.10
Philadelphia-----	M-100	.84	.84	.84	.84	.84	.91	.91	.91	.91
St. Louis-----	M-100	.74	.74	.74	.78	.78	.80	.80	.80	.80
San Francisco-----	M-100	.86	.86	.86	.89	.89	.89	.92	.92	.92
PRESCRIPTION, NARCOTIC liquid, per 3 ounces										
Atlanta-----	M-120	(1/)	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	4/1.09	1.19	1.19	1.19
Baltimore-----	M-120	.98	.98	.98	.98	.98	.98	.98	.98	.98
Chicago-----	M-120	1.29	1.29	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34
Cincinnati-----	M-120	1.19	1.19	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Detroit-----	M-120	3/1.08	3/1.08	3/1.08	3/1.08	3/1.08	3/1.15	3/1.15	3/1.18	3/1.20
Los Angeles-----	M-120	3/1.20	3/1.16	3/1.16	3/1.22	3/1.24	3/1.24	3/1.21	3/1.21	3/1.21
New York-----	M-120	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09
Philadelphia-----	M-120	.95	.95	1.02	1.02	1.09	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.26
St. Louis-----	M-120	.92	.92	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.11	1.11
San Francisco-----	M-120	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.16	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22
PRESCRIPTION, PENICILLIN, per 24 tablets										
Atlanta-----	M-130	(1/)	3.36	3.24	3.24	3.24	5/3.06	3.12	2.62	2.62
Baltimore-----	M-130	2.61	2.61	2.61	2.61	2.61	2.61	2.61	2.61	2.43
Chicago-----	M-130	3.48	3.41	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.29	3.29
Cincinnati-----	M-130	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84
Detroit-----	M-130	3/3.31	3/2.95	3/2.95	3/2.95	3/2.95	3/2.95	3/2.95	3/2.90	3/2.90
Los Angeles-----	M-130	3.38	3.38	3.38	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.84	2.84	2.84
New York-----	M-130	2.84	2.84	2.61	2.64	2.65	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.67
Philadelphia-----	M-130	3.08	3.08	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60
St. Louis-----	M-130	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99
San Francisco-----	M-130	2.66	2.66	2.66	2.72	2.72	2.82	2.76	2.76	2.72
MULTIPLE VITAMIN CONCENTRATES per 100 capsules										
Atlanta-----	M-150	(1/)	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11
Baltimore-----	M-150	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10
Chicago-----	M-150	3.56	3.38	3.56	3.56	3.56	3.49	3.49	3.52	3.52
Cincinnati-----	M-150	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07
Detroit-----	M-150	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	4.01	4.01	4.01	4.06	4.06
Los Angeles-----	M-150	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08
New York-----	M-150	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Philadelphia-----	M-150	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11
St. Louis-----	M-150	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53
San Francisco-----	M-150	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62

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Table 4 - MEDICAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
A. MEDICINE - Continued										
MILK OF MAGNESIA, nationally advertised brands, per 12-ounce bottle										
Atlanta-----	M-170	(1/)	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42
Baltimore-----	M-170	\$ 0.39	.39	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
Chicago-----	M-170	.39	.39	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
Cincinnati-----	M-170	.39	.39	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
Detroit-----	M-170	.38	.38	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.42	.42
Los Angeles-----	M-170	.39	.39	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
New York-----	M-170	.39	.39	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
Philadelphia-----	M-170	.39	.39	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
St. Louis-----	M-170	.38	.38	.40	.40	.44	.44	.44	.44	.44
San Francisco-----	M-170	.39	.39	.42	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
B. HOSPITAL SERVICES										
MEN'S PAY WARD, per day										
Atlanta-----	M-200	(1/)	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00
Baltimore-----	M-200	9.00	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.88	9.88	9.88	9.88
Chicago-----	M-200	10.95	11.15	11.15	11.25	12.20	12.60	12.60	12.80	12.80
Cincinnati-----	M-200	8.88	9.62	9.88	9.88	9.88	9.88	9.88	9.88	10.12
Detroit-----	M-200	13.06	13.31	13.31	13.31	13.31	13.69	14.19	14.19	14.19
Los Angeles-----	M-200	14.80	14.80	15.00	16.30	16.30	16.70	16.90	16.90	16.90
New York-----	(6/)	6/12.60	6/12.80	6/12.80	6/13.40	6/13.40	6/13.60	6/13.60	6/13.60	6/13.60
Philadelphia-----	(6/)	6/10.00	6/10.12	6/10.38	6/10.62	6/10.62	6/10.95	6/10.95	6/11.20	6/11.20
St. Louis-----	M-200	7.62	8.12	8.12	8.00	8.38	8.62	8.75	8.75	9.12
San Francisco-----	M-200	16.38	17.12	17.12	17.12	17.81	17.94	17.94	17.94	19.19
SEMI-PRIVATE ROOM, per day										
Atlanta-----	M-201	(1/)	10.06	10.06	10.06	10.06	9.81	9.81	9.81	10.19
Baltimore-----	M-201	10.88	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25
Chicago-----	M-201	13.10	13.30	13.50	13.60	14.20	14.60	14.60	15.00	15.20
Cincinnati-----	M-201	11.75	12.75	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.88
Detroit-----	M-201	14.69	14.94	14.94	14.69	14.69	14.94	15.44	15.44	15.44
Los Angeles-----	M-201	16.80	16.80	17.00	18.30	18.30	18.50	18.70	18.70	18.70
New York-----	M-201	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.80	16.00	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.60
Philadelphia-----	M-201	11.62	12.12	12.38	12.38	12.38	12.62	12.62	13.38	13.38
St. Louis-----	M-201	9.30	9.70	10.00	10.00	10.30	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.90
San Francisco-----	M-201	17.88	18.50	18.50	19.75	20.44	20.56	20.56	20.56	21.69
PRIVATE ROOM, per day										
Atlanta-----	M-202	(1/)	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	11.62	11.62	11.75	12.38
Baltimore-----	M-202	12.88	12.12	12.12	12.12	12.12	12.62	12.62	12.62	12.62
Chicago-----	M-202	15.30	15.50	15.50	15.60	16.30	16.90	16.90	17.30	17.50
Cincinnati-----	M-202	14.00	15.00	15.25	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.88	16.25
Detroit-----	M-202	18.19	18.44	18.44	17.31	17.31	17.69	18.19	18.19	18.19
Los Angeles-----	M-202	18.40	18.40	18.60	21.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
New York-----	M-202	20.80	21.00	21.00	21.60	21.60	22.00	22.60	22.60	23.40
Philadelphia-----	M-202	13.38	14.38	14.88	14.88	14.88	15.12	15.12	16.12	16.12
St. Louis-----	M-202	12.70	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.20	13.40	13.50	13.50	13.80
San Francisco-----	M-202	21.25	21.62	22.12	23.00	23.69	23.81	23.81	23.81	25.19

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Table 4 - MEDICAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
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Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
C. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES										
OFFICE VISIT, to physician										
Atlanta-----	M-300	(1/)	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.67
Baltimore-----	M-300	\$ 2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60
Chicago 7/-----	M-300	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.83	2.83	2.83	2.83	3.00
Cincinnati-----	M-300	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.92
Detroit 8/-----	M-300	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.50	3.67	3.67
Los Angeles 7/-----	M-300	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.33	4.33	4.33
New York 8/-----	M-300	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.67	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83
Philadelphia-----	M-300	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.90	2.90	2.88	2.90	2.90
St. Louis-----	M-300	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	3.00
San Francisco-----	M-300	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67
HOUSE VISIT, by physician										
Atlanta-----	M-306	(1/)	5.17	5.50	5.50	5.67	5.83	5.67	5.67	5.67
Baltimore-----	M-306	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60
Chicago 7/-----	M-306	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.33
Cincinnati-----	M-306	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.00	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33
Detroit 8/-----	M-306	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.17	5.50	5.50
Los Angeles 7/-----	M-306	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.42	6.42	6.42
New York 8/-----	M-306	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33
Philadelphia-----	M-306	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.10
St. Louis-----	M-306	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.71
San Francisco-----	M-306	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25
APPENDECTOMY, surgeon's usual fee excluding anesthetic										
Atlanta-----	M-320	(1/)	137.50	137.50	141.67	145.83	145.83	145.83	145.83	145.83
Baltimore-----	M-320	115.00	115.00	115.00	123.33	123.33	123.33	123.33	123.33	125.00
Chicago 7/-----	M-320	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	165.00	162.50	162.50	154.17	154.17
Cincinnati-----	M-320	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33
Detroit 8/-----	M-320	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	154.17	154.17	154.17
Los Angeles 7/-----	M-320	200.00	200.00	200.00	191.67	191.67	191.67	191.67	191.67	191.67
New York 8/-----	M-320	175.00	175.00	183.33	183.33	183.33	183.33	183.33	183.33	183.33
Philadelphia-----	M-320	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00
St. Louis-----	M-320	150.00	154.17	154.17	154.17	154.17	154.17	154.17	158.33	160.00
San Francisco-----	M-320	185.00	185.00	185.00	187.50	187.50	187.50	187.50	187.50	187.50
TONSILLECTOMY, specialist's usual fee excluding anesthetic										
Atlanta-----	M-324	(1/)	61.67	61.67	61.67	61.67	64.17	64.17	64.17	65.00
Baltimore-----	M-324	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.83	45.83	46.67	46.67	46.67	48.33
Chicago 7/-----	M-324	65.00	65.00	65.00	70.00	70.00	70.83	70.83	70.83	70.83
Cincinnati-----	M-324	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.83	60.83	60.83	60.83	60.83	61.67
Detroit 8/-----	M-324	59.17	59.17	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	61.67	65.83	67.50
Los Angeles 7/-----	M-324	91.67	91.67	91.67	87.50	87.50	87.50	95.83	95.83	95.83
New York 8/-----	M-324	87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50
Philadelphia-----	M-324	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	53.33
St. Louis-----	M-324	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.83	70.83	70.83	70.83	70.83
San Francisco-----	M-324	75.00	79.17	79.17	79.17	79.17	79.17	79.17	79.17	79.17

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Table 4 - MEDICAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954				
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	
C. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Continued											
TOOTH FILLING, amalgam, one surface											
Atlanta-----	M-350	(1/)	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.67	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.17	\$ 4.17	\$ 4.17	\$ 4.17	
Baltimore-----	M-350	\$ 3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	
Chicago 7/-----	M-350	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	
Cincinnati-----	M-350	3.57	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	
Detroit 8/-----	M-350	4.08	4.08	4.25	4.25	4.33	4/4.50	4.50	4.50	4.67	
Los Angeles 7/-----	M-350	6.08	6.08	6.42	6.42	6.58	6.58	6.58	6.58	6.58	
New York 8/-----	M-350	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	
Philadelphia-----	M-350	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.83	4.83	4.83	
St. Louis-----	M-350	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.33	4.33	
San Francisco-----	M-350	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.08	
TOOTH EXTRACTION, without complication, including X-ray											
Atlanta-----	M-352	(1/)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Baltimore-----	M-352	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.83	4.83	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Chicago 7/-----	M-352	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	
Cincinnati-----	M-352	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	
Detroit 8/-----	M-352	4.83	4.83	5.17	5.17	5.17	4/5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	
Los Angeles 7/-----	M-352	6.33	6.33	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.17	7.33	
New York 8/-----	M-352	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.17	
Philadelphia-----	M-352	4.83	5.17	5.17	5.17	5.50	5.50	5.67	5.67	6.17	
St. Louis-----	M-352	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.83	4.83	5.17	
San Francisco-----	M-352	7.17	7.17	8.50	8.83	4/9.00	9.00	9.00	9.07	9.07	
EYEGLASSES, with examination											
Atlanta-----	M-360	(1/)	3/23.46	3/23.46	3/23.46	3/23.46	3/23.62	3/23.62	3/23.62	3/23.62	
Baltimore-----	M-360	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	
Chicago 7/-----	M-360	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	19.00	
Cincinnati-----	M-360	3/19.18	3/19.18	3/19.18	3/19.19	3/19.19	3/19.19	3/19.54	3/19.54	3/19.87	
Detroit 8/-----	M-360	3/20.99	3/21.33	3/21.33	3/21.83	3/21.83	3/21.49	3/21.49	3/20.99	3/21.04	
Los Angeles 7/-----	M-360	27.90	27.90	4/27.58	27.58	27.58	27.58	27.58	27.58	27.58	
New York 8/-----	M-360	16.00	15.75	15.25	14.92	14.50	14.66	13.99	14.42	14.42	
Philadelphia-----	M-360	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	
St. Louis-----	M-360	3/19.19	3/19.27	3/19.27	3/19.27	3/19.27	3/19.27	3/19.27	3/19.27	3/19.27	
San Francisco-----	M-360	25.83	25.83	25.83	25.83	25.83	25.83	25.83	25.83	25.83	

- 1/ Atlanta was priced on a different cycle prior to 1953.
2/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$0.95 in December 1953 and \$1.03 in March 1954.
3/ Retail sales taxes on materials are included in the prices in cities where sales taxes are effective (See appendix D).
4/ Change in outlet sample. Quotations from outlets common to both old and new samples showed no price change from preceding period.
5/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both the old and new samples were \$3.25 in December 1953 and \$3.17 in March 1954.
6/ Combination of quotations from hospitals charging by the day and those using the "inclusive rate" plan. (See appendix C; M-200 and M-220)
7/ During 1953 and 1954, professional medical service charges were obtained in January, April, July, and October. Published data relate to the collection dates.
8/ During 1953 and 1954, professional medical service charges were obtained in February, May, August, and November. Published data relate to the collection dates.
9/ Change in outlet sample. Averages from outlets common to both old and new samples were \$90.00 in March and \$95.00 in June 1954.

Table 5 - PERSONAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
A. TOILETRIES										
TOILET SOAP, white or colored, regular size, per cake										
Atlanta-----	P-100	(1/)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09
Baltimore-----	P-100	\$ 0.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.08	.09	.09
Chicago-----	P-100	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08
Cincinnati-----	P-100	.09	.09	.09	.08	.08	.09	.09	.09	.09
Detroit-----	P-100	.08	.09	.09	.08	.08	.09	.09	.09	.09
Los Angeles-----	P-100	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08
New York-----	P-100	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.09	.08	.09	.09
Philadelphia-----	P-100	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08
St. Louis-----	P-100	.09	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.09
San Francisco-----	P-100	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
RAZOR BLADES, double edge, thin, first quality, per package of 5 blades 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-110	(1/)	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Baltimore-----	P-110	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10
Chicago-----	P-110	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Cincinnati-----	P-110	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Detroit-----	P-110	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Los Angeles-----	P-110	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
New York-----	P-110	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10	3/.10
Philadelphia-----	P-110	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
St. Louis-----	P-110	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
San Francisco-----	P-110	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
SHAVING CREAM, lather, per ounce 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-114	(1/)	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
Baltimore-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
Chicago-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
Cincinnati-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
Detroit-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
Los Angeles-----	P-114	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12
New York-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
Philadelphia-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
St. Louis-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
San Francisco-----	P-114	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11
FACE CREAM, cleansing, all purpose or cold, per ounce 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-120	(1/)	.18	.18	.18	.18	.18	.17	.17	.17
Baltimore-----	P-120	.18	.18	.19	.19	.19	.19	.17	.17	.17
Chicago-----	P-120	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.18	.18	.18
Cincinnati-----	P-120	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.18	.18	.18
Detroit-----	P-120	.18	.18	.18	.18	.18	.18	.17	.17	.17
Los Angeles-----	P-120	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.18	.18	.17
New York-----	P-120	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.17	.17	.17
Philadelphia-----	P-120	.18	.18	.19	.19	.19	.19	.17	.17	.17
St. Louis-----	P-120	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.17	.17	.17
San Francisco-----	P-120	.18	.18	.18	.18	.18	.18	.17	.17	.17

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Table 5 - PERSONAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
A. TOILETRIES - Continued										
FACE POWDER, fine texture, per ounce 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-124	(1/)	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60
Baltimore-----	P-124	\$ 0.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.60	.60	.60
Chicago-----	P-124	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.60	.60	.60
Cincinnati-----	P-124	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.60	.60	.60
Detroit-----	P-124	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.60	.60	.60
Los Angeles-----	P-124	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.58	.53	.53	.53
New York-----	P-124	.65	.65	.65	.67	.67	.67	.61	.64	.64
Philadelphia-----	P-124	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.60	.60	.60
St. Louis-----	P-124	.63	.63	.63	.63	.63	.63	.59	.58	.58
San Francisco-----	P-124	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.53	.49	.49	.49
TOOTH PASTE, standard, per ounce 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-130	(1/)	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17
Baltimore-----	P-130	.17	.17	.17	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16
Chicago-----	P-130	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16
Cincinnati-----	P-130	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
Detroit-----	P-130	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Los Angeles-----	P-130	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
New York-----	P-130	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17
Philadelphia-----	P-130	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16
St. Louis-----	P-130	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.16	.16	.16	.16
San Francisco-----	P-130	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16
SHAMPOO, liquid, per ounce 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-140	(1/)	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13	.13
Baltimore-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Chicago-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Cincinnati-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Detroit-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Los Angeles-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
New York-----	P-140	.13	.13	.13	.12	.12	.13	.13	.13	.13
Philadelphia-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
St. Louis-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
San Francisco-----	P-140	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
HOME PERMANENT, cold wave refill kit 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-150	(1/)	1.74	1.76	1.76	1.81	4/1.83	1.68	1.68	1.68
Baltimore-----	P-150	1.48	1.48	1.50	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.58	1.63	1.63
Chicago-----	P-150	1.65	1.65	1.66	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.66	1.66	1.66
Cincinnati-----	P-150	1.58	1.58	1.60	1.68	1.70	1.78	1.66	1.66	1.66
Detroit-----	P-150	1.71	1.71	1.73	1.79	1.83	1.83	1.68	1.68	1.68
Los Angeles-----	P-150	1.68	1.68	1.69	1.81	1.83	1.83	1.69	1.69	1.69
New York-----	P-150	1.62	1.64	1.67	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.66	1.66	1.66
Philadelphia-----	P-150	1.56	1.61	1.70	1.72	1.73	1.76	1.64	1.64	1.64
St. Louis-----	P-150	1.59	1.59	1.68	1.74	1.78	1.78	1.66	1.66	1.66
San Francisco-----	P-150	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.73	1.78	1.79	1.68	1.69	1.69

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Table 5 - PERSONAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
A. TOILETRIES - Continued										
SANITARY NAPKINS, regular size, per box of 12 2/										
Atlanta-----	P-160	(1/)	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39
Baltimore-----	P-160	\$ 0.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39
Chicago-----	P-160	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38
Cincinnati-----	P-160	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39
Detroit-----	P-160	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39
Los Angeles-----	P-160	.37	.37	.37	.37	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38
New York-----	P-160	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38
Philadelphia-----	P-160	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39
St. Louis-----	P-160	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38	.38
San Francisco-----	P-160	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.38	.38	.38	.38
CLEANSING TISSUE, per box of 300 tissues										
Atlanta-----	P-164	.26	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Baltimore-----	P-164	.27	.26	.26	.26	.25	.26	.25	.26	.25
Chicago-----	P-164	.25	.24	.24	.24	.24	.24	.24	.24	.24
Cincinnati-----	P-164	.25	.25	.25	.24	.24	.24	.23	.23	.23
Detroit-----	P-164	.26	.25	.26	.25	.26	.26	.26	.26	.25
Los Angeles-----	P-164	.27	.26	.26	.26	.26	.26	.25	.25	.25
New York-----	P-164	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.24	.24	.24
Philadelphia-----	P-164	.26	.25	.24	.24	.24	.24	.24	.23	.23
St. Louis-----	P-164	.26	.26	.26	.26	.25	.26	.26	.25	.24
San Francisco-----	P-164	.28	.28	.28	.28	.28	.28	.28	.28	.28
B. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES										
MAN'S HAIRCUT										
Atlanta-----	P-300	(1/)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Baltimore-----	P-300	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95
Chicago-----	P-300	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Cincinnati-----	P-300	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19
Detroit-----	P-300	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Los Angeles-----	P-300	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
New York-----	P-300	.94	.94	.94	.94	.96	.96	.96	.96	.98
Philadelphia-----	P-300	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
St. Louis-----	P-300	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
San Francisco-----	P-300	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
SHAMPOO AND WAVE SET, short hair (by professional operator)										
Atlanta-----	P-310	(1/)	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62
Baltimore-----	P-310	1.60	1.60	1.85	1.85	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Chicago-----	P-310	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.65	1.65
Cincinnati-----	P-310	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.69
Detroit-----	P-310	1.80	1.85	1.90	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95
Los Angeles-----	P-310	1.67	1.67	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.80	1.80	1.80
New York-----	P-310	1.43	1.43	1.55	1.55	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
Philadelphia-----	P-310	1.50	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.62	1.75
St. Louis-----	P-310	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.12	1.12
San Francisco-----	P-310	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81

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Table 5 - PERSONAL CARE: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
B. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES- Continued										
PERMANENT WAVE, short hair including trim, shampoo, and wave set.(by profes- sional operator)										
Atlanta-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	\$ 12.25	\$ 12.25	\$ 12.25	\$ 11.62	\$ 11.62	\$ 11.62	\$ 11.62
Baltimore-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	11.70	11.90	11.90	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05
Chicago-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	10.59	10.59	10.59	10.59	11.40	12.10	12.10
Cincinnati-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	8.50	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.38
Detroit-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Los Angeles-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	11.85	11.85	11.85	11.85	11.85	11.85	11.85
New York-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	9.69	9.69	9.69	9.69	9.69	9.69	10.29
Philadelphia-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	9.62	9.62	9.62	9.62	9.62	9.62	9.62
St. Louis-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75
San Francisco-----	P-316	(5/)	(5/)	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70

1/ Atlanta was priced on a different cycle prior to 1953.

2/ Manufacturer's brands, nationally advertised.

3/ Package of 4 blades of lighter weight and lower quality steel.

4/ Change in outlet sample. Quotations from outlets common to both old and new samples showed no price change from preceding period.

5/ Cold wave was not priced prior to June 1953.

Table 6 - READING AND RECREATION: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
RADIO, table model, dark plastic cabinet 1/										
Atlanta-----	R-300	(2/)	\$ 24.20	\$ 24.42	\$ 24.42	\$ 22.70	\$ 23.20	\$ 22.95	\$ 22.95	\$ 22.95
Baltimore-----	R-300	\$ 23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	22.95	23.15	23.55	23.35	22.95
Chicago-----	R-300	(3/)	(3/)	24.62	24.62	24.62	24.12	(3/)	22.95	22.95
Cincinnati-----	R-300	23.35	23.35	23.35	23.35	23.45	22.15	21.85	21.85	21.35
Detroit-----	R-300	24.20	24.32	23.95	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.53	21.55
Los Angeles-----	R-300	24.12	24.12	22.78	22.78	22.62	22.12	22.12	22.12	21.28
New York-----	R-300	24.52	24.52	23.53	24.52	24.66	24.33	23.24	22.81	22.38
Philadelphia-----	R-300	23.95	23.85	24.20	23.70	21.58	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.20
St. Louis-----	R-300	24.45	24.45	24.45	24.75	24.75	23.82	23.82	24.33	23.82
San Francisco-----	R-300	25.32	25.32	25.32	23.95	23.95	23.95	23.82	23.82	23.82
MOTION PICTURE admission, adult 1/										
Atlanta-----	R-600	(2/)	.52	.52	.55	.58	.56	.55	.54	.54
Baltimore-----	R-600	.51	.51	.52	.53	.54	.54	.53	.58	.55
Chicago-----	R-600	.74	.74	.77	.84	.84	.84	.86	.89	.88
Cincinnati-----	R-600	.57	.57	.57	.59	.59	5/.56	.56	.56	.56
Detroit-----	R-600	.68	.69	.69	.74	.84	.77	.78	.79	.78
Los Angeles-----	R-600	.55	.59	.59	.61	.62	.62	.62	.68	.62
New York-----	R-600	.75	.76	.76	.76	.84	.79	.83	.87	.99
Philadelphia-----	R-600	.74	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.80	.88	.85
St. Louis-----	R-600	.54	.55	.55	.56	.56	.56	.52	.52	.55
San Francisco-----	R-600	.66	.68	.70	.71	.71	.76	.76	.77	.79
MOTION PICTURE admission, child 1/										
Atlanta-----	R-604	(2/)	.13	.14	.14	.17	.17	.18	.16	.17
Baltimore-----	R-604	.19	.19	.19	.19	.20	6/.19	.19	.20	.20
Chicago-----	R-604	.24	.24	.24	.24	.24	.25	.26	.26	.26
Cincinnati-----	R-604	.23	.23	.23	.23	.24	.23	.23	.23	.23
Detroit-----	R-604	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.24	.25	.25	.25
Los Angeles-----	R-604	.17	.18	.18	.18	.18	.18	.18	.22	.19
New York-----	R-604	.35	.35	.35	.35	.42	.34	.34	.35	.32
Philadelphia-----	R-604	.18	.23	.23	.23	.23	.23	.26	.26	.27
St. Louis-----	R-604	.18	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.17	.17	.19
San Francisco-----	R-604	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.22	.24	.22
NEWSPAPER, daily edition, on the street, per copy										
Atlanta-----	R-700	(2/)	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
Baltimore-----	R-700	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
Chicago-----	R-700	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
Cincinnati-----	R-700	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
Detroit-----	R-700	.07	.07	.07	.07	.07	.07	.07	.07	.07
Los Angeles-----	R-700	.10	.10	.09	.09	.09	.08	.09	.10	.10
New York-----	R-700	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
Philadelphia-----	R-700	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
St. Louis-----	R-700	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
San Francisco-----	R-700	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10

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Table 6 - READING AND RECREATION: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services, in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly - Continued

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
NEWSPAPERS, daily and Sunday editions, delivered to home, per month										
Atlanta-----	R-711	(2/)	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95
Baltimore-----	R-711	\$ 1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95
Chicago-----	R-711	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.09
Cincinnati-----	R-711	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	2.17
Detroit-----	R-711	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60
Los Angeles-----	R-711	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
New York-----	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Philadelphia-----	R-711	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95
St. Louis-----	R-711	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88
San Francisco-----	R-711	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

1/ This article is subject to special pricing procedure. Instead of obtaining the price for the one brand which sells in largest volume in each store, the Bureau's agent reports prices for one model of each manufacturer whose line is carried in each store. When a manufacturer introduces new models, the agent prices the new model most nearly comparable to that previously priced. The prices that are published are based on those brands for which prices are available for all dates included in the table. Some of the differences between cities are due to greater popularity of specific brands in some cities than in others.

2/ Atlanta was priced on a different cycle prior to 1953.

3/ Number of quotations for items conforming to specification insufficient for publication of average price.

4/ Prices include all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes (See appendix D).

5/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$0.59 in December 1953 and \$0.62 in March 1954.

6/ Change in outlet sample. Quotations from outlets common to both old and new samples showed no price change from preceding period.

7/ Home delivery of newspapers in New York city is of minor importance. Out-of-town mail subscriptions to nearby areas averaged \$2.69 from December 1952 to December 1954.

Table 7 - OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES: Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities and Services,
in 10 Cities, December 1952 to December 1954, Quarterly

Item and city	Spec. No.	1952	1953				1954			
		Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
CIGARETTES, per pack, stan- dard brands, regular size <u>1</u> / ₂										
Atlanta-----	0-100	(<u>2</u> / ₂)	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23
Baltimore-----	0-100	.20	.21	.21	.21	.21	.23	.23	.23	.23
Chicago-----	0-100	.22	.22	.24	.24	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Cincinnati-----	0-100	.20	.21	.21	.21	.21	.21	.21	.21	.21
Detroit-----	0-100	.21	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22
Los Angeles-----	0-100	.18	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19	.19
New York-----	0-100	.22	.23	.23	.23	.23	.23	.23	.23	.24
Philadelphia-----	0-100	.22	.23	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.23	.23
St. Louis-----	0-100	.20	.21	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22
San Francisco-----	0-100	.20	.21	.22	.21	.21	.21	.21	.21	.21
CIGARETTES, per carton, stan- dard brands, regular size <u>3</u> / ₄										
Atlanta-----	0-104	---	---	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17
Baltimore-----	0-104	---	---	2.00	1.98	<u>4</u> / ₄ 1.92	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
Chicago-----	0-104	---	---	2.08	2.08	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.18	<u>5</u> / ₂ 2.20
Cincinnati-----	0-104	---	---	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.96	1.96	1.96
Detroit-----	0-104	---	---	2.07	2.06	<u>5</u> / ₂ 2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04
Los Angeles-----	0-104	---	---	1.70	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.74
New York-----	0-104	---	---	2.13	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.14	2.12	2.12
Philadelphia-----	0-104	---	---	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20
St. Louis-----	0-104	---	---	1.92	1.92	1.89	1.86	1.88	1.88	1.88
San Francisco-----	0-104	---	---	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84
CIGAR, domestic, regular size <u>1</u> / ₂										
Atlanta-----	0-200	(<u>2</u> / ₂)	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08
Baltimore-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
Chicago-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
Cincinnati-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
Detroit-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
Los Angeles-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
New York-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
Philadelphia-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
St. Louis-----	0-200	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08
San Francisco-----	0-200	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10

¹/ Prices include all applicable Federal, State and local taxes (See appendix D).

²/ Atlanta was priced on a different cycle prior to 1953.

³/ Not priced before April 1953. Prices include all applicable Federal, State and local taxes except retail sales taxes (See appendix D).

⁴/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples were \$1.94 in September 1953 and \$1.96 in December 1953.

⁵/ Change in outlet sample. Averages for outlets common to both old and new samples showed no price change from preceding period.

Appendix A. Frequency of Price Collection for 46 Cities Included in the Consumer Price Index

<u>Population size group (1947)</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Frequency of price collection 1/</u>
A-1. Over 2,000,000	*Chicago, Ill.	Monthly
	*Detroit, Mich.	Monthly
	*Los Angeles, Calif.	Monthly
	*New York, N.Y.	Monthly
	*Philadelphia, Pa.	Monthly
A-2. 1,000,000 to 2,000,000	*Baltimore, Md.	March, June, September, December
	Boston, Mass.	January, April, July, October
	Cleveland, Ohio	February, May, August, November
	Pittsburgh, Pa.	January, April, July, October
	*St. Louis, Mo.	March, June, September, December
	*San Francisco, Calif.	March, June, September, December
	Washington, D. C.	February, May, August, November
B. 240,000 to 1,000,000	*Atlanta, Ga.	March, June, September, December
	*Cincinnati, Ohio	March, June, September, December
	Houston, Texas	February, May, August, November
	Kansas City, Mo.	January, April, July, October
	Minneapolis, Minn.	January, April, July, October
	Portland, Oregon	January, April, July, October
	Scranton, Pa.	February, May, August, November
	Seattle, Washington	February, May, August, November
	Youngstown, Ohio	March, June, September, December
C. 30,500 to 240,000	Canton, Ohio	January, April, July, October
	Charleston, W. Va.	January, April, July, October
	Evansville, Ind.	February, May, August, November
	Huntington, W. Va.	February, May, August, November
	Lynchburg, Va.	January, April, July, October
	Madison, Wis.	March, June, September, December
	Middletown, Conn.	February, May, August, November
	Newark, Ohio	March, June, September, December
	San Jose, Calif.	March, June, September, December
D. 2,500 to 30,500	Anna, Ill.	March, July, November
	Camden, Ark.	February, June, October
	Garrett, Ind.	February, June, October
	Glendale, Ariz.	March, July, November
	Grand Forks, N. Dak.	January, May, September
	Grand Island, Neb.	March, July, November
	Laconia, N. H.	March, July, November
	Lodi, California	April, August, December
	Madill, Okla.	January, May, September
	Middlesboro, Ky.	April, August, December
	Pulaski, Va.	January, May, September
	Ravenna, Ohio	January, May, September
	Rawlins, Wyo.	February, June, October
	Sandpoint, Idaho	April, August, December
	Shawnee, Okla.	February, June, October
	Shenandoah, Iowa	April, August, December

*Denotes cities for which average prices are included in this bulletin.

1/ Prices are obtained monthly for many commodities including foods, fuels, rents, nonfood grocery items, and group hospitalization. This list is being extended to other important goods and services whose prices are subject to local influences.

APPENDIX B. — Relative Importance of Items Included in the Consumer Price Index, December 1954

The following table lists all of the goods and services that are priced for the CPI. Items for which average prices are included in tables 1 to 7 in this report are indicated by an asterisk (*).

The relative importance of each item in the index as of December 1954 is indicated by the percentage figures. They were obtained by computing the percentage distribution of the values used in December 1954 for the computation of the index. (The values are equivalent to quantity weights multiplied by December 1954 prices).

These relative importance figures are published by the Bureau once each year in the Monthly Labor Review, since changes in prices which differ from item to item, will change the percentage distribution of values.

The most recent publication of these data in the Monthly Labor Review for April 1955 includes a detailed description of the computation procedure.

Table B-1.—List of items priced for the Consumer Price Index and their relative importance in the major groups of items and in the all-items index, December 1954

Item	December 1954		Item	December 1954	
	Percent of all items total	Percent of major group total		Percent of all items total	Percent of major group total
FOOD-----	26.88	100.00	Food at home--Continued		
Food at home-----	24.20	83.79	Fresh vegetables--Continued		
Cereals and bakery products-----	3.22	11.15	Green beans-----	0.11	0.39
Cereals-----	1.00	3.51	Cabbage-----	.04	.14
Flour, wheat-----	.56	1.96	Carrots-----	.09	.33
Biscuit mix-----	.15	.53	Onions-----	.08	.26
Corn flakes-----	.10	.33	Tomatoes-----	.23	.81
Rolled oats-----	.07	.25	Celery-----	.09	.32
Corn meal-----	.04	.15	Lettuce-----	.16	.56
Rice-----	.08	.29	Canned fruits-----	.57	1.98
Bakery products-----	2.22	7.64	Orange juice-----	.22	.77
Bread, white-----	1.56	5.38	Peaches-----	.16	.57
Soda crackers-----	.16	.54	Pineapple, sliced-----	.10	.34
Vanilla cookies-----	.50	1.72	Fruit cocktail-----	.09	.30
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	6.94	24.04	Canned vegetables-----	.60	2.08
Beef-----	1.82	6.29	Corn-----	.12	.43
Round steak-----	.79	2.74	Peas-----	.16	.55
Rib roast-----	.15	.51	Tomatoes-----	.19	.64
Chuck roast-----	.45	1.54	Strained baby food-----	.13	.46
Hamburger-----	.43	1.50	Frozen fruits-----	.13	.46
Veal cutlets-----	.18	.62	Orange juice concentrate-----	.10	.36
Pork-----	2.38	8.26	Strawberries-----	.03	.10
Pork chops-----	.79	2.74	Frozen vegetables-----	.13	.45
Smoked ham-----	.67	2.31	Peas-----	.08	.27
Bacon-----	.92	3.21	Green beans-----	.05	.18
Lamb, leg-----	.17	.59	Dried fruits and vegetables-----	.18	.62
Other meats-----	.92	3.16	Prunes-----	.08	.29
Frankfurters-----	.66	2.27	Navy beans-----	.10	.33
Canned luncheon meat-----	.26	.89	Other food at home-----	5.83	20.18
Poultry: Frying chickens-----	.92	3.20	Partially prepared foods-----	.52	1.83
Fish-----	.55	1.92	Vegetable soup-----	.37	1.29
Fresh and frozen fin fish-----	.29	1.01	Beans with pork-----	.15	.54
Canned salmon-----	.09	.31	Condiments and sauces-----	.34	1.17
Canned tuna-----	.17	.60	Sweet gherkins-----	.24	.83
Dairy products-----	3.96	13.70	Tomato catsup-----	.10	.34
Butter-----	.44	1.52	Nonalcoholic beverages-----	1.86	6.41
Cheese, American process-----	.48	1.66	Coffee-----	1.37	4.69
Milk, fresh (delivered)-----	1.21	4.18	Tea-----	.13	.46
Milk, fresh (grocery)-----	1.24	4.31	Cola drinks-----	.36	1.26
Milk, evaporated-----	.27	.92	Fats and oils-----	.95	3.26
Ice cream-----	.32	1.11	Margarine-----	.24	.82
Fruits and vegetables-----	4.25	14.72	Lard-----	.12	.42
Fresh fruits-----	1.38	4.71	Vegetable shortening-----	.31	1.06
Oranges-----	.36	1.20	Salad dressing-----	.18	.62
Lemons-----	.05	.17	Peanut butter-----	.10	.34
Grapefruit-----	.05	.18	Sugar and sweets-----	.95	3.30
Apples-----	.33	1.13	Sugar, white-----	.38	1.31
Bananas-----	.24	.83	Corn sirup-----	.13	.44
Peaches-----	.09	.31	Grape jelly-----	.13	.47
Grapes-----	.08	.27	Chocolate bar-----	.31	1.08
Strawberries-----	.07	.25	Eggs, fresh-----	1.11	3.85
Watermelons-----	.11	.37	Miscellaneous: Flavored gelatin dessert-----	.10	.36
Fresh vegetables-----	1.26	4.42	Food away from home: Restaurant meals-----	4.68	16.21
Potatoes-----	.41	1.41			
Sweetpotatoes-----	.05	.18			

See footnotes at end of table.

Appendix B.—Continued

Table B-1.—List of items priced for the Consumer Price Index and their relative importance in the major groups of items and in the all-items index, December 1954—Continued

Item	December 1954		Item	December 1954	
	Percent of all items total	Percent of major group total		Percent of all items total	Percent of major group total
HOUSING-----	33.02	100.00	APPAREL-----	9.33	100.00
Residential rents-----	5.84	17.68	Men's and boys' apparel-----	2.97	31.81
Other shelter-----	12.37	37.48	Men's apparel-----	2.51	26.92
Housing away from home 1/-----	.40	1.21	Topcoats-----	.21	2.33
Homeowner expenditures-----	11.97	36.27	Jackets-----	.13	1.36
Sale prices of homes-----	6.11	18.51	Sweaters-----	.06	.59
Real estate taxes-----	1.04	3.16	*Suits, heavy wool-----	.45	4.88
Mortgage interest rates-----	1.65	5.01	Suits, light wool-----	.07	.75
Property insurance rates-----	.21	.62	*Suits, rayon-----	.09	.98
Repairs and improvements-----	2.96	8.97	*Slacks, wool-----	.15	1.58
Repainting garage-----	.15	.46	*Slacks, rayon-----	.05	.54
*Exterior house paint-----	.26	.79	*Trousers, work-----	.20	2.18
Repainting dining room-----	.28	.84	Overalls-----	.13	1.36
*Paint brush-----	.30	.90	*Shirts, work-----	.08	.83
Reshingling house roof-----	.30	.91	*Gloves, work-----	.04	.47
*Replacing hot water heater-----	.76	2.31	Shirts, sport-----	.10	1.09
Kitchen cabinet sink-----	.13	.39	*Shirts, business-----	.19	2.00
*Sink faucet-----	.31	.93	*Shorts, cotton-----	.05	.52
Refinishing dining room floor-----	.17	.53	*Undershirts, knit-----	.16	1.72
Porch flooring-----	.30	.91	*Pajamas-----	.06	.61
Gas and electricity-----	1.99	6.03	*Socks, cotton-----	.14	1.54
Gas, residential heating-----	.34	1.04	*Socks, rayon-----	.07	.78
Gas, other than residential heating-----	.63	1.90	Hats, felt-----	.08	.81
Electricity-----	1.02	3.09	Boys' apparel-----	.46	4.89
Solid fuels and fuel oil-----	1.34	4.05	Suits, wool-----	.13	1.26
Anthracite-----	.24	.73	Jackets, rayon-----	.05	.57
Bituminous coal-----	.52	1.56	*Slacks-----	.04	.47
Briquets-----	.2/	.01	*Dungarees, blue jeans-----	.09	1.01
Wood and prestologs-----	.02	.06	*Shirts, sport, woven-----	.11	1.10
Fuel oil-----	.51	1.55	*Undershorts, knit-----	.04	.48
Range oil-----	.05	.14	Women's and girls' apparel-----	4.09	43.87
Housefurnishings-----	6.27	18.99	Women's apparel-----	3.40	36.53
Textile housefurnishings-----	.74	2.26	*Coats, heavy wool, plain-----	.47	5.12
*Sheets-----	.18	.56	Coats, light wool-----	.17	1.79
*Blankets-----	.08	.25	Coats, fur-----	.08	.89
*Bedspreads, cotton-----	.08	.24	*Suits, wool-----	.27	2.85
*Towels-----	.06	.19	Suits, rayon-----	.09	1.02
*Tablecloths, cotton-----	.03	.09	Dresses, wool-----	.09	1.00
*Draperies fabrics, cotton-----	.16	.49	Dresses, rayon-----	.39	4.14
*Curtains, cotton and rayon-----	.15	.44	*Dresses, cotton, street-----	.20	2.09
Floor coverings-----	.55	1.65	*Housedresses-----	.13	1.41
*Rugs, wool, axminster, and broadloom-----	.36	1.09	*Skirts, wool-----	.03	.31
Rugs, cotton, scatter-----	.06	.17	*Skirts, rayon-----	.09	.96
*Rugs, felt base-----	.13	.39	*Blouses, rayon-----	.14	1.46
Furniture-----	1.76	5.32	Sweaters, wool-----	.08	.84
*Living room suites-----	.54	1.61	Shorts, cotton, sport-----	.03	.31
*Dinette sets, wood-----	.14	.41	*Slips, nylon tricot-----	.07	.71
Dinette sets, chrome-----	.19	.58	*Slips, rayon-----	.11	1.19
*Bedroom suites-----	.50	1.54	*Panties, rayon-----	.10	1.06
Sofa beds-----	.17	.51	Girdles-----	.12	1.30
*Bedsprings, coil-----	.06	.19	Brassieres-----	.11	1.14
*Mattresses, innerspring construction-----	.16	.48	*Nightgowns, rayon and cotton-----	.10	1.11
Major household appliances-----	2.23	6.74	*Stockings, nylon-----	.39	4.27
*Refrigerators, electric-----	.85	2.55	*Gloves, cotton and leather-----	.04	.48
Cookstoves-----	.48	1.46	Handbags, fabric-----	.10	1.05
*Washing machines, electric-----	.50	1.52	Girls' apparel-----	.69	7.34
*Vacuum cleaners, electric-----	.22	.68	Coats-----	.19	2.04
*Sewing machines, electric-----	.18	.53	Dresses, cotton-----	.14	1.52
Small household appliances: *Toasters, electric-----	.21	.64	Skirts, wool-----	.08	.81
Housewares-----	.50	1.53	Sweaters, cardigan, wool-----	.08	.88
*Dinnerware, 53-piece set-----	.16	.50	*Panties-----	.12	1.25
*Saucepans, aluminum-----	.24	.73	*Anklets-----	.08	.84
Brooms-----	.10	.30	Footwear-----	1.47	15.71
Miscellaneous-----	.28	.85	Men's-----	.51	5.49
*Napkins, paper-----	.04	.11	*Oxfords-----	.29	3.10
*Toilet tissue-----	.18	.55	*Work shoes-----	.14	1.48
*Electric light bulbs-----	.06	.19	*Rubbers, dress-----	.08	.91
Household operation-----	5.21	15.77	Women's-----	.51	5.47
*Laundry soap and detergents-----	.62	1.88	*Oxfords and pumps, street-----	.36	3.84
*Dry cleaning-----	1.21	3.66	*Play shoes-----	.15	1.63
*Laundry services-----	.69	2.08	*Children's oxfords-----	.30	3.18
Automatic laundry service-----	.09	.27	*Shoe repairs, men's and women's-----	.15	1.57
Domestic services-----	.54	1.63	Other apparel-----	.80	8.61
Telephone rates-----	1.06	3.20	*Diapers-----	.18	1.88
Residential water rates-----	.32	.97	Yard goods-----	.17	1.84
Postage-----	.25	.77	*Cotton-----	.13	1.44
Ice-----	.11	.33	*Rayon-----	.04	.40
Tools 1/-----	.32	.96	Miscellaneous 1/-----	.45	4.89

See footnotes at end of table.

Appendix B.—Continued

Table B-1.—List of items priced for the Consumer Price Index and their relative importance in the major groups of items and in the all-items index, December 1954—Continued

Item	December 1954		Item	December 1954	
	Percent of all items total	Percent of major group total		Percent of all items total	Percent of major group total
TRANSPORTATION-----	11.17	100.00	PERSONAL CARE-----	2.14	100.00
Automobile-----	9.80	87.76	*Men's haircut-----	.62	29.50
New cars-----	2.75	24.60	*Permanent wave-----	.13	6.06
Used cars-----	1.51	13.49	*Shampoo and wave set-----	.19	8.75
*Auto repairs-----	1.12	10.05	*Toilet soap-----	.21	10.01
*Tires-----	.30	2.71	*Cleansing tissues-----	.13	6.03
*Gasoline-----	2.26	20.28	*Toothpaste-----	.21	9.61
*Motor oil-----	.21	1.86	*Shampoo, liquid-----	.11	5.18
Auto insurance-----	.92	8.26	*Shaving cream-----	.06	2.81
Registration and license fees-----	.29	2.57	*Home permanent refill-----	.04	2.01
Parking 1/-----	.14	1.27	*Face powder-----	.12	5.41
Taxicabs 1/-----	.30	2.67	*Face cream-----	.12	5.41
*Local public transportation: Streetcar and bus fares	1.10	9.81	*Razor blades-----	.14	6.45
Railroad fares-----	.27	2.43	*Sanitary napkins-----	.06	2.77
MEDICAL CARE-----	5.05	100.00	READING AND RECREATION-----	5.24	100.00
Physician-----	1.60	31.79	*Radio, table model-----	.36	6.83
*Office visit-----	.71	14.14	Television sets-----	.82	15.65
*Home visit-----	.71	14.07	Television repairs-----	.04	.81
Obstetrical care-----	.18	3.58	Motion-picture admissions-----	1.57	29.81
*Surgeon: Appendectomy-----	.17	3.30	*Adult-----	1.24	23.57
*Specialist: Tonsillectomy-----	.09	1.73	*Child-----	.33	6.24
Dentist-----	.84	16.57	Toys-----	.28	5.37
*Filling-----	.67	13.25	Sporting goods-----	1.19	22.74
*Extraction-----	.17	3.32	*Newspapers-----	.98	18.79
*Optometrist: Eyeglasses, complete-----	.27	5.33	OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES-----	5.17	100.00
Hospital rates-----	.22	4.28	*Cigarettes-----	1.82	35.17
*Men's pay ward-----	.07	1.36	*Cigars-----	.14	2.69
*Room-----	.15	2.92	Beer-----	1.46	28.19
Group hospitalization-----	1.06	21.29	Whiskey-----	.92	17.84
Prescriptions and drugs-----	.80	15.71	Miscellaneous 1/ 3/-----	.83	16.11
*Prescriptions, narcotic and nonnarcotic-----	.28	5.49			
*Penicillin tablets-----	.08	1.51			
*Multiple vitamin concentrates-----	.20	3.86			
Aspirin-----	.18	3.62			
*Milk of magnesia-----	.06	1.23			

* Denotes items for which averages prices are published in this bulletin.

1/ Not actually priced; imputed to another priced item or group of items.

2/ Less than 0.005 percent.

3/ Miscellaneous services such as legal services, banking fees, and burial services.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices for Items Included in this Bulletin

This appendix contains the specifications developed and used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for its price collection program insofar as it relates to the price data published in this bulletin. In addition special instructions given to the field agents which will help in the interpretation of the price data have been included. The code numbers identify the articles and services for which prices are published in tables 1 - 7. When significant revisions have been made in the specifications between December 1952 and December 1954, the date and kind of revision is indicated by special note.

I. HOUSING

A. HOME REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

H-104 Reg. EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINT

Description: Exterior house paint, white
First quality. Exclude "trim" paint
Pricing Unit: 1-gallon lots
Brands: Nationally advertised (If unable to price nationally advertised brands, substitute to local brand representative in the city being priced.)
Specify: Whether nationally advertised or local brand.

H-106 Reg. PAINT BRUSH

Material: 100 percent pure imported hog bristle
Size: $3\frac{1}{2}$ " to 4" wide. 3" to 3- $\frac{3}{4}$ " from ferrule to tip. $\frac{7}{8}$ " thick.
Construction: Vulcanized in rubber
Brands: Price 2 volume selling brands (in each outlet) purchased by homeowners only; (exclude quality of brush purchased in volume by professional craftsmen.)
Specify: Size (width x length x thickness)

H-107 Alt. PAINT BRUSH

Same as H-106 except for the following:

Material: 70 percent pure imported hog bristle and 30 percent filling material other than pure bristle.

H-108 Alt. PAINT BRUSH

Same as H-106 except for the following:

Material: 100 percent nylon bristle
Size: $3\frac{1}{2}$ " to 4" wide. 3" to 4" from ferrule to tip. $\frac{7}{8}$ " thick.

H-130 Reg. WATER HEATER

Style: Standard type model (exclude table top models)
Galvanized steel or glass-lined steel. Fully automatic.

Finish: Enamel

Construction: Insulation of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches spun, or fibre glass or rock wool. *Magnesium rod or glass-lined. 100 percent cut-off safety pilot.

Capacity: 30 gallons. Recovery rate of at least 33 gallons per hour for 60°F rise. Input of at least 24,000 BTU'S per hour.

Guarantee: Straight 5 years, or 5 years with an additional 5 years on sliding scale (either pre-rated or based on mileage), or 10 years.

Replacement Conditions: Standard or convenient arrangement of existing pipes. Pipes do not need replacing.

Brands: Price 2 volume selling brands in each outlet.

Specify: Whether magnesium rod or glass-lined.

Special Instructions: Report total price. Indicate the installation charge by footnote.

H-144.1 Reg. and H-145.1 Alt. FAUCET, SINK

Style: Combination kitchen faucet. Swinging spout. (exclude spray attachment.)

Type: H-144.1: Wall mount (exposed through back assembly.)

H-145.1: Ledge (horizontal deck) type

Material: Brass, chrome finish

Replacement Conditions: Standard or convenient arrangement of existing pipes. Pipes do not need replacement.

Brands: Price 2 volume selling brands in each outlet

Special Instructions: Report total price including installation. Indicate the installation charge by footnote. Specify whether with or without soap dish (if with, specify price of soap dish.) Specify whether with or without aerator (if with, specify price of aerator.)

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

I. HOUSING - Continued

B. HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES

H-400 Reg. BATH TOWEL

Style: White or colors, may have contrasting color borders (exclude Jacquard designs)

Fabric: Terry, 3 pick

Yarn: Carded cotton

Construction: Selvage sides

Weight: 6½-7½ lb./doz.

Size: 22 x 44 inches

H-441 Alt. to H-440 TABLECLOTH

Fabric: Plain weave, solid colors

Yarn: Spun rayon and combed cotton, 2-ply preferred or may be single ply

Thread Count (gray): Approx. 64x40

Finish: May be pre-laundered or 1% or less residual shrinkage. Vat dyed

Construction: Machine hemmed

Size: 52x52 or 54x54 inches

H-410 Reg and H-411 Alt. SHEET

Fabric: Muslin, white

Yarn: Carded cotton

Thread Count (gray): 64x64 (type 128)

Finish: Bleached. Finish not to contain over 6% sizing

Construction: Hand torn, plain hems, tape selvage

Size* (before hemming): H-410: 81"x99"

H-411: 81"x108"

H-450 Reg. CURTAINS

Style: Ruffled (Priscilla type) with tiebacks

Fabric: Marquisette, plain, pin, pebble, or cushion dot. White, cream, or ecru

Yarn: Cotton

Thread Count (gray): Plain, 48x28; pin dot, 46x22; pebble dot, 40x18; cushion dot, 46x18

Finish: Regular preferred or may be permanent

Construction: Plain hemmed. Ruffle approx. 6 to 7 inches finished width. 1-3/4 to 2 fullness (i.e. 1-3/4 to 2 in. fullness to each 1 inch of curtain body)

Size* (including ruffle): Length: A - 90 inches, B - 81 inches. Width: A - 50 to 52 inches. (Approx. 45" acceptable on West Coast.)

Seasons: Designated for each city

H-420 Reg. BEDSPREAD

Style: Fancy patterns

Fabric: Jacquard weave, single color (one color and white)

Yarn: Carded cotton

Finish: Colorfast to washing

Construction: Woven selvage edges, hemmed ends

Weight: Approx. 3-3½ lbs.

Size: Full bed size, approximately 85x105

H-451 Reg. CURTAINS

Style: Ruffled (Priscilla type) with tiebacks

Fabric: Organdy, white

Yarn: Combed cotton

Thread Count (gray): 60x52

Finish: Heberlein or comparable "permanent" finish

Construction: French headed, picot edge. Ruffle: 6-inch cut width, 1-3/4 fullness (i.e. 1-3/4 yds. fullness to 1 yd. finished ruffle), Back hems, ruffled tiebacks

Size: Width, each panel: 41-42 in. Length: A. 90 in. B. 81 inches; C. 72 inches

Seasons: Designated for each city

Special Instructions: Price length originally selected city-wide

H-430 Reg. BLANKET

Style: Single, approx. 5½-7 inch acetate satin or taffeta binding

Fabric: Blanket, double or single woven, solid colors

Yarn: All new wool

Weight: 3½ to 3-3/4 lbs.

Size: 72x90 inches

Seasons: September through January

H-460 Reg. CURTAINS

Style: Tailored

Fabric: Marquisette, white or eggshell

Yarn: Rayon

Thread Count (gray): 44x30 per in.

Construction: "Hemmed and headed": Bottom Hem: minimum 3 inches. Side hems: 1-1½ inches. May be double stitched. (Exclude corded and faced-back edges)

Finished rod pockets

Size: Width: 40-42 inches. Length: A. 90 inches; B. 81 inches; C. 72 inches; D. 63 inches

Seasons: Designated for each city

H-440 Reg. TABLECLOTH

Fabric: Dobby crepe or granite weave (momie or "mummie" crepe) or sailcloth; screen printed (sometimes termed "hand printed") 3 to 6 colors

Yarn: Carded cotton

Thread Count (gray): Crepe, 68x72

Weight: Sailcloth: Regular, (exclude junior sailcloth)

Finish: Colorfast to washing

Construction: Machine hemmed ends, woven selvage sides

Size: 52x52 inches or 54x54 inches

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

I. HOUSING - Continued

B. HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES

H-480 Reg. DRAPERY FABRIC

Fabric*:

a - Pebble Cloth

b - Bark Cloth

Solid Colors

Yarn: Carded CottonThread Count (gray):

a - Pebble Cloth ---28x28 per inch

b - Bark Cloth ---31x36 per inch

Weight:

a - Pebble Cloth---1.18 yd./lb.

based on 52-inch material

b - Bark Cloth---1.25 yd./lb.

based on 52-inch material

Finish: Preshrunk, vat dyedWidth: Finished: approximately 48 inches

C. FLOOR COVERING AND FURNITURE

H-520 Reg. AXMINSTER RUG

Style: Axminster rug. Made at factory. Current patterns; (exclude mill drops.)Yarn*: All wool, 2 or 3 ply.Construction: 4-2/3 rows per inchBacking: Jute or paperSize: 9 x 12 feetNote*: If factory finished rug cannot be priced,(a) Roll price including binding charge (not serging) for a 9x12 ft. rug is acceptable for outlets customarily selling from the roll, or
(b) If an outlet sells rugs from samples only, prices are acceptable.(NOTE: The "Note" was added Sept. 1953, to permit pricing of "roll goods and pricing from samples")

H-521 Alt. to H-520 AXMINSTER RUG

Same as H-520 except for the following:

Yarn*: 50 percent wool and 50 percent carpet rayon, 2 or 3 ply

H-530 Reg. BROADLOOM, VELVET

Style: Velvet, broadloomYarn*: All wool, 2 to 3 ply, Hard twistConstruction: 214 to 216 pitch. 8 to 8 1/2 wires per inch. 2 shot. Backing: Jute or paperWidth: 9-ft. (12/4)Note*: If an outlet sells "Broadloom" from samples only, prices are acceptable.

H-570 Reg. HARD SURFACE RUG

Construction: Felt base. Printed enamel surface.

Heavy weight.

Size: 9x12 feet

H-600 Reg. LIVING ROOM SUITE

Style: Lawson, Club, Conventional or Modern; square or T-cushionComposition of Suite*:

2-piece, sofa and chair; or 3-piece, sofa and 2 chairs

Construction*:Base and Spring: Base, interlaced strips of 3 1/2-inch firmly woven webbing; or 1-piece sagless webbing of heavy duck, burlap or material of similar grade
Spring, no-sag or zigger type; or coil springs tied 4-ways (8 knots) with good grade hemp twineCombination Base-Spring: Springs fastened to metal strips and/or rods with coil springs tied 2-ways (4 knots) with wire. May include preformed unitsEdge: Hard or spring edge, thickly paddedPlatform: Sateen or similar coveringStuffing: Felted cotton and XXXX Louisiana moss, or rubberized sisal or rubberized hairCushions: Reversible, spring filled.Back: Any type, except loose cushionsExposed wood: Gum or similar hard wood; walnut or mahogany finishCovering: Pile fabrics may have rubberized backing; plain velvet (cut pile); or Frieze or Boucle (uncut pile); or Jacquard Frieze (cut and uncut pile)Fiber Content: 100-percent mohair pile, cotton back (Government Standard or comparable grade)Note: In southern cities only, tapestry of cotton and rayon (in grade comparable to the mohair covering specified) is acceptable for pricingSize*: (2-inch range permitted)Sofa: Overall length 75" to 85"

Platform length 60" to 70"

Chair: Height 30" to 35"

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C - Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

I. HOUSING - Continued

C. FLOOR COVERING AND FURNITURE - Continued

H-601 Alt. to H-600 LIVING ROOM SUITE

Same as H-600 Reg. except for the following:

Covering*: Pile fabrics: may have rubberized backing. Frieze or Boucle (uncut pile) Jacquard Frieze (cut and uncut pile)
Fiber content of pile: (a) Mohair, rayon and cotton; may contain wool. (b) Wool, rayon and cotton

(NOTE: Sept. 1953 - added "may have rubberized backing"
Oct. 1953 - deleted nylon from the blends added cotton)

H-602 Alt. to H-600 LIVING ROOM SUITE

Same as H-600 except for the following:

Construction: Cushions: Foam rubber core; or spring-filled with felted cotton and/or layer of foam rubber.
Covering*: Pile fabrics: may have rubberized backing. Frieze or Boucle (uncut pile); or Jacquard Frieze (cut and uncut pile)
Fiber content: 100 percent nylon pile, cotton back

(NOTE: Jan. 1954 - added "Cushions: May have foam rubber core; or spring-filled with felted cotton and/or layer of foam rubber")

H-630 Alt. to H-631 BEDSPRING

Style: Coil, double-deck. (exclude single-deck springs)
Construction*: 88 to 90 coils. May have border of single-deck coils.
Frame: Continuous angle iron bottom and top border (exclude springs with top border wire)
Platform top. One pair of stabilizers.
Finish: Oil paint or aluminum.
Size: Double bed.

H-631 Reg. BOX SPRING

Style: Box spring. Plain border. Taped edges.
Construction*: 80 to 90 coils, wire tied
Spring unit covered with sisal pad and layers of cotton
Covering*: Damask, drill, sateen or woven ticking; or other material of comparable quality.
Weight: 6 to 6½ oz./yd. (exclude 8 oz./yd. fabrics)
Size: Double bed

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

H-635 Reg. MATTRESS

Style: Innerspring mattress
Construction*: 209 to 232 coils. Wire tied spring unit covered with sisal pad and/or layers of felted cotton. Prebuilt border with true inner roll.
Button tufts. 4 to 8 ventilators.
Covering*: Damask, drill, sateen or woven ticking; or other material of comparable quality.
Weight: 6 to 6½ oz./yd. (exclude 8 oz./yd. fabrics)
Size: Double bed

H-651.1 and H-652.1 Reg. BEDROOM SUITE

Style: Modern. Straight line (also called "functional" and "plank-top") *Panel, bookcase or bar bed; regular chest (exclude commercial modern also called "waterfall")

Composition of Suite*: A. 3-major pieces; bed, chest, double dresser with mirror. B. 4-major pieces; bed, chest, double dresser with mirror, vanity with mirror and bench. C. Any other combination e.g. including night table, chest-robe, etc.

Construction:Exterior Wood*:

Veneered: Walnut (sliced or quartered), mahogany, Korina or Oak.

Finishes*: Blond, bleached, Cordovan, limed, gray or chocolate, etc.

(exclude laminated core woods)

Cases: 5-ply tops and fronts; 3-ply end panels

Bed: *3 or 5-ply panels; side rails - hardwood or metal

Structural parts: Gum or similar hardwood

General construction: All pieces framed and braced

throughout; mortised and tenoned, or doweled. All joints carefully fitted. All exposed surfaces including interiors of cases and drawers carefully machined and sanded; smooth edges.

Cases: Glue-blocked and reinforced throughout

Drawers: Dovetailed all corners; bottom fitted into groove in back panel to provide full box construction; finished interiors; full depth; center guides; dust-proofed throughout.

Finish: Water stain; silex filler; toning if necessary; prime coat or "surfacers" and one coat of varnish or 2 of clear lacquer, sanded between coats.

Sizes*: (2" range permitted)

H-651.1 Single dresser: 42" to 46" x 18" to 21"; *3 or 4 full-length drawers.

H-652.1 Double dresser: 54" to 58" x 19" to 21"; *minimum of 6 drawers; (exclude triple dressers)

Vanity: 44" to 48" x 18" to 20"

Mirrors: Shape and size in correct proportion to style of suite

Chest: 35" to 38" x 18" to 20"; *4 or 5 drawers

Bed: 4' 6"

(NOTE: Feb. 1953 - added "Size: 2-inch range permitted
Chest: from 32-35" to 35-38"

Sept. 1953 - added "Exterior wood: solid wood - limed Oak"

Jan. 1954 - added "Style: Bookcase or Bar-type bed"

deleted "solid wood - limed Oak,
"added under veneer - "or Oak")

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

I. HOUSING - Continued

C. FLOOR COVERING AND FURNITURE - Continued

H-661 DINETTE SET

Style: Early American
Composition of Set: 5 piece, table and 4 side chairs
Construction:
Exterior Wood*:
 Solid hard Maple (northern or rock); or Birch with Maple finish
Table*: Dropleaf (extension-type with one center leaf); or
 Refectory type
Chairs*: Stool type; or continuous back-post type. Saddle seat
General Construction: All joints well-made and carefully fitted.
 Smooth edges and well-sanded surfaces.
Finish: Stained, sealed, toning if necessary; prime coat or
 "surfacers" and 2 coats of lacquer, sanded between coats.
Size*: Table: Dropleaf - 36" to 38" x 25" to 27", closed
 Refectory - 32" to 34" x 44" to 48", closed.

(NOTE: Mar. 1953 - added to table "with center leaf"
 deleted chair with "plain seat"
 added chair of "continuous back-post type"
 Table size changed from
 Dropleaf: from 35"-37" x 23"-25" to
 36"-38" x 25"-27"
 Refectory: from 30"-32" x 40"-42" to
 32"-34" x 44"-48"

D. APPLIANCES AND OTHER HOUSEWARES

H-700 Reg. SEWING MACHINE

Style*: Modern or Contemporary, (exclude desk-type)
Standard Head - Domestic Manufacturer
Cabinet: Console style. *Plain walnut or mahogany
 veneer on gum, or Mahogany or walnut finish on
 hardwood; (exclude blond or bleached finishes);
 Stretchers between legs optional. May have *Hand
 or automatic head-lift. Sewing rack built on
 inside of door, or several small drawers to hold
 sewing equipment.

Equipment: Round bobbin, automatic bobbin winder,
 Full rotary. Reversible stitch (backward and
 forward sewing). Sewing light. Full set of
 standard attachments, (exclude oscillating round
 bobbin and long bobbin).

(NOTE: Mar. 1953 - added "may have hand or automatic
 head lift)

H-710 Alt. to H-711 VACUUM CLEANER

Style: Standard model. Floor-type (upright)
Without attachments
Construction: Motor-driven brush or agitator.
 *Single or 2-speed motor, (exclude models with
 "deluxe" features, such as extra large headlight,
 bag made of fabrics other than standard cotton
 twill, bags with special inner linings, etc.)
Brand: Each period price one model of each manu-
 facturer whose line is carried in report-
 ing outlets.

(NOTE: Mar. 1953 - added "or 2-speed motor"
 Mar. 1954 - changed from "Reg." to "Alt.")

H-711 Reg. VACUUM CLEANER

Style: Standard model, (exclude "canister" type.)
 Cylinder (tank) type. With set of basic attachments
 of approximately 11 pieces
Construction: Suction. Single speed motor
Brand: Each period price one model of each manufacturer
 whose line is carried in reporting outlets.

H-712 Alt. to H-711 Reg. VACUUM CLEANER

Style: Standard model. Canister (round) type. Full set
 of attachments *(Report number of pieces)
Construction: Suction type. 3/4 - horsepower *Toe-tap
 or toggle switch. Single speed motor
Brand: Each period price one model of each manufacturer
 whose line is carried in reporting outlets.

H-720 Reg. WASHING MACHINE

Style: Standard model. Nonautomatic (wringer type)
 Agitator type. Single speed. *May have full skirt.
Construction: Porcelain enamel sheet steel tub.
 Synthetic enamel steel legs and framework. Adjustable
 position wringer with approximately 2" rolls, adjust-
 able pressure control (nonautomatic), safety pressure
 release. With electric water pump, (exclude spinner-
 type and automatic washing machines, and washers with
 automatic timers.)
Capacity*: 8-9 pounds
Brand: Each period price one model of each manufacturer
 whose line is carried in reporting outlets.

(NOTE: Sept. 1953 - added "may have full skirt")

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

I. HOUSING - Continued

D. APPLIANCES AND OTHER HOUSEWARES - Continued

H-730 Reg. REFRIGERATOR

Style: Standard model.Finish: Dulux exterior. Porcelain enamel interior.Freezing Equipment: Full-width top freezer; 28 to 52 pounds frozen food capacity; 2 to 4 ice trays; freezer drawer or tray under locker; (exclude models with individual outside doors for freezer and refrigerator)Size: 8.0 to 9.7 cu. ft.Cabinet Equipment: Removable or adjustable shelves; 14 to 21 cu. ft. shelf area; 2 crispers or hydrators (may be only 1, if full-width); storage racks and/or butter keeper on doorBrand: Each period price one model of each manufacturer whose line is carried in reporting outlets

(NOTE: Jan. 1953 - deleted "vegetable bin" added "may have butter keeper"
 June 1953 - revised to include "storage racks and/or butter keeper on door")

H-770 Reg. DINNERWARE: 53 piece set

Body: Earthenware (also known in the trade as semi-porcelain or semi-vitreous dinnerware); Ivory to white. Clear glaze. First selectionDecoration: Over glaze simple decalcomania treatment; or Liquid bright gold stamped center decoration and/or border decoration. With or without simple gilt or colored edge treatment. Under glaze decoration may be accepted (provided price is in same range as over glaze decoration from other outlets in city)Composition of Set: 8 dinner plates, 8" trade size. 8 bread and butter plates; 8 soup plates; 8 fruit or cereal dishes; 8 cups and saucers; 1 medium platter, approximately 10" to 12" trade size; 1 vegetable dish (also termed nappie or baker), approximately 8" trade size; 1 creamer; 1 sugar bowl and cover (2 pieces); (8 salad plates may be substituted for 8 soup plates); (Value of any extra pieces included in the price reported, such as vegetable dish, salt and pepper sets, cookie jars, etc., are shown separately by the agent)

H-750 Reg. TOASTER

Style: Streamlined. Automatic, "pop-up"Construction: Chrome plated body. Black or brown plastic trim. Manual lever for depressing toaster. Dial indicator (selector). Thermostatic control or timer. Crumb tray. AC or AC-DC; 110-120 volts.Approximate Overall Size: 11x6-1/8x7-1/4 inchesBrand: Each period price one model of each manufacturer whose line is carried in reporting outlets.

H-760 Reg. OPEN SAUCE PAN

Description: 2-quart - stamped process. Sheet aluminum, 16 to 18 gauge. Open pan (exclude lid). Metal side handle. Beaded rim.Brand: Manufacturer and store brands.

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

I. HOUSING - Continued

E. HOUSEHOLD OPERATION

H-800 Reg. LAUNDRY SOAP

Description: Laundry soap, granules or powder
for general laundry use.

Unit*: 20 to 28 ounce package

H-804 Reg. DETERGENT

Description: All-purpose granulated or powdered
detergent (soapless cleaner).

Unit: Large box (one pound, 3 ounces).

H-811 Reg.; H-812 Reg.; H-814 Reg.; H-815 Reg.
LAUNDRY - 20 pound bundle

Description: 20 pound laundry bundle:

H-811 - Thrifty - Everything washed; wearing
apparel returned damp; flat work
completely ironed ready for use.

H-812 - Fluffed Dry (No Starch) - Everything
washed; nothing starched; wearing
apparel returned dry; flat work re-
turned ironed ready for use.

H-814 - Economy (Family or Press Finished) -
Everything washed; articles requiring
starch are starched; wearing apparel
finished on hand press with no hand-work;
flat work is returned ironed ready for
use; no mending.

H-815 - Finished Family (Complete Finished) -
Everything washed; articles requiring
starch are starched; wearing apparel
finished with hand-work; flat work re-
turned ironed ready for use; mending
done.

H-830 Reg. DRY CLEANING AND PRESSING

Description: Cleaning and pressing man's 2-piece wool
suit. Delivered. Regular service. Include any
service charge or insurance.

(NOTE: Jan. 1953 - revised from 3-piece suit, to
2-piece suit)

H-835 Reg. DRY CLEANING AND PRESSING

Description: Cleaning and pressing women's plain
1-piece dress, without pleats. Cash, carry and
call-for. Regular service. Include any service
charge or insurance.

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices—Continued

2. APPAREL

A. MEN'S OUTERWEAR

A-110 Reg. SUIT

Style: Single or double breasted 2-piece (coat and one pair of trousers)
Fabric:
Body: Hard-finished fabrics such as worsteds, sharkskin or gabardine (exclude unfinished worsteds)
Yarn: All new wool worsted
Weight: 13 to 13½ oz./yd.
Lining: Coat half-lined and sleeves full-lined with acetate or rayon fabric
Interlining: Fronts canvas of cotton, rayon (and/or wool) and hair
Construction: Full cut
Workmanship: Approx. #4 grade tailoring: Hand-felled bottom of collar, lining hand-felled at armhole, shoulder and bottom of sleeve, handmade buttonholes in coat
Size Range: Regular 34 to 44

A-114, Reg. SUIT

Style: Single or double breasted 2-piece (coat and one pair of trousers)
Fabric:
Body: Hard-finished fabrics such as worsted, sharkskin or gabardine (exclude unfinished worsteds)
Yarn: All new wool worsted
Weight: 13 to 13½ oz./yd.
Lining: Coat half-lined and sleeves full-lined with acetate or rayon fabric
Interlining: Fronts canvas of cotton, rayon (and/or wool) and hair
Construction:
Workmanship: Approx. #1 to #2 grade tailoring: Hand-felled bottom of collar, sleeve lining may be hand-felled at top or bottom or both top and bottom, remainder of garment machine made including machine buttonholes
Size Range: Regular 34 to 44

A-120 Reg. SUIT

Style: Single or double breasted 2-piece (coat and one pair of trousers)
Fabric:
Body: Suiting;
Yarn:* Rayon and/or acetate; may contain maximum of 25% nylon
Weight: Up to 11 oz./yd. based on 59 to 60 inch width
Finish: May be crease and stain resistant
Lining: Coat half-lined and sleeves full-lined with rayon and/or acetate fabric
Interlining: Fronts canvas of cotton, rayon, and hair mixture
Construction:
Workmanship: Approx. #1 to #2 grade tailoring: Hand-felled bottom of collar, sleeve lining may be hand-felled at top or bottom or both top and bottom, remainder of garment machine made including machine buttonholes
Size Range: 34 to 44
Season and Areas: March through July, all areas, except West Coast cities

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

A-130 Reg. SLACKS

Style: Pleats at waist
Fabric:*
Body: Hard-finished worsted fabrics such as gabardine or covert (exclude serge)
Yarn: All new wool worsted
Weight: 13 to 14 oz./yd.
Lining: Waistband mercerized cotton twill or rayon
Pockets: mercerized cotton
Construction: Full cut
Clean workmanship: (comparable to that in trousers of A-110 suit.) Zipper fly
Size Range: 28 to 40 inch waist

A-136 Reg. SLACKS

Style: Pleats at waist
Fabric:
Body: Gabardine
Yarn: Rayon/acetate
Weight: 14 oz./yd.
Lining: Waistband: cotton twill or rayon;
Pockets: 3 yd./lb. cotton sheeting or twill
Construction:
Fair workmanship: Plain serged seams, zipper fly, about 2 inch outlet in back seam at waist
Size Range: Approximately 28 to 44

A-137 Alt. to A-136 SLACKS

Style: Pleats at waist, may have self belt
Fabric:*
Body: Hard-finished fabrics such as gabardine or suitings
Yarn:* Rayon and/or acetate, may contain 15 to 25% nylon
Weight:*
a. Year-round, 12½ to 15 oz./yd.; or
b. Tropical, up to 11 oz./yd.
Finish: Crease resistant, may be stain or spot resistant
Lining: Waistband: cotton or rayon twill, may be rubberized type such as Snugtex
Pockets: Cotton twill
Construction: Full cut
Clean workmanship: Serged seams, may have saddle stitching on side seam (may be welt seam) Zipper fly, *Regular belt loops and pockets or tunnel loops and/or offset pockets
Size Range: Regular (approximately 28 to 44)

A-170 Reg. WORK TROUSERS

Style: Work
Fabric:
Body: 4-leaf left hand twill, khaki or colors
Yarn: Carded cotton
Weight: (Gray): 8.2 to 8.5 oz./sq.yd.
Finish: Vat dyed; mercerized, residual shrinkage 1% or less
Pockets: Cotton drill, 2.85 yd./lb.
Construction: Full cut, 28 to 29 yd./doz. based on 37-inch fabric and size scale 29 to 42 inches
Clean workmanship:
Size Range: 30 to 44 inch waist

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

2. APPAREL--Continued

A. MEN'S OUTERWEAR--Continued

A-185 Reg. WORK SHIRT

Style: Work

Pockets:* Plain button-through preferred; or may be plain with button flap

Fabric:

Body: Chambray

Yarn: Carded cotton

Weight: Gray: 3.90 yd./lb., Finished: Approx.

3.60 yd./lb. based on 36-inch fabric

Finish: Residual shrinkage 1% or less

Construction: Full cut; 30 to 31 yd./doz. based on

36-inch fabric and neckband size scale 14 to 17

Clean workmanship: Collar interlined, continuous non-rip sleeve facing, double or triple-stitched seam, good quality buttons (exclude extra features such as double fabric elbow and forearm and extra depth front or back yoke with air vents)

Size Range: 14 to 17 inch neckband

A-188 Reg. WORK GLOVES

Style: Clute pattern, knit wrists

Fabric:

Body: Canton flannel, twilled canvas outside, napped finish on inside, single thickness

Yarn: Carded cotton

Weight: 8 oz./yd.

Wrist: Cotton, double knit

Construction: Single lockstitch seams

B. MEN'S FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES

A-200 Reg. BUSINESS SHIRT

Style: Business, fused or similarly constructed collar, attached barrel cuffs

Fabric:

Body: Broadcloth, white

Yarn: Combed cotton

Thread Count (Gray): 136 x 60 or 128 x 68

Finish: Residual shrinkage 1% or less

Construction: Full cut, 31 to 32 yd./doz. based on

36-inch fabric and neckband size scale 14 to 17

Clean workmanship:

Brand: Manufacturer's nationally advertised

Size Range: 14 to 17 inch neckband

A-230 Reg. UNDERSHIRT

Style: Athletic

Fabric:

Body: Rib knit, 1 x 1; or 2 x 2 ("Swiss rib"), or panel

Yarn: Combed cotton (exclude mercerized yarn)

Weight: 1-3/4 to 2 lb./doz.

Construction:

Fair workmanship:

May have nylonized finish; may have nylon seam stitching and/or part nylon yarn in fabric bindings

Size Range: 34 to 44 inch chest

Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple of 6 or less

A-202 Reg. BUSINESS SHIRT

Style: Business, fused collar, attached barrel cuffs

Fabric:

Body: Broadcloth, white, colors or prints

Yarn: Carded cotton

Thread Count (Gray): 100 x 60 or 112 x 60

Finish: Colorfast to washing

Residual shrinkage 1% or less

Construction: 29 to 30 yd./doz. based on 36-inch

fabric and neckband size scale 14 to 17

Fair workmanship:

Size Range: 14 to 17 neckband

A-234 Reg. SHORTS

Style: Boxer; or yoke front; gripper or button closure; woven elastic inserts at waist

Fabric:

Body: Broadcloth, printed pattern

Yarn: Carded cotton

Thread Count (Gray): 80 x 60

Finish: Residual shrinkage 1% or less; colorfast to washing

Construction: 12 to 13 yds/doz. based on 36-inch

fabric and size scale 30 to 44 inches

Fair workmanship:

Size Range: 30 to 44 inch waist

Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple units of 6 or less

A-220 Reg. PAJAMAS

Style: Coat or middy

Fabric:*

Body: Percale printed patterns; broadcloth solid colors or printed patterns

Yarn: Carded cotton

Thread Count (Gray):

Percale: 68 x 72

Broadcloth: 80 x 60

Finish:* Regular; or residual shrinkage 1% or less; colorfast to washing

Construction: 50 to 51 yd./doz. based on 36-inch

Fair workmanship:

Size Range: Regular, A to D

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

A-240 Reg. SOCKS

Style: Dress, seamless

*Half hose or slack length

Solid colors (exclude clocking)

Fabric: Cotton, knit

Yarn: Combed, mercerized, 2-ply in body

Construction: 220 to 240 needles, heels and toes reinforced with cotton and/or nylon

Size Range: Approx. 10 to 13

Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple of 6 or less

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

2. APPAREL--Continued

B. MEN'S FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES--Continued

A-244 Reg. SOCKS

Style: *Half hose or slack length; solid colors or fancy patterns
Fabric: Rayon
Weight: 14 to 18 oz./doz. based on half hose in size 11
Construction: 220 to 240 needles; mercerized cotton tops; toe heel and sole reinforced with mercerized cotton, rayon, and/or nylon
Size Range: 10 to 12
Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple of 6 or less

C. BOYS' APPAREL

A-320 Reg. SLACKS

Style: Continuous waistband with elastic in sides, pleated front, 2 side and 2 back pockets
Fabric:
Body: Gabardine
Yarn: Rayon/acetate
Weight: Approx. 14 oz./yd. based on 60" fabric
Finish: Crease resistant
Lining:
Waistband: Cotton or rayon twill fabric, may have rubberized section (Snugtex type)
Pockets: Cotton twill fabric
Construction:
Clean workmanship: Seams pressed open and serged; zipper fly; may have saddle stitching on side seam (may be welt seam); (exclude flaps on back pockets and tunnel loops)
Size Range: Junior (approx. 4 to 12)

A-321 Reg. SLACKS

Style: Continuous waistband with elastic in sides, pleated front, 2 side and 2 back pockets
Fabric:
Body: Gabardine
Yarn:* 15 to 25% nylon, balance rayon or rayon/acetate
Weight: 13 to 14 1/2 oz./yd. based on 58-60" fabric
Finish: Crease resistant may be non-oily stain resistant and washable
Lining: Same as A-320
Waistband: Cotton or rayon twill fabric, may have rubberized section (Snugtex type)
Construction:
Clean workmanship: Seams pressed open and serged; zipper fly; may have saddle stitching on side seam (may be welt seam); (exclude flaps on back pockets and tunnel loops)
Size Range: Junior (approx. 4 to 12)

A-360 Reg. DUNGAREES OR JEANS:
A-361 Alt. JEANS: Western Style

Style: A-360:* a. Dungarees; or
b. "Western" jeans; extra long or tapered legs; yoke back.
A-361: "Western" jeans; extra long or tapered legs; yoke back.
Fabric:
Body: White-back blue denim
Yarn: Carded cotton
Weight* (Finished, based on 26 to 29-inch fabric):
A-360: 8 oz./yd.
A-361: 9 to 10 oz./yd.
Finish: Residual shrinkage 1% or less
Construction: Full cut
Clean workmanship: Seams, double or triple-stitched; bar tacking and/or riveting at points of strain; zipper or button fly closure.
Size and Range: Cadet or Prep range (include minimum of 3 sizes in range 12 to 18/20) Exception: Sizes 14 and 16 only are acceptable in boys' ranges where size 12 is included in Junior range

A-370 Reg. SPORT SHIRT

Style: Sport, convertible collar,
Sleeves: short (A); or long (B)
Fabric: Plain or slub broadcloth, poplin, or twill; solid colors, white, or printed patterns
Yarn: Carded cotton
Thread Count (gray):
Broadcloth: 100 x 60 or 112 x 60 (slub)
Poplin: 100 x 44
Weight: Twill: 2.85 yd./lb. based on 36-inch fabric
Finish: Residual shrinkage 1% or less; colorfast to washing
Construction: Yds./doz. based on 36-inch fabric and size scale 8 to 20 years: Short sleeves 18 to 19, Long sleeves: 25 approximately
Clean workmanship:
Size and Range: 14 years; Cadet or Prep range
Season:
(A), Short sleeves: approximately March through August, depending on climatic conditions.
(B), Long sleeves: approximately September through February, depending on climatic conditions

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

2. APPAREL--Continued

C. BOYS' APPAREL--Continued

A-371, Alt. to A-370, SPORT SHIRT

Style: Sport; convertible collar, long sleeves, 1-button cuff
Fabric: Printed flannel
Yarn: Carded cotton
Weight: 3 yd./lb.
Finish: Residual shrinkage 1% or less
Construction:
Pockets:* 1 or 2 plain (without button or flap); or if not available, 2 button-through or flap pockets; interlined collar; double yoke; plastic buttons
Size Range: Junior (minimum of 3 in sizes 6 to 12)
Season: September through March, approximately

A-380 Reg. SHORTS

Style: Brief; all around elastic webbing waistband
Fabric: Rib knit
Yarn: Combed cotton, (exclude mercerized finish)
Construction:
Clean workmanship: Double crotch; knit tape bound or double self-fabric fly front; may have nylonized finish; may have nylon seam stitching and/or part nylon yarn in fabric bindings and supporting straps
Weight: 1 to 1½ lb./doz. based on size scale 8 to 16 years
Size: 14 years (approximately 28-inch waist)
Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple of 6 or less

D. WOMEN'S OUTERWEAR

A-410 and A-411 Reg. SPORT COAT

Style: Sport or casual, without fur trim, full length
Fabric:
Body: Soft finished fabrics such as tweed, fleece, broadcloth type, or suede (exclude poodle)
Yarn: All new wool woolen
Weight: 16 to 18 oz./yd.
Lining: Rayon and/or acetate taffeta (preferably), or satin or crepe
A-410: Must have metal insulated back when without interlining
A-411: May have metal insulated back
Interlining:
A-410: where used: full length; quilted 100% reprocessed or reused wool; or cotton flannel
A-411: None
Construction:
Fair workmanship: All machine made; may have hand-finished bound buttonholes
Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 12 to 20); or if misses' are not available, price juniors' (usually 7-15)
Season and Areas:
September through January
A-410: all cities except those specified for A-411
A-411: Los Angeles and San Francisco

(NOTE: Sept. 1954 - added "metal insulated back" under lining)

A-415 Reg. COAT

Style: Casual or sport; self detail; full length
Fabric:
Body:* Cut chinchilla, tweed, or duvetyn type
Yarn: All new wool woolen
Weight: 16 to 18 oz./yd. except for chinchilla, approximately 20/21 oz.
Lining: Acetate satin, (exclude crepe-back satin); or if not available, taffeta
Coats without interlining: Lining must be metal insulated - in all cities except Los Angeles and San Francisco, where it may or may not be metal insulated
Interlining (where used):* All new wool, full length
Construction: Full cut
Clean workmanship: Hand-piped buttonholes; bottom of sleeve linings hand or machine felled; lining tacked to body at bottom of sleeves, under each armhole; and hem chain-tacked at each side seam; remainder of garment machine made; coat hem usually ribbon finished
Size Range:* Misses' regular (usually 12 to 20); or if misses' sizes are not available, price juniors' (usually 7-15)
Season: September through January

(NOTE: Nov. 1954 - added "metal insulated" under lining)

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices—Continued

2. APPAREL—Continued

D. WOMEN'S OUTERWEAR—Continued

A-430 Reg. SUIT

Style: Two-piece, tailored; or soft style (not dress-maker type) Skirt: straight, may have kick pleats; or gored, maximum of 72-inch sweep

Fabric:

Body:* Hard-finished fabric such as gabardine and fancy worsteds

Yarn: All new wool worsted

Weight: 11 to 12 oz./yd.

Lining: Coat full-lined with rayon and/or acetate satin or crepe

Interlining:

Fronts: Haircloth, percaline or cotton cambric

Construction:

Fair workmanship: All machine made, except sleeve lining hand-felled at bottom, may have hand finished bound buttonholes

Hem: 1½-2 inches including tape

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 12 to 20)

Season: September through April

A-431, Alt. to A-430 Reg. SUIT

Style: Two-piece, tailored; or soft style (not dress-maker type) Skirt: straight, may have kick pleats; or gored

Fabric:

Body:* Soft-finished fabrics, such as flannel, suede, shetland type or covert (solid colors, not flecked)

Yarn: All new wool woolen

Weight: 12 to 13 oz./yd.

Lining: Rayon and/or acetate satin or crepe, full lined

Interlining:

Fronts: Haircloth, percaline or cotton cambric

Construction:

Fair workmanship: All machine made, except sleeve lining hand-felled at bottom, may have hand-finished bound buttonholes

Hem: 1-1½ inches including tape

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 12 to 20)

Season: September through April

A-450 Reg. SKIRT

Style: Straight or gored; straight skirt, may have kick pleats

Fabric:

Body:* Soft-finished fabrics, such as flannel, shetland type, tweed (tweed may have cotton binder in warp or filling)

Yarn: All new wool woolen

Weight: 6 to 7 oz./yd.

Construction:

Fair workmanship: Hem: Tape finished, 1½ to 2 inches including tape; zipper placket

Size Range: Misses' regular, usually 24 to 30

Season: September through January

A-455 Reg. SKIRT

Style: Straight, flared, gored, or with kick pleats

Fabric:

Body:* Flannel, gabardine, sharkskin, menswear suiting or linen weave

Yarn: Rayon and/or acetate; linen weave must be all rayon

Finish: Usually crease resistant; linen weave, unconditionally washable.

Weight: Approximately 9½ to 10½ oz./yd. based on 44 to 45 inch fabric

Construction:

Clean workmanship: Hem: 1½ to 2 inches, including tape; flare skirt may have 1-inch hem

Seams: ½ to 5/8 inch; pinked edges concealed zipper closure; may have rubberized waistband (Snugtex type)

*May have genuine leather belt, approx. 5/8" width

Size Range: Misses' regular, usually 24 to 30

(NOTE: July 1954 - added "may have leather belt")

A-456, Alt. to A-455 SKIRT

Style: Straight, with or without pleats; or gored

Fabric:

Body:* Flannel, gabardine, suitings, linen weaves, or faille

Yarn: Rayon and/or acetate; may have cotton content in linen weaves

Construction:

Fair workmanship: Hem: straight cut: 1 to 2 inches, including tape; gored styles: minimum to 1 inch, including tape, where used

Seams: Plain with pinked or raw edges; side seams not pressed open

Trim: May have small amount of trim; may have self or novelty belt, (exclude genuine leather belt)

Size Range: Misses' regular, usually 24 to 30

A-461, Alt. to A-460 BLOUSE

Style: *Semi-tailored or dressy; short, three-quarter, or long sleeves; may be sleeveless (summer only)

Fabric:

Body:* Crepe, such as tissue faille (fancy free quality is typical); or nylon tricot; solid colors

Yarn: Crepe: Rayon and/or acetate

Tricot: Nylon, 15 to 40 denier

Finish: Hand washable or dry-cleanable

Construction: approx. 21 inches, from center of back of neck to bottom

Fair workmanship: Seams: Crepe: 3/8 inch, pinked; or merrow finished. Tricot: merrow finished. Shoulder Pads: None. Trim: may have moderate amount of trim or detail; buttons: usually glass, plastic or novelty (exclude genuine pearl)

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 32 to 38)

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices—Continued

2. APPAREL—Continued

D. WOMEN'S OUTERWEAR—Continued

A-490, Reg. STREET DRESS

Style: One piece, casual, with soft lines; may have moderate amount of trim.

Fabric:

Body: *Soft finished fabric such as flannel, crepe or Jersey.

Yarn: All new wool woolen

Weight: Approx. 6 to 8 oz./yd. based on 51-inch material

Construction: Full cut

Clean workmanship: Hem: Tape finished; straight skirt: $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches including tape; full skirt: approx. 2 inches including tape

Seams: Plain, with pinked edges; jersey seams may be plain, bound or merrow

Shoulder Pads: Shaped, covered with self or rayon fabric, handsewn to garment

Trim:

Buttonholes: May be hand-finished if utilized primarily as trim

Buttons: if used, may be novelty or self fabric covered

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 12 to 20)

Season: September through January

(NOTE: Sept. 1953 - revised hem depth from "approx. 1-inch to approx. 2-inch")

A-495, Reg. STREET DRESS

Style: Casual; or tailored, such as shirtwaist or coat type; one piece

Fabric:

Body: * Chambray, gingham, broadcloth, or glazed percale

Yarn: Chambray and broadcloth: combed cotton; gingham and glazed percale: carded cotton

Thread count (Gray):

Chambray: 80 x 76 approx.

Gingham: 76 x 68, regular weight; or

71 x 56, tissue weight

Broadcloth: 136 x 60

Glazed percale 80 x 80; or
80 x 92

Finish: Mercerized and residual shrinkage of 1% or less; or everglaze finish; tissue gingham may be wrinkle resistant and have 2% residual shrinkage

Construction: Full cut

Clean workmanship: Hem: Approx. 2 inches (1 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{8}$); fuller sweep styles such as unpressed pleat and flare styles may have minimum $\frac{7}{8}$ ". Seams: main side skirt seam: $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch depth; Belt loops: Thread; Trim: Moderate amount of trim or detail

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 12 to 20)

Season: March through July

(NOTE: May 1952 - added "carded gingham" to fabric choice)

A-498, Reg. HOUSE DRESS:

Style: Shirtwaist or coat type; one piece

Fabric:

Body: Percale printed patterns

Yarn: Carded cotton

Thread Count (Gray): 80 x 80

Finish: * a. Regular; or b. Residual shrinkage 1% or less; colorfast to washing

Construction: Full cutClean workmanship:

Seam: Generally pinked; may have merrow seams at sides and armholes; may have bound armholes seams. Button or zipper closure; careful attention to other detail and trim

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 12 to 20)

E. WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR AND ACCESSORIES

A-520, Reg. NIGHTGOWN

Style: Trimmed bodice, (exclude all lace bodice); tailored skirt; sleeveless or cap style sleeves

Fabric:

Body: Multifilament crepe; solid colors

Yarn: Rayon or rayon/acetate

Thread count (Gray): 150 x 94

Trim: (one or a combination of the following):

Nylon/acetate or acetate/cotton lace; or embroidered nylon sheer such as 15 denier tricot; or nylon net or other comparable trim

Construction: Straight or bias cut skirt

Fair workmanship: All machine-made; seams pinked

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 32 to 40)

A-522, Alt. to A-520 NIGHTGOWN

Style: Trimmed: moderately trimmed bodice, tailored skirt, sleeveless or cap style sleeves

Fabric:

Body: 2-bar tricot knit, solid color

Yarn: Acetate

Trim: (one or a combination of the following):

Nylon/acetate lace; or embroidered nylon sheer such as 15 denier tricot; or nylon net or comparable trim

Construction: Full cut

Clean workmanship: Seams: Overlock (merrow) or lockstitch; all machine made

Size Range: Misses' regular (usually 32 to 40)

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

2. APPAREL - Continued

E. WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR AND ACCESSORIES

A-530.1 Reg. SLIP

Style: Tailored, street lengthFabric:Body: CrepeYarn:*

- a. Viscose and/or acetate
150x94 thread count (gray); or
- b. 10 to 12% nylon, balance acetate
quality comparable to "Nylon"

Construction:Full cut: Bias, straight cut or combination of the two; single or double bodice (exclude slips with shadow panels)Clean workmanship: Seams: double-lock or double stitched (one stitching underside, one topstitching) with pinked edges.Trim: Single bodice may have scalloped (embroidered) or bias-faced edge, (exclude other embroidery, lace or faceted body seams)Size Range: Misses regular (usually 32 to 40 or 42)

(NOTE: July 1954 - added "nylon content" to fabric description)

A-531 Alt. to A-530.1 SLIP

Style: Trimmed or dressy; staple number for each store, street length.Fabric:Body: Crepe

- Yarn: a. Viscose and/or acetate, 150 x 94 thread count (gray); or
- b. 10 to 12% nylon, balance acetate; quality comparable to "Nylon"

Trim: (one or combination of): Lace: All nylon or nylon/acetate. Tricot: Permanent pleat 15 denier nylon tricot.Net or fluting: NylonConstruction: Full cutClean workmanship: Seams: Double-lock or double stitched (one stitching on underside, one topstitching) with pinked edges. Trim: Usually 2 to 4 inches depth top and bottom. Back bodice usually less depth (approx. 1" depth)Size Range: Misses regular (usually 32 to 40 or 42)

A-532 Reg. SLIP

Style: *Tailored; untrimmed or top and bottom net trimmed, street length; adjustable strapsFabric:Body: 2-bar tricotYarn: Nylon, 30 to 40 denierStraps: Nylon satin ribbonConstruction: Full cutClean workmanship: Seams: Overlock (morrow) and lock-stitch. Untrimmed style: Hem: 3/4 to 1 inch depth;Bodice top: Faced-back edge, usually 1 1/2 to 2 inches.Net trimmed style: Top and bottom trimmed with edge of

double nylon net approximately 1 1/2 inch depth

Size range: Misses regular (usually 32 to 40 or 42)

(NOTE: Jan. 1954 - added "trimming at top and bottom" to description)

*Agent specifies choice to which quotation apply.

A-536 Reg. PANTIES

Style: BriefFabric: Warp knit (2-bar tricot)Yarn: AcetateConstruction: Full cutClean workmanship: Overlock seams, reinforced crotch, elasticized waist.Size Range: Regular, 5 to 7 (small, medium and large)

A-560 Reg. HOSE

Style: Manufacturer's brands, nationally advertised, staple style, with self or dark seam; Full-fashioned, plain knitGrade: First qualityYarn: Leg: 15 denier nylon; foot and welt: nylon reinforced.Construction: 51 gaugeSize Range: Regular

A-561 Reg. HOSE

Style: Manufacturer's or distributors brand, not nationally advertised, staple style, with self or dark seam. Full-fashioned, plain knit.Grade: First qualityYarn: Leg: 15 denier nylon; foot and welt: nylon reinforced.Construction: 51 gaugeSize Range: Regular

A-580 Reg. GLOVES

Style:* Pull-on; length: 4-button or shortie; plain or hemmed top; shortie may have modified novelty treatment (exclude elaborate or extreme detail)Fabric: Cotton "double woven" (actually a knit fabric); white and solid colors.Finish: SuedeConstruction:Good workmanship: Outseams: Handsewn or machine sewn to simulate handsewn. Thumb: Bolton; may have several rows of stitching on back.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For the Collection of Retail Prices—Continued

2. APPAREL—Continued

F. GIRLS' APPAREL

A-660, Reg. PANTIES

Style:* Brief, tailored (untrimmed), rib cuffs; waist
style:
 a. all around outside elastic (not encased); or if not available
 b. all around elastic in casing
Fabric:
Body: Flat (plain) knit or 1 x 1 rib knit
Yarn: Combed cotton
Construction:
Clean workmanship: Reinforced crotch, overlock or merrow seams; may have nylon reinforcement or nylonized finish
Weight: Year-round
Size and Range: Size 10 in girls' range (usually 7-14)
Pricing Unit: Single; or multiples of 6 or less

A-670, Reg. ANKLETS

Style: Turned down rib cuff or elasticized top, cuff may have fancy patterns
Fabric:
Body: Plain or rib knit, solid colors in body and foot
Yarn: Combed cotton, 2-ply, mercerized
Finish: Colorfast to washing
Construction: 160 to 176 needles, seamless, hand-transferred cuff or top, may have heel and toe reinforced with nylon
Size: 6 to 8½
Pricing Unit: Single; or multiples of 6 or less

G. INFANTS' WEAR AND YARD GOODS

A-840 Reg. DIAPERS

Fabric: Gauze
Yarn: Carded cotton
Thread count (gray): 48 x 44
Weight (double thickness):
 4.00 yd./lb. based on 40 inch fabric
Finish:
 Bleached
Construction:
 Double thickness fabric
 Pinked edges
Size:
 21 x 40 inches

A-810, Reg. PERCALE

Fabric: Percale, printed, 3 or more colors
Construction:
Yarn: Carded cotton
Thread Count:
Gray: 80 x 80
Finish: Regular, colorfast to washing
Weight:
 4.00 yd./lb. based on 39-inch fabric
Width: Finished: 36 inches

A-800, Reg. ACETATE TAFFETA

Fabric: Taffeta, solid colors
Construction:
Yarn: Acetate
Thread Count:
Gray: 180 x 60
 (Exclude: 300 denier acetate taffeta. This quality has 180 x 56 thread count and is similar in appearance to the 180 x 60 specified. It is heavier and more expensive than the quality specified)
Width (finished):*
 a. 39 inches approximately preferred; or may be
 b. 42 inches approximately

* Agent specifies choice to which quotation apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

2. APPAREL - Continued

H. FOOTWEAR

A-700 Reg. MEN'S STREET SHOES

Style: Oxford, black or brown, bal or blucher
Material:
Upper: Calf, medium quality (grade)
(exclude reverse calf and kangaroo)
Outsole: Leather, semi-fine grade, 8 to 9 irons
Insole: Grain leather, buffed, 4 to 5 irons;
belly, center of hind shanks, 5 to 6 irons; gemmed
Lining:
Quarter: Leather, calf, kip, or split, full cut
Heel Pad: Leather, chrome sheep, full-cut
Heel: Solid leather base with rubber top lift
Construction: Goodyear welt; steel shank
Size Range: Length 6 to 11, width A to D

(NOTE: Mar. 1953 - added "steel shank" under construction)

A-702 Reg. MEN'S STREET SHOES

Style: Oxford, black or brown, bal or blucher
Material:
Upper: Kip side, good quality (grade)
Outsole: Leather, #1 scratch, 8 to 9 irons
Insole: Grain leather, gemmed, 4 to 5 irons
Lining:
Quarter: Leather or plastic, 3/4 or full cut
Welt: Leather
Heel: Leather board or rubber composition base
with top lift
Construction: Goodyear welt, steel shank
Size Range: 6 to 12, B to D

A-703 Alt. to A-702 MEN'S STREET SHOES

Style: Oxford, black or brown, bal or blucher
Material:
Upper: Side, good quality (grade)
Outsole: Synthetic, 12 to 15 irons
Insole: Flexible split leather, gemmed, 4 to 4½
irons
Lining:
Quarter: Leather or plastic, 3/4 or full cut
Heel Pad: Imitation leather with felt back
Heel: Leather board or rubber composition base
with top lift; or may have solid rubber heel
Construction: Goodyear welt; wood shank
Size Range: 6 to 11, B to D

A-710 Reg. MEN'S WORK SHOES

Style: 6" high, black or brown, blucher
Material:
Upper: Elk, good quality (grade)
Gusset: Ooze split
Outsole: Composition, including cork or cord types,
18 to 22 irons
Insole: Grain leather, gemmed, 4½ to 5½ irons
Counter: Leather or fiber with leather counter
pocket
Heel: Composition or rubber
Construction: Goodyear welt; steel shank
Size Range: 6 to 11, wide

A-716 Reg. MEN'S RUBBERS

Style: Dress, sandal or storm type
Construction: Rubber, reinforced toe, heel, and
counter
Lining: Cotton fabric
Size Range: 6 to 11

A-730 Reg. WOMEN'S STREET SHOES

Style: Oxford, arch type, black or brown, (exclude
growing girls oxford)
Material:
Upper: Calf or kid, medium quality (grade)
Outsole: Leather, 7 to 8 irons
Insole: Grain or flexible split leather, gemmed, 3½
to 4½ irons
Lining:
Quarter: Leather, full cut
Sock: Leather or plastic, 3/4 cut
Heel: All leather; or composition and leather; or
wood covered with leather; leather or rubber top
lift 10/8 to 16/8 height (1½" to 2").
Construction: Goodyear welt; rigid steel shank.
Size Range: Length 4 to 9, width AA to C.

A-734 Reg. WOMEN'S STREET SHOES

Style: Pump, conservative colors and styling, may
have open toe and heel
Material:
Upper: Calf, smooth or suede, medium quality (grade)
Outsole: Leather, 6 to 7 irons
Insole: Composition, 2½ to 3 irons
Lining:
Quarter: Leather
Sock: Leather or imitation leather
Heel: Wood, covered with celluloid, imitation
leather or suede; leather or composition top lift,
1½/6 to 20/6 height (1-3/4" to 2½")
Construction: Cement process (exclude Shicca-Delmac
construction)
Size Range: 4 to 9, AA to C

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

2. APPAREL

H. FOOTWEAR

A-740, Reg. WOMEN'S PLAY SHOES

Style: Casual pump or sandalMaterial:Upper: Elk or suede splitOutsole: Composition, 5 to 6 ironsLining:Upper: If suede upper, fully lined with faille or imitation leather; if elk, may be lined as suede or unlined.Sock: Fabric or imitation leather.Platform: Rubber and corkWrapper (Platform and Heel):

Same material as upper

Heel: Wood, wedge heel, 12/8 to 16/8 height (1½" to 2").Construction: Slip-lasted (California process)Size Range: 4 to 9, narrow and medium

A-760, Reg. CHILDREN'S SHOES

Style: Oxford, brown, mocassin or plain toeMaterial:Upper: Elk or other side leather, good quality (grade) may have scuff-proof tipOutsole: Synthetic, 6 to 8 ironsMidsole: Leather or composition, 3 ironsInsole: Flexible split leather, 2½ to 3 ironsLining:Quarter: Leather or imitation leatherHeel: Leather-board base with rubber top lifts; or spring heelConstruction: 3-sole stitchdownSize Range: 8½ to 12

A-761, Alt. to A-760 CHILDREN'S SHOES

Style: Oxford, brown, mocassin or plain toeMaterial:Upper: Elk or other side leather, good quality (grade), may have scuff-proof tipOutsole: Synthetic, 7 to 10 ironsInsole: Flexible split leather, 4 to 5 ironsLining:Quarter: LeatherHeel Pad: Leather or imitation leatherWelt: LeatherHeel: Spring heelConstruction: Goodyear welt, steel shankSize Range: 8½ to 12

A-790, Reg. SHOE REPAIRS

Description: Half soles and heels for men's street shoesSoles: Sewed; leather, vegetable tanned, "fine" grade, approximately 10 to 12 iron; if taps are used, the height of one dozen pairs should average 5½ inches (exclude cemented soles)Heels: Half heels, rubber. If charge is based on length and width of shoe, report price for the one length and width, within the minimum size range 6 to 11, A to D, on which volume of work is done.

A-791, Alt. to A-790 SHOE REPAIRS

Description: Half soles and heels for men's street shoesSoles: Sewed, leather, vegetable tanned, "prime" grade, approximately 10 to 12 iron; if taps are used, the height of one dozen pairs should average 5½ inches (exclude cemented soles)Heels: Same as A-790

A-796, Reg. SHOE REPAIRS

Description: Heel lifts for women's dress shoes, *leather; composition, or rubber, blackSize: Cuban heel

* Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used For The Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

3. TRANSPORTATION

T-300 Reg. TIRE

Construction:Type: Extra low pressure, tube construction, passengerSize: 6.70x15Ply: 4Materials:Rubber: Synthetic and/or naturalCarcass: Cotton or rayon cordSidewalls: BlackGrade: 100 level, first lineBasis of Quotation:Report the net price. Deduct any discount as well as any trade-in allowance for trade-in tires from the sum of the list price and Federal tax. (exclude tube.) Include mounting service.Pricing Unit: One to four tires, multiple unit pricing.

(NOTE: Sept. 1953 - added: "Basis of Quotation- Report the net price when a discount is given without a trade-in tire."

Aug. 1954 - "Basis of Quotation" was amplified to read as shown in the specification above. Also, the pricing unit was expanded from a single tire to cover one to four tires (See footnote 1, table 3.)

T-400, Reg. GASOLINE

Description:Grade: Regular or housebrandPricing Unit: Per gallon

T-401, Reg. GASOLINE

Description:Grade: Premium or "high-test"Pricing Unit: Per gallon

T-410 Reg. MOTOR OIL

Description:Grade: RegularPricing Unit: Per quart in sealed containers

T-411, Alt. to T-410, MOTOR OIL

Description:Grade: Premium or "heavy duty"Pricing Unit: Per quart in sealed containers

T-500, Reg. BRAKE RELINING

Description:

Relining brakes of a 1950 Chevrolet, Ford V-8, and Plymouth car.

Labor:

Relining or replacing brake shoes for all 4 wheels. Include filling main cylinder and bleeding brake system.

(NOTE: Reference to appropriate sections of dealers' time schedule manuals are included for use by dealers who compute the required labor time by that means.)

Parts:*

Full set of facings and rivets, or full set of shoes relined with riveted or bonded linings. Bonded linings are preferred for Chevrolets. Deduct exchange value of shoes. (Exclude the cost of brake fluid used in this job)

T-510, Reg. CHASSIS LUBRICATION

Description:

Complete chassis lubrication for 1950 Chevrolet.

Include: Oiling generator, oiling starter, oiling fan bearings; Checking grease in transmission and differentials.Exclude: Charge for grease needed in transmission or differential; charge for packing front wheels; charge for changing oil in crank case.

(NOTE: Sept. 1953 - changed pricing for chassis lubrication of three makes of cars to one make)

T-800, Reg., STREETCAR FARE, and
T-820, Reg., BUS FAREDescription:

Regular fare, adult, (exclude transfers and school fares):

Streetcar (surface trolley, trolley coach, subway or elevated train)

T-800 - Cash fare

Bus

T-820 - Cash fare

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

4. MEDICAL CARE

M-100 Reg. PRESCRIPTION

Description:
Prescription: Non-narcotic, dispensed
Content: 1 capsule
 Phenacetin 2½ grains
 Aspirin 3½ grains
 Caffeine citrate ½ grain
Pricing Unit: 12 capsules

M-110 Alt. to M-100, PRESCRIPTION

Description:
Prescription: Non-narcotic, compounded
Content: 1 capsule
 Phenacetin 2 grains
 Aspirin 2 grains
 Caffeine citrate ½ grain
Pricing Unit: 12 capsules

M-120 Reg. PRESCRIPTION

Description:
Prescription: Narcotic, dispensed
Content:
 Codeine Sulphate, 2.7 to 3 grains
 Elixir Terpin Hydrate, 3 fluid ounces
Pricing Unit: 3 ounces

M-130 Reg. PRESCRIPTION

Description:
Prescription: Penicilli. (buffered for oral use)
Content: 1 tablet; 100,000 units
Pricing Unit: 24 tablets

M-150 Reg. MULTIPLE VITAMIN CONCENTRATES

Description:
 Multiple vitamin concentrates
Content: 1 capsule (minimum)
 Vitamin A, 5,000 U.S.P. units
 Vitamin D, 500 U.S.P. units
 Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C), 37.5 milligrams
 Thiamine Hydrochloride (Vitamin B₁), 2.5 milligrams
 Riboflavin (Vitamin B₂), (G), 2.5 milligrams
 Calcium Pantothenate, 5.0 milligrams
 Nicotinic Acid Amide, 20.0 milligrams
Pricing Unit: 100 capsules

M-170 Reg. MILK OF MAGNESIA

Description:
 Milk of magnesia, U.S.P.
Pricing Unit: * 12 to 16 ounce bottle

M-200 Reg. MEN'S PAY WARD, and
M-220 Reg. MEN'S PAY WARD

Description:
M-200 - Daily-rate:
M-220 - Inclusive rate for 10 days:
 To full pay patient for bed, board, and general nursing in:
Men's Pay Ward:
 Medical or surgical ward, noncontagious cases, three or more beds, (do not consider temporarily curtained-off spaces as wards)

M-201 Reg. SEMI-PRIVATE ROOM

Description:
Daily-rate to full pay, medical or surgical patient for bed, board, and general nursing in:
Semi-Private Room:
 Two Beds; without bath (or lavatory) preferred; *if hospital cannot quote rates on rooms without bath (or lavatory), accept prices for rooms with these facilities. Without telephone

M-202 Reg. PRIVATE ROOM

Description:
Daily-rate to full pay, medical or surgical patient for bed, board and general nursing in:
Private Room:
 Without bath (or lavatory) preferred; *if hospital cannot quote rates on rooms without bath (or lavatory) accept prices for rooms with these facilities
 Without telephone

M-300 Reg. OFFICE VISIT:

Description:
 Usual fee for office visit to regular patients, i.e., not first call but subsequent calls (exclude special fees to participants in group hospitalization and surgical plans)

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices - Continued

4. MEDICAL CARE (Cont'd)

M-306 Reg. HOUSE VISIT

Description: Usual fee for house visit, during day (usually 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.) within corporate limits of the city, to regular patients, i.e., not first call but subsequent calls; (exclude special fees to participants in group hospitalization and surgical plans)

M-320 Reg. APPENDECTOMY

Description:
Usual fee for adult's appendectomy, without complications; excluding anesthetic; (exclude special fees to participants in group hospitalization and surgical plans)

M-324 Reg. TONSILLECTOMY

Description:
Usual fee for child's tonsillectomy, performed in hospital, including adenectomy preferred; excluding anesthetic; (exclude special fees to participants in group hospitalization and surgical plans)

M-350 Reg. FILLING

Description:
Usual fee to adult for filling, amalgam, one surface

M-352 Reg. EXTRACTION

Description:
Usual fee to adult for extraction, without complications, with local anesthetic, including X-ray of tooth (exclude cost of treatment and fees for unusual complications)

M-360 Reg. EXAMINATION, PRESCRIPTION, AND EYEGLASSES

Description:
Usual professional services fee to adults for examining eyes and prescribing for lenses as described below, including cost of:
Frame: Full rims; Zylonite; thoroughly seasoned; pink or flush color; without trim; metal core temples; full-vue; slightly upswept
Lenses: Single vision; first quality; spherocylinder; first division; plus-plus or minus-plus; white; corrected curve

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

5. PERSONAL CARE

P-100, Reg. TOILET SOAP

Description: Toilet soap, hard milled, white or colored, perfumed, with palm oil and olive oil, or with cresylic acid, cresol, or other form of carbolic acid added; wrapped.

Size: Regular size cake (3 to 5 ounces);
(exclude bath size cake)

Unit: One cake

P-140, Reg. SHAMPOO

Description: Liquid: (exclude cream shampoo)

*a. Glass container; or

b. Plastic container

Size:* 5 to 8 ounce container

(NOTE: Jan. 1953 - changed from "Sup." to "Reg."
Mar. 1953 - added "a-glass container; or
b-plastic container" under liquid)

P-110, Reg. RAZOR BLADES

Description: First quality, thin, double edge
(Note: Agent reports number of blades per package)

P-150, Reg. PERMANENT WAVE REFILL

Description: Cold wave refill kit for home use
(exclude kit containing curlers)

P-114, Reg. SHAVING CREAM

Description: Lather, soap base (exclude brushless)
Size:* Approximately 4 to 5 ounce (giant size) tube
Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple of 6 or less

(NOTE: Oct. 1953 - added "Pricing Unit - single;
or multiple of 6 or less)

P-160, Reg. SANITARY NAPKINS

Description: Sanitary napkins

Size: Regular

Pricing Unit: Box of 12

P-120, Reg. FACE CREAM

Description: Cleansing cream,
*All purpose or cold, type produced by companies usually manufacturing only limited lines of cosmetics (exclude liquefying, dry-skin, and vanishing cream)

Size:* 3 to 4 ounce jar

(NOTE: Jan. 1953 - changed from "Sup." to "Reg.")

P-164, Reg. CLEANSING TISSUES

Description: White cleansing tissues 2 ply

Size: Approximately 8 3/4" x 9 3/4"

Unit: Box of 300 tissues, or 150 double sheets
(if not available price the nearest size)

P-300, Reg. HAIRCUT

Description: Man's hair cut

P-124, Reg. FACE POWDER

Description: Fine texture, scented with nationally branded perfumes

Size:* Approximately 3 ounce box

P-310, Reg. PLAIN SHAMPOO AND WAVE SET

Description: Woman's plain shampoo and wave set,
short hair (shoulder length or less), pin curls

P-130, Reg. TOOTH PASTE

Description: Standard dentrifice, (exclude dentrifices containing chlorophyll, ammonium, penicillin and other special ingredients of like nature)

Size:* Approximately 3 ounce (family size) tube

Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple of 6 or less

(NOTE: Oct. 1953 - added "Exclude dentrifices containing chlorophyll, ammonium, etc." added "Pricing Unit - single; or multiple of 6 or less)

P-316, Reg. PERMANENT WAVE

Description: Woman's permanent cold wave, short hair (shoulder length or less) including plain or creme shampoo and wave set, including trim or shaping, (exclude first cutting e.g., long hair to feather cut, etc.)

(NOTE: June 1953 - Permanent wave (cold wave) introduced; prior to this date machine wave was priced).

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

APPENDIX C. Specifications Used for the Collection of Retail Prices--Continued

6. READING AND RECREATION

R-300, Reg. RADIO

Style: Table model
(exclude radios with phono-jack)
Cabinet: Plastic, dark colors only
Size: 9" to 13" x 5" to 8" x 5" to 7"
Construction:
Frequency Band: 1 band, standard broadcast,
520-540 kilocycles to 1600-1750 kilocycles
Tubes: 4 octal or loktal standard or miniature
size, or combination of sizes, plus rectifier
Power: AC/DC
Push Button Tuning: No
Tone Control: No
Speaker: 4 - to 5-inch, either permanent
magnet or electro-dynamic
Antenna: Internal loop, connection for
external antenna may be provided
Modulation: Amplitude only, (exclude FM)

(NOTE: Jan. 1954 - changed size range of cabinet
from 11 to 13 x 6 to 8 x 5
to 7 inches -
to 9 to 13 x 5 to 8 x 5
to 7 inches)

R-600, Reg. MOTION PICTURE THEATER

Description: Admission; adult, 1st floor,
week nights (exclude Cinerama)
Include Federal, state and/or local sales
and amusement taxes, if any

(NOTE: Jan. 1954 - added "Exclude Cinerama")

R-604, Reg. MOTION PICTURE THEATER

Description: Admission; child, under 12 years,
1st floor, Saturday matinee (exclude Cinerama)
Include Federal, state and/or local sales and
amusement taxes, if any

(NOTE: Jan. 1954 - added "Exclude Cinerama")

R-700, Reg. and R-711, Reg. NEWSPAPERS

Description: Newspaper, English language,
published locally
On the street: per copy
R-700 - Daily edition
Delivered to home: per month, may be per week
if volume of subscriptions are on weekly basis
R-711 - Daily and Sunday

7. OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES

O-100, Reg. CIGARETTES, per package

Description: Plain tip, standard brands
Size: Regular
Pricing Unit: Package of 20; or multiple units of
6 packages or less

O-104, Reg. CIGARETTES, per carton

Description: Plain tip, standard brands
Size: Regular
Unit: Carton of 10 packages (20 cigarettes
per package)

O-200, Reg. CIGAR

Filler: All domestic tobacco; or all Puerto Rico
tobacco; or blend of domestic and Puerto Rico
tobacco with Havana tobacco; or all Havana scrap
(termed "short-filled")
Wrapper: Shade grown (domestic), Sumatra or Java
tobacco. Havana "short-filled" cigars may have
Havana wrapper.
Size: Regular
Pricing Unit: Single; or multiple units of
6 or less

*Agent specifies choice to which quotations apply.

Appendix D - Retail Sales Taxes and Other Retail Taxes Applicable in 10 Large Cities^{1/}

I. Retail Sales Taxes

ATLANTA

State: 3 percent

City: None

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; automobile repair (lubrication); public transportation; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; barber and beauty shop services.

BALTIMORE

State: 2 percent

City: None

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; shoe repairs; gasoline; automobile repair; public transportation; prescription drugs; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; eyeglasses; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers; motion picture admissions.

CHICAGO

State: 2 percent

City: None

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; shoe repairs; gasoline and motor oil; automobile repair; public transportation; prescription drugs; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; eyeglasses; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers; motion picture admissions; cigars and cigarettes.

CINCINNATI

State: 3 percent

City: None

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; gasoline; automobile repair; public transportation; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers; motion picture admissions, cigarettes.

DETROIT

State: 3 percent

City: None

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; automobile repair; public transportation; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers; motion picture admissions.

LOS ANGELES

State: 3 percent

City: 0.5 percent through June 30, 1954; 1 percent beginning July 1, 1954

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; gasoline; automobile repair; public transportation; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; eyeglasses; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers; motion picture admissions.

NEW YORK

State: None

City: 3 percent

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; shoe repairs; automobile repair; public transportation; prescription drugs; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; eyeglasses; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers; motion picture admissions; cigarettes.

See footnote at end of appendix.

Appendix D - Retail Sales Taxes and Other Retail Taxes Applicable in 10 Large Cities^{1/}
Continued

I. Retail Sales Taxes - Continued

PHILADELPHIA

State: 1 percent (effective September 1, 1953)

City: None

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; all apparel, except yard goods; shoe repairs; gasoline; automobile repair; public transportation; prescription drugs; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; eyeglasses; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers; motion picture admissions; cigarettes.

ST. LOUIS

State: 2 percent

City: None

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; gasoline; automobile repair; public transportation; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; barber and beauty shop services; newspapers.

SAN FRANCISCO

State: 3 percent

City: 0.5 percent

Exemptions: Laundry and dry cleaning; gasoline; automobile repair; public transportation; hospital services; physician, surgeon and dentist fees; eyeglasses; barber and beauty shop service; newspapers; motion picture admissions.

II. Taxes, Other than Sales Taxes, Applicable to Specific Items at the Retail Level

TIRES (T-300)

Federal excise tax-----5 cents per pound

GASOLINE (T-400 and T-401)

Federal excise tax -----2 cents per gallon

Atlanta, State tax-----6 cents per gallon

Baltimore, State tax:

Through May 31, 1953-----5 cents per gallon

Beginning June 1, 1953-----6 cents per gallon.

Chicago, State tax:

Through December 31, 1952-----4 cents per gallon

Beginning January 1, 1953-----5 cents per gallon

Cincinnati, State tax:

Through August 31, 1953-----4 cents per gallon

Beginning September 1, 1953-----5 cents per gallon

Detroit, State tax-----4.5 cents per gallon

Los Angeles, State tax:

Through June 30, 1953-----4.5 cents per gallon

Beginning July 1, 1953-----6 cents per gallon

New York, State tax-----4 cents per gallon

Philadelphia, State tax-----5 cents per gallon

See footnote at end of appendix.

Appendix D - Retail Sales Taxes and Other Retail Taxes Applicable in 10 Large Cities^{1/}
Continued

II. Taxes, Other than Sales Taxes, Applicable to Specific Items at the Retail Level-Continued

St. Louis -

State tax:

Through August 31, 1953-----2 cents per gallon

Beginning September 1, 1953-----3 cents per gallon

City tax-----1 cent per gallon

San Francisco, State tax:

Through June 30, 1953-----4.5 cents per gallon

Beginning July 1, 1953-----6 cents per gallon

MOTOR OIL (T-410 and T-411)

Federal excise tax-----1.5 cents per quart

FACE CREAM (P-120), FACE POWDER (P-124), and HOME PERMANENT WAVE REFILL (P-150)

Federal excise tax -

Through March 31, 1954-----20 percent

Beginning April 1, 1954-----10 percent

MOTION PICTURES (R-600 and R-604)

Federal Admissions tax:

Through March 31, 1954 --- 1 cent for each 5 cents of admission price or major fraction thereof.

Beginning April 1, 1954 --- None on admissions of less than 50 cents. 1 cent for each 10 cents of admission price or major fraction thereof on admissions over 50 cents.

Local amusement taxes based on a sliding scale are applicable in Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and Philadelphia.

CIGARETTES (O-100 and O-104)

Federal excise tax-----8 cents per package

Atlanta, State tax-----3 cents per package

Baltimore, City tax:

Through December 31, 1953-----2 cents per package

Beginning January 1, 1954-----3 cents per package

Chicago:

State tax-----3 cents per package

City tax, beginning October 1, 1953-----1 cent per package

Cincinnati, State tax-----2 cents per package

Detroit, State tax-----3 cents per package

New York:

State tax-----3 cents per package

City tax-----1 cent per package

Philadelphia, State tax-----4 cents per package

St. Louis, City tax-----2 cents per package

CIGARS (O-200)

Federal excise tax - The amount of tax depends on the size of the cigar. The size priced by the Bureau is approximately 1 cent per cigar.

^{1/} Information contained in this appendix is limited to the goods and services and the periods for which prices are published in this bulletin. Unless specifically indicated, taxes were in effect for the whole period from December 1952 through December 31, 1954.

Appendix E. Retail Price Data Published Prior to this Bulletin

I. Retail Prices of 215 articles entering into the Cost of Living, June 1889-September 1891.

In 1891, the Committee on Finance of the U.S. Senate, began an inquiry into the effects of the tariff laws, including the effect on prices and wages.^{1/} The comprehensive body of retail price data collected for this inquiry are contained in *Retail Prices and Wages*, a report by the Honorable Nelson D. Aldrich from the Committee on Finance. The number of commodities for which data were published were distributed among the major groups as follows:

Food-----	67
Cloths and clothing-----	61
Fuel and lighting-----	6
Metal and implements-----	34
Lumber and building materials-----	13
Drugs and chemicals-----	7
Housefurnishing goods-----	27
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The price data are shown by outlet and locality for each of the 215 items for each month from June 1889 to September 1891, inclusive. Generally, prices were obtained in 70 cities and towns in different parts of the country. The number of stores from which data were obtained varied from city to city.

No price averages were computed for any of the items, either by city or for the country as a whole, because of the problem of quality identification. The problem was described by the Senate Committee as follows:

"In the case before us, the difficulty with the average price is that there is not complete guaranty that the prices ascertained in the different cities were exactly the same article. It is very difficult to identify exactly by description any particular article and this is especially true of the commodities of retail trade . . . we find, oftentimes, a wide fluctuation in price for articles answering the same description. This gives rise to the suspicion that there must be important differences in quality. An average of dissimilar articles would be of comparatively little value." ^{2/}

II. Average retail prices published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (other than foods and fuels).

A. Dry goods, 1915-23.

Retail prices for a limited list of "dry goods" from 1915 to 1923, inclusive, were published by the Bureau in the bulletins listed below.

The summary table at the end of this appendix was taken from Bulletin 366 (p. 58). The averages are simple arithmetic averages of the quoted prices according to test calculations.

The list of items published was apparently only a small part of the list for which the Bureau attempted to secure data in 1915. However, difficulties relating to quality definitions apparently led to a decision to limit publication to "dry goods." The following paragraphs were included in Bulletin 184, (p. 38): "An effort was made by the Bureau to secure quotations on shoes, but as the fashions in shoes change so frequently that only a few styles remain the same from year to year, and as the varieties which

^{1/} The Senate Resolution authorizing the inquiry appears on page 2.

^{2/} Retail Prices and Wages, Senate Report 986, July 19, 1892, pt. 1, (p. XII)

remain fixed as to style may change in quality, it was found to be impossible to secure quotations showing an accurate trend of prices except on a few high-priced shoes which are not used to any extent by medium trade. The Bureau also made inquiry in regard to retail prices of knit underwear and hosiery, but owing to frequent changes in styles, quality, and weave, it was found impossible to follow any varieties."

Bulletin 184. Retail prices for 8 articles of dry goods are shown by firm number and brand name in each of 45 cities for May 1915.

Bulletin 197. Retail prices for the same 8 articles are shown by firm number and brand name in 44 cities for May and October, 1915.

Bulletin 228. Retail prices for the same 8 articles are shown by firm number and brand name in 46 cities for October 1915, May and October, 1916.

Bulletin 270. Average retail prices for 10 articles in 50 cities are given for specified months from 1915 to 1919, inclusive. The averages in this bulletin summarize by city the detail published in Bulletin 184, 197, and 228.

Bulletin 300. Average retail prices for 10 articles for the United States are shown for specified months from 1915 to 1920, inclusive. Prices for the 10 articles are also given for 51 cities separately for February, May, August, and October 1920. No explanation of the methods used for averaging the prices are provided but test calculations indicate that the city figures are unweighted averages of the quotations by firm as shown in earlier bulletins, and the United States figures are unweighted combinations of the individual quotations.

Bulletin 315, 334, and 366. These bulletins bring up to date through 1923, the averages presented in Bulletin 300.

B. Clothing and textiles.

Monthly Labor Review, October 1936.

Average retail prices for 6 articles of cotton clothing for 32 large cities combined are presented for selected periods from June 1927 to July 1936, inclusive. The six articles are: men's business shirts, men's pajamas, men's overalls, women's housedresses, women's nightgowns, and women's union suits.

Monthly Labor Review, May 1937.

Average retail prices on the same basis as above for the same six articles of cotton clothing are shown for selected periods from March 1935 to March 1937, inclusive.

Monthly Labor Review, April 1938.

Average retail prices on the same basis as above are shown for specified dates from March 1935 to December 1935 for the same six articles of cotton clothing and for towels and sheets.

Monthly Labor Review, January 1939.

Average retail prices of several qualities for each of 17 articles of clothing and textiles for 32 large cities combined are presented for 1938 (average of March, June, and September quotations).

Retail Prices of Hosiery, by Areas, December 1926 to March 1940, inclusive. (Mineographed report issued in June 1940)

Average retail prices of men's and women's hosiery for 33 cities combined for 6 areas are presented for specified periods from December 1926 to March 1940. (The detailed quality descriptions used for the collection of hosiery prices after 1934 are given in an appendix to the report.)

Monthly Labor Review, January 1941.

Average retail prices of men's and women's hosiery for 33 large cities combined are presented for specified dates from March 1939 to September 1940.

There has been no later publication of retail prices for clothing and textiles.

C. Tobacco Products.

Monthly Labor Review, July 1936.

Average retail prices for 5 tobacco products for 32 large cities combined are presented for selected dates from December 1920 to April 1936, inclusive. The five products are: cigarettes, cigars, cigarette tobacco, pipe tobacco, and plug tobacco.

Monthly Labor Review, May 1937.

Average retail prices on the same basis as above for the same five tobacco products are shown for selected periods from March 1935 to March 1937, inclusive.

TABLE E-1. -- AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SPECIFIED ARTICLES OF DRY GOODS IN THE UNITED STATES,
MAY 1915 TO SEPTEMBER 1923, INCLUSIVE

Date	Calico, 24-25 inches, per yard	Percale, per yard	Gingham, apron, 27-28 inches, per yard	Gingham, dress, 27 inches, per yard	Gingham, dress, 32 inches, per yard	Muslin, bleached, 36 inches, per yard	Sheeting, bleached, 81 inches, per yard	Sheets, bleached, 81 by 90 inches, each	Outing flannel, 27-28 inches, per yard	Flannel, white wool, 27 inches, per yard	Blankets, cotton, 66 by 80 inches, per pair
1915:											
May 15-----	\$0.065	\$0.129	\$0.081	\$0.120	\$0.175	\$0.108	\$0.314	\$0.819	\$0.114	(1/)	(1/)
October 15-----	.066	.128	.081	.120	.176	.109	.320	.839	.115	(1/)	(1/)
1916:											
May 15-----	.075	.135	.094	.126	.192	.117	.359	.940	.120	(1/)	(1/)
October 15-----	.082	.148	.098	.136	.202	.129	.394	1.028	.132	(1/)	(1/)
1917:											
May 15-----	.100	.181	.123	.169	.228	.154	.444	1.179	.157	\$0.754	\$3.128
October 15-----	.127	.222	.163	.218	.280	.207	.553	1.438	.193	.875	3.643
1918:											
May 15-----	.202	.326	.264	.310	.402	.312	.754	1.916	.324	1.099	4.726
October 15-----	.238	.394	.290	.358	.543	.344	.829	2.081	.378	1.002	5.884
1919:											
February 15-----	.183	.350	.252	.327	.522	.285	.774	1.933	.330	.930	5.762
May 15-----	.175	.356	.227	.319	.539	.277	.741	1.869	.307	.945	5.821
August 15-----	.205	.390	.262	.347	.565	.357	.875	2.181	.341	.934	5.869
October 15-----	.216	.409	.276	.362	.581	.372	.907	2.266	.349	1.035	6.108
1920:											
February 15-----	.246	.478	.316	.416	.644	.439	1.059	2.583	.384	1.126	6.324
May 15-----	.260	.515	.335	.448	.687	.465	1.147	2.806	.417	1.159	6.291
August 15-----	.259	.528	.336	.477	.723	.452	1.134	2.806	.466	1.194	6.494
October 15-----	.222	.434	.269	.395	.663	.345	1.030	2.554	.390	1.208	6.425
1921:											
February 15-----	.147	.277	.172	.248	.514	.229	.672	1.676	.252	1.030	4.999
May 15-----	.135	.264	.164	.242	.513	.214	.660	1.651	.222	.967	4.714
August 15-----	.132	.254	.161	.244	.506	.210	.652	1.625	.213	.927	4.603
October 15-----	.134	.258	.165	.246	.507	.221	.679	1.672	.215	.936	4.593
1922:											
March 15-----	.132	.258	.167	.247	.502	.216	.697	1.693	.213	.938	4.444
June 15-----	.132	.256	.168	.245	.476	.215	.679	1.644	.214	.943	4.377
September 15-----	.134	.258	.171	.245	.465	.222	.676	1.649	.220	.979	4.338
December 15-----	.138	.263	.179	.252	.460	.233	.689	1.674	.228	.991	4.317
1923:											
March 15-----	.146	.268	.193	.255	.433	.246	.717	1.753	.238	1.048	4.396
June 15-----	.155	.274	.198	.259	.426	.250	.744	1.808	.246	1.071	4.472
September 15-----	.154	.273	.199	.258	.426	.245	.732	1.799	.254	1.088	4.529

1/ Prices not secured until May 1917.

Source: Retail Prices 1913 to December 1923, Bull. 366, (p. 58).

Appendix F. Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers 1914-18

The tables in this appendix contain average retail prices for commodities selected from an extensive list priced in shipbuilding cities during World War I. These averages were summarized from the original schedules. Since they cover a period of rapidly rising prices for which only indexes of large groups of commodities are available, they may be useful in the study of the behavior of prices for specific items under war conditions. In using these data, however, it must be remembered that the shipbuilding centers were abnormal industrial communities subject to unusual stresses from increased industrial activity and population congestion.

Studies of the cost of living in 18 shipbuilding centers were made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the Shipbuilding Wage Adjustment Board of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, by direct authorization of President Wilson. These surveys covered family income and expenditures as well as prices charged in retail stores. Prices for miscellaneous items of expenditure, such as services, were not obtained. The studies were made hurriedly to meet a war emergency and many shortcuts were used.

Retail prices for dates prior to the first collection in 1918, were obtained from retailers' records. Every effort was made to secure data that were comparable from one period to the next but the collection was not so controlled that prices in different stores and different cities related to items of approximately the same quality.

The average prices included in the tables below were computed as follows:

1. The full description appearing on the original schedules was used to assemble quotations for approximately the same quality. For articles with wide variation in prices, a classification by price was made (using the 1914 price level) to approximate a narrower range of quality variation.
2. An unweighted averages of quotations for the quality description defined above was computed. If the number of quotations for any specific description was fewer than 10, the article was eliminated from the table.

These averages have definite limitations arising from the character of the city sample and the method by which quality was defined. They are, however, the most obvious source of average retail prices for this period and as such, are made available for use as reasonable approximations of the level of retail prices for these articles during World War I. 1/

1/ A comparison of the cost of living in shipbuilding centers and other United States communities appears in the Monthly Labor Review for October 1919 in an article entitled Summary of Increased Cost of Living, July 1914 to June 1919. The comparisons are based on overall figures including prices for food and rents which respond almost immediately to war-time conditions.

Table F-1 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

TEXTILE HOUSEFURNISHINGS

Article and description 1/	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
BLANKET, cotton										
\$1.00 and under-----	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.34	\$ 2.67
\$1.01 to \$1.50-----	1.40	1.40	1.49	1.50	1.78	1.81	2.53	2.55	3.33	3.87
\$1.51 to \$2.49-----	1.95	1.95	2.10	2.11	2.47	2.51	3.37	3.43	4.22	5.23
\$2.50 and over-----	3.20	3.21	3.38	3.40	3.73	3.77	4.84	5.28	6.12	7.03
BLANKETS, wool, per pair										
25% - 49% wool-----	4.59	4.59	4.99	4.99	5.79	5.79	6.89	6.89	---	9.79
50% - 74% wool-----	5.10	5.10	5.36	5.36	5.84	5.86	7.06	7.12	9.75	10.07
75% - 99% wool-----	6.18	6.18	6.27	6.27	6.88	6.93	8.86	9.05	2/11.78	---
All wool-----	6.47	6.47	6.64	6.66	7.50	7.58	9.40	9.79	13.52	14.20
COMFORT, cotton										
Under \$2.00-----	1.29	1.31	1.46	1.52	1.73	1.81	2.31	2.64	2/3.27	---
\$2.00 to \$2.99-----	2.36	2.37	2.37	2.44	2.63	2.77	3.24	3.38	2/4.32	---
\$3.00 and over-----	4.33	4.33	4.36	4.41	4.61	4.69	6.21	6.44	2/7.32	---
NAPKINS, per dozen										
Cotton, plain-----	.80	.80	.84	.85	.97	1.00	1.29	1.34	1.61	1.77
Cotton, mercerized-----	1.04	1.04	1.12	1.12	1.28	1.28	1.66	1.74	2.24	2.30
Cotton, damask-----	1.49	1.49	1.62	1.67	1.92	2.00	2.19	2.42	---	2.80
Linen or Irish linen-----	2.74	2.74	3.03	3.06	3.62	3.67	4.61	4.76	5.89	6.67
PILLOW CASE, cotton, each (includes all cases described as "cotton", "muslin", "bleached", "hemmed", and "regulation sizes")-----	.18	.18	.19	.19	.22	.22	.30	.30	.38	.41
PILLOW CASE TUBING, per yard -----	.20	.20	.22	.22	.24	.24	.29	.29	.33	---
PILLOW										
Chicken feathers-----	.88	.88	.92	.92	1.00	1.01	1.29	1.31	1.36	1.53
Mixed feathers, \$.50-\$1.24	.78	.78	.83	.83	.92	.92	1.09	1.10	1.23	1.27
\$1.25 and over-----	2.04	2.04	2.11	2.11	2.28	2.28	2.62	2.66	3.21	3.27
Goose feathers-----	2.19	2.19	2.27	2.28	2.51	2.53	2.84	2.91	3.18	3.50
Down-----	3.09	3.09	3.10	3.10	3.35	3.35	3.89	3.89	4.20	4.71
SHEET										
Seamed, 72"x90"-----	.57	.57	.61	.61	.74	.74	1.02	1.02	1.18	1.39
Seamless, muslin, 81"x90"-----	.79	.79	.85	.85	1.01	1.01	1.29	1.29	1.67	1.82
Seamless, 81"x90"-----	1.04	1.04	1.12	1.12	1.32	1.32	1.70	1.70	2/1.81	2.27
Trademarked 3/-----	.86	.86	.93	.94	1.09	1.13	1.43	1.48	1.84	2.15
SHEETING, per yard										
No description-----	.16	.16	.18	.19	.23	.24	.35	.37	2/.56	.46
Trademarked-----	.28	.28	.30	.30	.36	.38	.48	.49	.62	.73
TABLECLOTH										
Cotton, plain-----	.59	.59	.63	.63	.75	.76	1.01	1.04	1.18	1.34
Cotton damask, 72"x84"-----	1.58	1.58	1.61	1.61	1.81	1.81	2.26	2.33	3.28	3.10
Linen/-----	2.92	2.92	3.43	3.43	4.01	4.09	5.37	5.46	7.11	7.33
Linen damask, 72"x84"-----	3.59	3.59	3.96	3.96	4.64	4.64	5.97	6.07	8.20	8.47
TABLECLOTH MATERIALS, per yard										
Cotton damask, turkey red-----	.52	.52	.52	.52	.59	.62	.73	.78	.86	.91
Cotton, 36" wide-----	.40	.40	.41	.41	.46	.47	.58	.61	.72	.84
Cotton, mercerized damask:										
58" wide-----	.44	.44	.48	.48	.55	.57	.65	.68	.77	.90
72" wide-----	.63	.63	.71	.71	.82	.82	1.02	1.14	1.84	1.54
Linen, width not specified	1.00	1.01	1.06	1.06	1.34	1.34	1.77	1.81	2.03	2.33
Linen, 72" wide 5/-----	1.15	1.15	1.38	1.40	1.81	1.84	2.32	2.35	3.10	3.15

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Table F-1 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

TEXTILE HOUSEFURNISHINGS - Continued

Article and description 1/	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
TOWEL										
Cotton huck-----	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.27
Turkish:										
under 20 cents-----	.13	.13	.14	.14	.17	.17	.21	.21	.26	.31
20 cents and over----	.29	.29	.30	.30	.36	.36	.43	.46	.52	.56
Linen:										
under 35 cents-----	.22	.22	.26	.26	.33	.33	.44	.44	.55	.60
35 cents and over----	.49	.49	.55	.56	.72	.73	.99	1.01	1.14	1.25
TOWELING, per yard										
Crash dish toweling----	.11	.11	.12	.12	.14	.14	.18	.18	.24	.26

Table F-2 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

FLOOR COVERING, FURNITURE, AND EQUIPMENT

CARPET, 9x12 feet										
Axminster-----	24.72	24.76	26.01	26.24	29.47	30.11	34.91	35.75	41.33	45.05
Tapestry or Brussels:										
\$9.50 to \$19.99-----	15.18	15.20	16.13	16.23	18.61	18.89	22.40	22.70	26.79	29.08
\$20.00 and over-----	24.12	24.12	25.09	25.16	27.38	27.92	31.96	33.43	39.71	2/40.14
Royal Wilton and Velvet:										
\$12.50 to \$24.99-----	19.51	19.51	20.71	20.71	23.45	23.45	28.98	28.98	31.69	37.47
\$25.00 and over-----	34.85	34.85	36.35	36.56	41.85	42.10	47.93	48.18	57.12	58.60
CARPETING, 27 inches wide										
Tapestry-----	.86	.86	.93	.93	1.07	1.07	1.30	1.32	1.54	1.80
Brussels-----	1.04	1.06	1.14	1.16	1.32	1.36	1.67	1.67	1.95	2.11
Velvet-----	1.17	1.17	1.27	1.27	1.49	1.49	1.81	1.82	2.14	2.46
CHINA MATTING, per yard----	.27	.27	.29	.29	.34	.34	.43	.43	.53	.61
LINOLEUM, per yard										
Printed, E-quality----	.61	.61	.64	.64	.73	.74	.86	.88	1.00	1.19
Inlaid-----	1.11	1.11	1.15	1.18	1.26	1.31	1.49	1.57	1.69	2.12
DINING-ROOM TABLE, oak										
\$4.50 to \$14.99-----	10.59	10.59	10.89	10.89	11.95	11.98	13.82	13.90	16.39	17.12
\$15.00 to 23.99-----	17.90	17.90	18.49	18.49	20.32	20.32	22.88	22.95	25.18	24.40
\$24.00 and over-----	27.36	27.36	27.92	27.92	29.84	29.84	33.79	34.30	37.85	38.43
DINING-ROOM CHAIR										
Oak-----	2.56	2.56	2.67	2.68	2.96	2.98	3.39	3.44	4.00	4.31
Cane seat (frame not specified)-----	1.35	1.35	1.45	1.45	1.64	1.64	2.06	2.06	2.88	2.63
Imitation leather seat (frame not specified)	2.75	2.75	2.84	2.84	3.16	3.18	3.60	3.65	4.09	4.54
KITCHEN CHAIR-----	.75	.72	.78	.76	.85	.84	1.01	1.03	1.20	1.46
SIDEBORD, oak, without mirror										
\$10.00 to \$24.99-----	17.71	17.71	18.17	18.17	19.88	19.90	22.84	22.96	27.12	27.03
\$25.00 to \$39.99-----	29.44	29.44	30.37	30.37	32.75	32.85	36.89	37.06	41.65	45.09
\$40.00 and over-----	48.13	48.13	48.44	48.51	51.86	52.50	55.75	56.17	---	2/62.26

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Table F-2 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

FLOOR COVERING, FURNITURE, AND EQUIPMENT - Continued

Article and description 1/	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
DRESSER										
Oak, without mirror-----	\$ 14.26	\$ 14.26	\$ 14.84	\$ 14.87	\$ 15.90	\$ 16.08	\$ 18.11	\$ 18.36	\$ 19.77	\$ 21.91
Mahogany:										
\$10.00 to \$24.99-----	16.48	16.48	17.64	17.64	19.70	19.70	23.93	23.93	27.00	31.22
\$25.00 to \$40.00-----	29.30	29.30	30.84	30.84	33.95	34.03	36.91	37.18	43.26	43.87
CHIFFONIER										
Jak, with mirror:										
\$4.50 to \$14.99-----	10.50	10.50	10.92	10.92	11.87	11.87	13.99	13.99	16.20	17.71
\$15.00 and over-----	18.24	18.24	18.54	18.51	19.67	19.67	22.58	22.58	25.30	27.15
Mahogany, with mirror---	21.98	21.98	22.67	22.67	24.58	24.58	28.50	28.50	32.71	34.40
BEDSTEAD										
Iron:										
\$1.98 to \$5.99-----	4.06	4.06	4.35	4.36	4.91	4.92	5.93	5.98	7.34	8.37
\$6.00 and over-----	8.63	8.60	8.84	8.84	9.63	9.75	11.25	11.32	12.18	13.76
Brass:										
\$10.00 to \$19.99-----	14.06	14.06	15.05	15.12	17.01	17.24	19.71	20.03	22.26	25.68
\$20.00 and over-----	22.98	22.98	22.55	22.65	24.15	24.15	27.40	27.50	27.65	30.20
BEDSPRING										
Link spring 6/-----	4.42	4.42	4.68	4.69	5.31	5.34	6.26	6.32	7.09	8.02
Coil spring-----	4.63	4.67	4.86	4.91	5.48	5.56	6.44	7.30	---	8.50
MATTRESS										
Excelsior center and cotton top and bottom-	3.35	3.35	3.70	3.70	4.27	4.27	5.14	5.16	6.14	6.54
Cotton-----	8.15	8.15	8.67	8.67	9.91	9.99	12.64	12.82	7/15.70	15.57
Felt 8/-----	9.18	9.18	10.00	10.00	11.18	11.18	13.88	13.88	15.63	16.46
Silk Floss-----	11.81	11.81	12.56	12.67	13.92	14.01	15.94	16.81	---	2/18.33
REFRIGERATOR										
25 lb. capacity 9/-----	8.67	8.67	8.93	8.93	9.38	9.38	10.32	11.46	12.84	12.71
50 lb. capacity 9/-----	13.52	13.52	14.06	14.06	15.33	15.33	17.48	17.48	18.89	20.78
KITCHEN STOVE										
Coal stove:										
\$5.00 to \$9.99-----	7.17	7.17	7.69	7.69	8.92	8.92	12.20	12.30	---	16.74
\$10.00 to \$24.99-----	15.70	15.70	16.39	16.44	18.29	18.53	22.67	22.92	28.88	31.19
\$25.00 and over-----	30.75	30.75	31.59	31.65	35.28	35.40	43.54	44.24	52.66	55.47
Gas range:										
\$10.00 to \$24.99-----	17.56	17.56	17.72	17.72	20.17	20.17	25.00	25.00	27.97	28.04
\$25.00 and over-----	30.47	30.53	31.44	31.78	35.22	35.42	41.26	41.48	48.38	51.30
Coal and gas range-----	48.71	48.79	50.44	50.72	55.95	56.69	65.26	67.09	74.69	76.71

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Table F-3 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

HOUSEWARES

Article and description ^{1/}	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
CUTLERY, flatware										
Table knives, per dozen:										
Steel, with wood handle	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.87	\$ 1.98
Silver plate-----	3.54	3.54	3.82	3.82	4.17	4.32	4.55	4.60	5.08	5.54
Rogers 1847-----	5.30	5.30	5.74	5.74	6.21	6.21	7.60	7.72	8.18	8.38
Table forks, per dozen:										
Steel, with wood handle	.99	.99	1.01	1.01	1.20	1.21	1.48	1.50	1.88	1.89
Silver plate-----	3.52	3.52	3.88	3.88	4.10	4.27	4.57	4.63	4.92	5.95
Rogers 1847-----	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.83	5.83	6.72	6.85	7.12	7.86
DINNERWARE										
Cups and saucers, per dozen:										
White or plain-----	1.23	1.24	1.30	1.31	1.54	1.56	2.20	2.28	2.62	2.83
Decorated-----	2.00	2.03	2.16	2.18	2.50	2.52	3.17	3.22	3.82	4.06
KITCHENWARE										
Coffee pot, 2-qt., enamel, each-----	.60	.60	.62	.62	.71	.72	.86	.88	1.04	1.13
Dishpan, 14 qt., each:										
Tin-----	.49	.49	.57	.57	.66	.66	.83	.85	1.06	1.16
Enamel-----	.69	.69	.72	.73	.82	.83	.97	1.00	7/1.18	1.26
Skillet, each:										
Steel-----	.30	.30	.32	.32	.36	.36	.46	.47	.58	.67
Iron-----	.41	.41	.43	.44	.50	.51	.62	.64	.77	.82
Aluminum-----	1.53	1.53	1.60	1.61	1.77	1.78	1.96	2.05	2.36	2.27
Stew pan, 4 qt., each:										
Enamel-----	.40	.40	.42	.42	.47	.48	.55	.55	.63	---
Aluminum-----	1.07	1.07	1.09	1.09	1.15	1.15	1.39	1.39	1.72	---
Teakettle, enamel:										
Under \$1.00-----	.68	.68	.71	.72	.82	.83	1.02	1.03	1.15	1.43
\$1.00 and over-----	1.35	1.36	1.40	1.41	1.56	1.58	1.79	1.83	2.19	2.22
LAUNDRY SUPPLIES										
Washboard:										
Zinc-----	.37	.37	.40	.40	.45	.45	.56	.57	.65	.70
Glass-----	.43	.42	.45	.44	.49	.49	.56	.57	.63	.71
Washtub:										
Galvanized, #1-----	.70	.70	.75	.76	.86	.87	1.14	1.15	1.29	1.42
Galvanized, #2-----	.81	.81	.87	.88	1.02	1.05	1.32	1.35	1.60	1.69
Galvanized, #3-----	.94	.95	1.00	1.01	1.16	1.17	1.51	1.56	1.96	1.96
Wood-----	1.04	1.04	1.08	1.08	1.25	1.25	1.64	1.64	1.87	2.00
Borax, 1 lb. pkg.-----	.14	.14	.15	.15	.15	.15	.17	.17	.19	.19
Cleaning powder:										
Gold Dust, 3 1/2 lb. pkg.--	.23	.23	.23	.23	.24	.24	.25	.27	---	2/.29
Old Dutch Cleanser-----	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	---
Laundry soap, per bar---	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.06	.06	.07	.07
OTHER HOUSEWARES										
Broom, 4-string or tie--	.37	.37	.40	.40	.48	.48	.70	.73	.88	.95
Brush, scrub or fiber---	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.14	.14	.15	.17
Window shades:										
Water color-----	.32	.32	.34	.34	.40	.40	.53	.54	.65	.75
Oil-----	.54	.54	.57	.57	.65	.66	.82	.84	.97	1.10

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Table F-4 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

MEN'S OUTERWEAR

Article and description 1/	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
OVERCOAT, all wool										
Under \$15.00-----	---	\$ 11.18	---	\$ 11.88	---	\$ 13.58	---	\$ 15.88	---	\$ 21.89
\$15.00 to \$19.99-----	---	15.87	---	16.39	---	17.87	---	20.90	---	26.36
\$20.00 and over-----	---	21.59	---	21.86	---	23.12	---	26.07	---	31.00
OVERCOAT, part wool 10/										
Under \$15.00-----	---	10.25	---	10.36	---	11.89	---	13.94	---	17.50
\$15.00 and over-----	---	17.14	---	17.45	---	18.55	---	22.88	---	28.06
MACKINAW-----	---	6.04	---	6.10	---	6.90	---	8.50	---	11.65
SUIT, for winter										
Wool:										
\$7.50 to \$16.99-----	---	13.36	---	13.84	---	15.31	---	18.05	---	24.60
\$17.00 and over-----	---	21.25	---	21.61	---	22.63	---	26.32	---	31.52
Serge 11/------	---	15.60	---	15.84	---	17.07	---	20.29	---	26.49
Wool and cotton mixed:										
\$3.00 to \$9.99-----	---	6.11	---	6.24	---	7.00	---	8.10	---	11.48
\$10.00 and over-----	---	12.82	---	13.05	---	14.24	---	16.74	---	20.73
SUIT, for summer										
Palm beach-----	\$ 14.78	---	\$ 15.09	---	\$ 16.44	---	\$ 19.95	---	---	25.68
Serge-----	14.14	---	14.48	---	16.09	---	20.59	---	---	24.64
All wool-----	14.78	---	15.09	---	16.44	---	19.95	---	---	25.68
WORK PANTS										
Khaki-----	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.17	1.27	1.27	1.62	1.70	---	2/2.20
Cotton 12/------	1.27	1.27	1.31	1.31	1.46	1.51	1.77	2.00	---	2/2.42
Part wool-----	2.49	2.49	2.53	2.53	2.79	2.79	3.29	3.29	---	---
Corduroy-----	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.98	3.05	---	2/3.67
OVERALLS, BLUE DENIM										
Under fifty cents -----	.49	.49	.55	.55	.71	.71	.97	.97	\$ 1.27	1.74
Fifty cents to \$.99-----	.80	.80	.90	.90	1.11	1.12	1.54	1.57	1.85	2.11
\$1.00 and over-----	1.21	1.21	1.27	1.27	1.51	1.54	2.03	2.10	2/2.56	2.50
Advertised brands 13/-----	.89	.89	.96	.97	1.19	1.20	1.63	1.72	2/2.30	2.38
WORK SHIRT										
Chambray-----	.52	.52	.51	.52	.61	.61	.81	.83	1.00	1.13
Cotton or cotton mix-----	.60	.60	.66	.66	.77	.78	.96	1.00	1.07	1.41
Flannel (not specified)---	---	1.18	---	1.25	---	1.48	---	1.94	---	2.70
WORK GLOVES										
Leather-----	.79	.79	.81	.81	.94	.94	1.21	1.24	1.32	1.43
Cotton or canvas-----	.12	.12	.12	.12	.14	.14	---	---	.20	.22

Table F-5 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

MEN'S FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES

SWEATER										
All wool-----	---	4.31	---	4.44	---	5.04	---	6.25	---	7.86
Part wool-----	2.25	2.25	2.34	2.34	2.70	2.72	3.39	3.60	3.85	4.61
Cotton:										
\$.35 to \$1.24-----	.72	.72	.75	.75	.88	.88	1.22	1.24	1.28	1.53
\$1.25 and over-----	1.80	1.80	1.82	1.90	2.08	2.08	2.68	2.68	---	3.53
NIGHT SHIRT										
Muslin:										
50 cents and under----	.49	.49	.51	.51	.61	.61	.79	.79	.98	1.11
\$0.51 to \$0.99-----	.74	.74	.76	.76	.89	.89	1.13	1.13	1.30	1.57
\$1.00 and over-----	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.08	1.30	1.32	1.50	1.61
Flannel 14/------	---	.76	---	.79	---	.88	---	1.12	---	1.39

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Table F-5 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18
MEN'S FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES - Continued

Article and description 1/	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
PAJAMAS, flannel 14/-----	---	\$ 1.11	---	\$ 1.11	---	\$ 1.27	---	\$ 1.60	---	\$ 1.66
UNDERSHIRT OR DRAWERS										
Part wool-----	---	1.18	---	1.20	---	1.36	---	1.78	---	2.17
100% wool-----	---	1.40	---	1.44	---	1.65	---	2.15	---	2.85
UNION SUIT, all wool-----	---	2.76	---	2.77	---	3.05	---	3.81	---	5.02
SOCKS										
Cotton-----	\$ 0.15	.15	\$ 0.16	.16	\$ 0.18	.18	\$ 0.22	.22	\$ 0.24	.33
Part wool-----	---	.20	---	.21	---	.25	---	.33	---	.53
Wool-----	---	.32	---	.33	---	.40	---	.55	---	.78
Cashmere-----	---	.25	---	.27	---	.33	---	.44	---	.66
Lisle-----	.31	.31	.33	.33	.37	.37	.46	.47	.48	.55
Silk-----	.44	.44	.45	.45	.47	.47	.59	.59	.72	.69
HANDKERCHIEFS										
Cotton 15/-----	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.09	.10	.11	.13	.14
Linen-----	.20	.20	.20	.20	.23	.23	.30	.30	.33	.41
NECKTIE, silk, four-in-hand--	.53	.53	.54	.54	.60	.60	.75	.78	---	.98
SUSPENDERS										
Elastic-----	.35	.35	.35	.35	.37	.38	.45	.45	.48	.58
Lisle or silk lisle-----	.45	.45	.46	.46	.48	.48	.58	.58	.61	.74
HAT, FELT										
Soft felt hat-----	---	2.28	---	2.38	---	2.60	---	3.28	---	3.50
Trade marked-----	2.55	2.55	2.56	2.56	2.66	2.66	3.05	3.08	---	2/3.45
HAT, STRAW										
Stiff straw-----	1.87	---	1.87	---	1.90	---	2.00	---	---	2.22
Panama-----	4.06	---	4.12	---	4.33	---	4.81	---	5.24	5.31

Table F-6 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18
WOMEN'S OUTERWEAR

Article and description 1/	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918
COAT, WINTER, wool					
Under \$10.00-----	---	8.60	---	10.69	---
\$10.00 to \$14.99-----	---	12.02	---	14.37	---
\$15.00 and over-----	---	20.05	---	22.33	---
COAT, WINTER, plush					
Under \$15.00-----	---	12.33	---	14.00	---
\$15.00 to \$24.99-----	---	17.59	---	20.56	---
\$25.00 and over-----	---	26.32	---	28.86	---
COAT, SPRING					
Serge 11/:					
\$10.00 to \$19.99-----	14.92	---	15.23	---	16.96
\$20.00 and over-----	22.92	---	22.92	---	24.58
SUIT, (COAT AND SKIRT)					
Serge 11/:					
\$8.95 to \$19.99-----	---	14.65	---	17.11	---
\$20.00 and over-----	---	23.58	---	26.04	---
Wool-----	---	19.71	---	21.87	---

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Table F-6 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

WOMEN'S OUTERWEAR - Continued

Article and description	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
SKIRT, DRESS, wool										
Mixed goods -----	---	\$ 3.34	---	\$ 3.38	---	\$ 3.68	---	\$ 4.80	---	\$ 6.42
Poplin-----	---	4.82	---	5.02	---	5.92	---	7.26	---	9.88
Serge 11/-----	---	5.02	---	5.13	---	5.70	---	6.82	---	9.26
Wool-----	---	5.73	---	5.84	---	6.81	---	8.24	---	10.84
SHIRTTWAIST										
Muslin-----	\$ 1.02	1.02	\$ 1.03	1.03	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.26	1.26	---	1.63
Voile-----	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.38	1.38	1.51	1.51	\$ 1.55	1.86
Silk or Japanese silk----	3.01	3.01	3.02	3.02	3.23	3.23	3.68	3.70	4.08	4.56
Crepe de Chine-----	3.36	3.36	3.36	3.36	3.51	3.51	4.03	4.08	4.33	4.75
Georgette-----	4.22	4.22	4.22	4.22	4.29	4.29	4.62	4.92	5.56	5.78
SWEATER										
Wool-----	---	4.48	---	4.63	---	5.17	---	6.66	---	9.03
Fibre silk-----	7.11	7.11	7.21	7.21	7.99	7.99	10.09	10.09	---	13.82
DRESS, wool										
Serge 11/:										
\$5.00 to \$14.99-----	---	9.47	---	9.84	---	10.98	---	13.34	---	18.48
\$15.00 and over-----	---	17.50	---	17.66	---	19.25	---	22.97	---	30.48
HOUSE DRESS, cotton										
Percale:										
\$0.35 to \$0.99-----	.76	.76	.82	.82	.98	.98	1.26	1.29	1.48	2.13
\$1.00 to \$1.24-----	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.13	1.14	1.45	1.45	2.00	2.30
\$1.25 and over-----	1.63	1.63	1.64	1.64	1.72	1.72	2.04	2.07	2.74	3.14
Gingham:										
\$0.50 to \$0.99-----	.79	.79	.89	.89	1.05	1.05	1.32	1.32	1.76	2.32
\$1.00 to \$1.24-----	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.15	1.16	1.49	1.53	1.76	2.43
\$1.25 and over-----	1.82	1.82	1.83	1.83	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.66	3.26	3.46
BUNGALOW APRON, cotton-----	.67	.67	.69	.69	.73	.76	.96	.97	1.22	1.70

Table F-7 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR AND ACCESSORIES

NIGHTGOWN										
Muslin;										
Under \$0.75-----	.52	.52	.54	.54	.63	.63	.81	.82	1.02	1.21
\$0.75 and over-----	1.03	1.03	1.05	1.06	1.14	1.16	1.36	1.39	1.56	1.81
Nainsook-----	.92	---	.95	---	1.07	---	1.31	---	1.48	---
Flannelette										
Under \$0.75-----	---	.56	---	.59	---	.71	---	.97	---	1.53
\$0.75 and over-----	---	.92	---	.93	---	.99	---	1.28	---	1.67
PETTICOAT										
Muslin;										
\$0.50 to \$1.24-----	.80	.80	.82	.82	.92	.92	1.09	1.10	1.29	1.50
\$1.25 and over-----	1.71	1.71	1.74	1.74	1.77	1.77	1.90	1.90	2.21	2.36
Sateen-----	.96	.96	.98	.98	1.09	1.09	1.37	1.37	1.55	1.87
Silk, taffeta or satin----	3.41	3.41	3.45	3.45	3.78	3.81	4.38	4.44	4.60	5.13
Outing flannel or flannel- ette-----	---	.47	---	.49	---	.54	---	.72	---	.94
UNION SUIT, part wool, medium weight 16/-----	2.10	2.10	2.12	2.12	2.30	2.33	2.73	2.83	3.04	3.11
UNION SUIT, cotton										
Light weight-----	.55	---	.55	---	.61	---	.73	---	.92	1.03
Heavy weight-----	---	.92	---	.94	---	1.07	---	1.33	---	1.76

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Table F-7 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18
WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR AND ACCESSORIES - Continued

Article and description 1/	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
COMBINATION SUIT										
Nainsook-----	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.74
Muslin:										
Under \$1.00-----	.64	.64	.66	.66	.73	.73	.92	.93	1.08	1.26
\$1.00 to \$1.49-----	1.03	1.03	1.06	1.06	1.16	1.16	1.34	1.36	1.53	1.74
\$1.50 and over-----	1.73	1.73	1.76	1.76	1.84	1.85	2.11	2.14	2.43	2.69
DRAWERS, muslin -----	.44	.44	.45	.45	.49	.49	.59	.62	.78	.82
SHIRT, WOOL										
Wool-----	---	1.20	---	1.24	---	1.45	---	1.82	---	2.46
Part wool-----	---	1.01	---	1.03	---	1.14	---	1.50	---	2.13
SHIRT, COTTON										
Summer weight-----	.23	---	.23	---	.26	---	.33	---	.43	.50
Medium weight-----	.41	.41	.41	.41	.48	.48	.58	.60	.72	.83
Heavy weight-----	---	.48	---	.48	---	.58	---	.77	---	1.05
Vest, cotton-----	.31	---	.31	---	.32	---	.40	---	.46	.57
CORSET										
Under \$1.00-----	.58	.58	.60	.60	.68	.68	.84	.84	---	1.21
\$1.00 to \$2.49-----	1.27	1.27	1.28	1.28	1.38	1.39	1.63	1.67	1.98	2.27
\$2.50 and over -----	3.12	3.12	3.14	3.14	3.27	3.29	3.66	3.74	4.52	4.54
CORSET COVER										
Muslin-----	.42	.42	.43	.43	.47	.47	.55	.55	.70	.76
Trimmed (embroidery, etc.)	.45	.45	.49	.49	.58	.58	.70	.70	.77	.85
BRASSIERE-----	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.55	.55	---	.65
STOCKINGS										
Cotton-----	.21	.21	.22	.22	.25	.25	.32	.32	.36	.44
Lisle-----	.37	.37	.38	.39	.43	.44	.54	.54	.58	.66
Silk boot 17/-----	.47	.47	.50	.50	.57	.57	.66	.66	.85	.85
Silk-----	.77	.77	.84	.84	.96	.96	1.17	1.19	1.31	1.45
GLOVES										
Leather, domestic :										
Capeskin-----	1.04	1.04	1.17	1.17	1.45	1.45	1.75	1.75	1.97	1.97
Kid-----	1.21	1.21	1.28	1.28	1.49	1.50	1.93	1.96	2.13	2.27
Fabric:										
Lisle-----	.40	---	.41	---	.50	---	.66	---	.75	---
Chamoisette-----	.47	.47	.49	.49	.62	.63	.81	.83	.88	.96
Silk-----	.63	---	.63	---	.68	---	.84	---	.97	---
HANDKERCHIEF, plain										
Cotton-----	.08	.08	.08	.08	.09	.09	.11	.11	.12	.13
Linen-----	.15	.15	.16	.16	.17	.17	.20	.21	.25	.28

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Table F-8 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

CHILDRENS' AND INFANTS' APPAREL

Article and description 1/	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
<u>BOYS' WEAR</u>										
OVERCOAT										
Under \$5.00 -----	---	\$ 3.42	---	\$ 3.79	---	\$ 4.57	---	\$ 5.63	---	\$ 7.81
\$5.00 and over-----	---	6.18	---	6.21	---	6.61	---	8.24	---	10.81
SUIT										
Serge (summer)-----	\$ 4.83	---	\$ 4.83	---	\$ 5.91	---	\$ 7.56	---	\$ 8.55	9.10
Serge (winter)-----	---	4.85	---	4.95	---	5.35	---	7.18	---	9.40
Wool-----	---	6.56	---	6.61	---	7.28	---	8.97	---	11.74
CAP, wool serge-----	.59	.59	.59	.59	.70	.70	.84	.84	1.02	1.14
UNION SUIT, part wool-----	1.24	1.24	1.27	1.27	1.35	1.45	1.53	1.71	---	2/1.95
<u>GIRLS' WEAR</u>										
MIDDY BLOUSE-----	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.10	1.10	1.31	1.38	1.80	1.87
SWEATER, wool-----	2.55	2.55	2.65	2.65	2.84	2.84	3.10	3.28	3.31	3.86
UNION SUIT, cotton										
Light weight-----	.38	.38	.38	.38	.45	.45	.50	.50	---	2/.65
Heavy weight-----	.61	.61	.65	.65	.68	.75	.81	.95	---	2/1.14
DRAWERS, cotton, knit										
Summer-----	.38	---	.38	---	.41	---	.53	---	.83	---
Winter-----	---	.43	---	.43	---	.46	---	.65	---	.84
SHIRT, cotton-----	.30	.30	.30	.30	.34	.34	.41	.42	---	2/.52
STOCKINGS, cotton-----	.19	.19	.19	.20	.21	.22	.28	.29	.33	.40
<u>INFANTS' WEAR</u>										
SHIRT, wool-----	---	.69	---	.70	---	.75	---	.91	---	2/1.09

Table F-9 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

DRESS GOODS

DRESS GOODS, COTTON, per yard										
Calice 18/-----	.06	.06	.08	.08	.10	.10	.14	.14	.19	.21
Gingham, 27" wide-----	.11	.11	.13	.13	.16	.16	.23	.23	---	.34
Percale, 36" wide-----	.12	.12	.13	.13	.16	.17	.22	.24	.30	.38
Poplin 18/-----	.25	.25	.26	.26	.28	.29	.34	.35	.39	.49
DRESS GOODS, WOOL, per yard										
Serge, all wool:										
36"-41" wide-----	.56	.56	.61	.62	.75	.75	.98	1.00	1.15	1.31
42"-44" wide-----	.92	.92	1.01	1.01	1.22	1.23	1.59	1.64	1.85	2.29
54" wide-----	1.19	1.19	1.28	1.28	1.53	1.58	2.07	2.11	2/2.63	3.25
Serge, part wool 18/ --	.45	.45	.48	.48	.60	.61	.78	.80	.94	.97
Trade name fabrics 19/--	1.01	1.01	1.08	1.09	1.28	1.29	1.62	1.65	2.06	2.45

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Table F-10 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

FOOTWEAR

Article and description <u>1/</u>	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
<u>MEN'S FOOTWEAR</u>										
SHOES										
Calfskin-----	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.38	\$ 4.38	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.03	\$ 6.05	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.67	\$ 6.83
Vici kid-----	4.19	4.19	4.53	4.53	5.17	5.17	6.13	6.17	6.20	7.30
Work shoe-----	2.15	2.15	2.55	2.55	2.75	2.75	3.55	3.55	---	<u>2/4.00</u>
RUBBERS <u>20/</u>										
Trade name-----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.05	1.25	1.25	1.26	1.49
Other-----	1.07	1.07	1.10	1.11	1.20	1.21	1.36	1.39	1.62	1.75
ARTICS, 4-buckle-----	1.97	1.97	2.06	2.06	2.17	2.17	2.52	2.55	2.86	3.08
<u>WOMEN'S FOOTWEAR</u>										
SHOES										
Under \$2.50-----	1.74	1.74	1.86	1.86	2.18	2.18	2.66	2.77	3.18	3.27
\$2.50 - \$3.99-----	3.12	3.12	3.31	3.60	3.87	3.87	4.83	4.84	5.10	5.68
\$4.00 and over-----	4.64	4.65	5.07	5.51	5.91	5.93	6.94	6.99	7.42	8.00
RUBBERS										
\$0.39 - \$0.74-----	.58	.58	.60	.60	.65	.65	.76	.77	.87	.87
\$0.75 and over-----	.78	.78	.79	.79	.83	.83	.93	.94	1.01	1.02
SLIPPERS and HOUSE SHOES---	1.48	1.48	1.57	1.57	1.78	1.78	2.25	2.34	2.64	2.67
<u>BOYS' FOOTWEAR</u>										
SHOES										
\$1.50 - \$2.49-----	1.75	1.75	1.83	1.83	2.13	2.13	2.48	2.53	2.81	2.90
\$2.50 and over-----	2.93	2.93	3.06	3.08	3.44	3.46	3.98	4.07	4.07	4.70
RUBBERS-----	.78	.78	.81	.81	.88	.88	.95	.98	.99	1.08
<u>GIRLS' FOOTWEAR</u>										
SHOES										
\$1.50 - \$2.49-----	1.77	1.77	1.91	1.91	2.19	2.19	2.63	2.64	2.94	3.01
\$2.50 and over-----	2.96	2.96	3.22	3.28	3.63	3.66	4.09	4.13	4.41	4.69
RUBBERS-----	.54	.54	.57	.57	.63	.63	.71	.71	.71	.79
<u>INFANTS' FOOTWEAR</u>										
SHOES-----	1.44	1.44	1.57	1.58	1.78	1.80	2.14	2.18	2.37	<u>2/2.56</u>

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Table F-11 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18

Article and description ^{1/}	1914		1915		1916		1917		1918	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	April	Aug.
ALCOHOL, grain, 1 pint-----	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34
ASPIRIN, 12 5-grain tablets:										
Advertised brands-----	.18	.18	.19	.19	.19	.19	.21	.21	.21	.21
Non-advertised brands---	.20	.20	.20	.20	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22	.22
BICARBONATE OF SODA, 1 lb.--	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.14	.14	.15	.16
BORIC ACID, 1 lb.-----	.27	.27	.27	.27	.29	.29	.34	.37	.40	<u>2/</u> .40
CAMPOR GUM, 1 oz.-----	.07	.07	.07	.07	.08	.08	.10	.11	.12	.14
CASTOR OIL, 1 oz.-----	.05	.05	.06	.06	.06	.06	.08	.09	.11	.14
EPSOM SALTS, 1 lb.-----	.10	.10	.11	.11	.11	.11	.13	.13	.15	.16
GLYCERINE, 1 oz.-----	.07	.07	.07	.07	.09	.09	.13	.13	.14	.14
LISTERINE, 3 oz.-----	.23	.23	.23	.23	.23	.23	.25	.25	.25	.26
PEROXIDE OF HYDROGEN, 4 oz.-	.13	.13	.13	.13	.14	.14	.15	.15	.15	.16
QUININE, per doz. tablets:										
2-grain-----	.11	.11	.12	.12	.14	.14	.16	.16	<u>7/</u> .18	.16
5-grain-----	.23	.23	.27	.27	.30	.30	.35	.35	---	.42
VASELINE, 2 oz. jar-----	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.06	.06

Table F-12 - Retail Prices in Shipbuilding Centers, 1914-18
TOBACCO PRODUCTS

PLUG TOBACCO, 3 to 3-1/3 oz.	.07	.07	.07	.07	.07	.07	.09	.09	---	---
SMOKING TOBACCO <u>21/</u> -----	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.06	.06	---	---
CIGARS-----	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.06	.06	---	---

1/ Price ranges shown as part of the description refer to prices in 1914.

2/ June price.

3/ Probably most quotations are for size 81"x90". This size was reported most frequently under non-trade-marked sheets.

4/ May have a mixture of damask cloths of 72"x84" and smaller, as well as plain weaves.

5/ Probably damask.

6/ Probably all metal frame.

7/ February price.

8/ Includes all mattresses designated "felt", "layer felt", and "cotton felt". Price levels were approximately the same for these three designations.

9/ Type of icebox was not specified in all cases. Price levels indicated that these are probably all top-icers. Prices for side-icers were more than \$10.00 higher than top-icers in 1914.

10/ Includes overcoats identified as "part wool" and "mixed goods".

11/ Includes wool serge and other serge not specifically designated as wool. Does not include serge identified as "mixed" or as "French serge".

12/ No other description available.

13/ Identified as "advertised brands, medium quality".

14/ Includes those identified as "flannel", "flannelette", and "outing flannel".

15/ Averages for "cotton bandannas" were the same as for the cotton dress handkerchief.

16/ The percent of wool was not specified. Comparisons with quotations identified as "all wool" or "more than 50% wool" indicates that these probably have less than 50% wool.

17/ Band of silk between shoe top and knee.

18/ Width not specified.

19/ Although width was not specified, quotations correspond closely to those identified for 48 to 54 inches wide.

20/ Quotations identified as "storm" and "low" were approximately the same. This is probably a combination of the two types. "Sandals" were excluded.

21/ Weight not specified. All brands for which data are available were reported at the same price from 1914 through 1916.