

Prices One Hundred Years Ago.

A perusal of some recent articles on the subject of the present high prices of food-stuffs would seem to make it appear that in all ages, even back to the time of the great famine, there has been more or less complaint on this score, and that the people have sought relief in legislation. Be that as it may, there was a time in our own country when the food prices were very cheap, when the law of supply and demand and when producer and consumer stood nearer together—the cold-storage system and its abuses not then being known.

From the musty records of a general store operated about the year 1800 in eastern New York—not 100 miles from Albany—the writer has been able to secure some interesting figures showing that at that period meats and other food products were "dirt" cheap, although imported commodities were quite high. Imported liquors, however, drawn from the wood and sold by the gallon, could be purchased at the cost of a quart today.

Here are some of the prices:
Veal—fore quarters, lb. 2 to 2½c
Veal—hind quarters, lb. 2½ to 3c
Mutton and lamb about the same.
A quarter of lamb 25 to 31c
Beef, all cuts, lb. 2 to 4c
Pork, fresh, lb. 2 to 3c
Pork, ham, lb. 3c
Pork, ham, lb. 5c
Poultry, lb. 4 to 6c
A single fowl 27½ to 50c
Eggs, dozen 6 to 12½c
Butter, lb. 4 to 6c
Cheese, lb. 4 to 6c
Apples, bushel 19 to 37½c

Prices 55 years later—even up to 1830—were only a little higher, veal ranging from 3 to 4 cents, while pork ranged from 3 to 6 cents, 5 cents being the common price for best cuts. Pork ranged no higher than in 1800—sometimes lower, sometimes higher. Nor had the prices of poultry or butter materially changed, and potatoes and apples sold, on the whole, at the same price. While the decimal system of currency had been adopted some time before this period, values were almost universal—expressed in pounds, shillings and pence.

In New York state the pound was reckoned at \$2.50, the shilling at 12½ cents, pence and cents being the same thing. Even as late as 1830 some books were still kept in the old style.

Sugars were high in 1800. Brown sugar sold at 11 to 17 cents per pound, "white" 19 cents. In fact, sugar dealers of 1800 (or more) about 20 cents a pound. It should be noted that while meats today cost from four to 15 times the value of 1800, sugars have decreased in the ratio of three and four to one.

Teas and coffees show a wide range of prices:
Tea, pound \$1.29
Green tea, pound 1.63
Green tea, pound 1.70
Rohea tea, pound44
Coffee, pound12 to .18c

In 1800 tea averaged about 80 cents, and a good coffee 21 cents a pound, though cheaper grades were sold.

Reference has been made to the cheapness of liquors. Here are the prices:
Rum, gallon \$1.37
Gin, gallon \$1.12½ to 1.37½
Whisky, gallon 1.12½ to 1.37½
Malt whisky, gallon 1.12½ to 1.37½
Brandy, gallon 1.37½ to 1.63
Drinks, glass 3 to 7c

Judging from the space liquor items occupy on the books of this house, they must have been very generally used in the community, almost every other account showing liquor charges. In one such account 7½ pounds of veal were charged at 2½ cents per pound, a paper of pins at 19 cents, a pint of wine at 23 cents and 1½ pints of water at the same. The pins cost as much as the veal, and the liquor more than both together.

This store bought and sold wheat in considerable quantities, and at times the cereal soared in price almost to the limit of a 20th century Chicago wheat corner—the range in price being from 15 cents to \$1.30 per bushel. Wheat cost about 70 cents, corn 27½ to 44 cents, and oats, general price, 19 cents per bushel.

Of course dry goods and wearing apparel of all kinds were quite expensive, a yard of calico costing 40 to 50 cents, linen 50 cents and up; a handkerchief or a pair of common stockings cost 7½ cents, and a pair of silk stockings \$1.50.

Day laborers received at this period three shillings or 37½ cents. Twenty to 25 years later work by the day was sometimes credited as high as \$1.25. Monthly wages, presumably, with board, ranged from \$4 to \$24, although \$7 and \$8 was a common price.

One account shows that a gardener was paid \$1 per month. Yearly contracts appear at \$50 and \$100. Women in service received six to seven shillings per week (75 to 87½ cents) and a maidservant, working at the house, was paid 31 cents per day.

A boy's schooling was as cheap as veal, costing \$1.50 per quarter. Board must have been very cheap, for this memorandum entry: "Having this day agreed to board Henry Blank and family at the rate of \$1.50 per month, or at that rate for the time he stays with me."

Further statements might be presented, but the foregoing will show that at least from 1790 to 1830 the food staples were cheap—Charles R. Lodge, in Country Gentleman.

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Spectacular Sale of Seasonable Silks

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A soft brilliant silk with beautiful draping qualities that makes it adaptable for afternoon and evening gowns. 42 inches wide.

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Superior quality of Swiss Silk. Beautiful lustre. Plain colors in all shades.

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Silks with splendid draping qualities. Rich finish. Plain colors; all shades.

Bungalow Nets—A Sale

Buy Curtain stuffs at 25% discount

No prettier fabrics for curtains and draperies than these bungalow nets. Come in white, cream and Arabian, in imitation flit, new squares and arts and crafts effects. Our entire stock of over 5,000 yards. 75 different patterns at 25 per cent discount. Regular prices were 30c to \$2.25. Present sale prices 22c to \$1.68.

And these extra specials:
\$1.25 nets 75c.
\$1.50 nets \$1.00.
Both of the above 50 inches wide.
Pretty curtain patterns.

Washable Print Table Covers

Charming table covers in imported Java and English prints. Very sensible and clean looking for summer. Used for porch, bedroom and dining room tables. Wash like a piece of linen. Light and dark grounds in pretty contrasting floral and conventional designs. Were 75c to \$2.50; now 50c to \$1.88.

See these new cretonnes

An extensive assortment of new cretonnes in all the desirable summer patterns for bedroom draperies. Bed spreads, shirt waist boxes, sofa pillows, etc.
25c, 30c, 40c and 50c the yard.

Cut Glass for June Brides

Save a fourth.

Rich cut glass in a splendid variety of patterns, the cuttings sharp and deep, the glass firm and clear. Choice of entire stock at a 25 per cent discount. For example:

\$6.00 Water Bottles \$4.50
\$8.00 Tumblers 64c
\$9.00 Pitchers \$6.75
\$7.50 Bowls \$5.60

All other pieces proportionately reduced.

Prices on Wash Goods Drop

35c Suitings 15c

Half a dozen broken lines in this assortment—Dress linens, Moire suitings, Crashes, Chevron stripes, etc. All colors but not in every fabric. 27 inches wide. Regularly 25c and 35c the yard.

25c Lawns 15c.

Flaxon lawn is a firm soft fabric with a handkerchief linen finish. Comes in colored grounds with white figures. A splendid fabric for summer dresses.

89c Dress Linens 50c.

Splendid value here for shirt waist skirts, etc. Real French dress linens in all the leading colors. Note the exceptional width—46 inches.

39c Seco Silks 25c.

Real Seco Silks in all colors and black and white. A sheer silk fabric with cotton warp to insure washing.

95c

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The cream of the world's best silks is here. Silks advertised have a national reputation. Many of them sell for more than double our sale price. Doubtless you have seen them advertised in your favorite magazine—Robespierre silks at \$2, Cachemire de Soie at \$2.50, and the Roger & Thompson's silks at \$2. All these here and many others in every wanted color or shade. In style or quality, there is not a poor piece of silk in the lot—every piece offered is from our own regular stocks.

Included are the very silks most fashionable for summer dresses, outing and traveling costume street suits and frocks and evening gowns. Since many of the silks are identical with the styles shown for fall, many women will doubtless anticipate their wants at these savings.

Pongees and Shantung

\$1.50 La Tossa, 27 inches. All shades. \$1.75 Mirage, nationally advertised. \$2.00 Robespierre, Ottomans and Shantung for suits, coats, etc. In all the leading colors.

\$2.00 Silk Diagonale
A rich diagonal silk in all the new shades. Its splendid wearing qualities makes it ideal for suits and coats. Full 27 inches wide.

\$1.00 Wash Taffetas
A real wash taffeta that retains its finish. Very serviceable. Black, white and colors.

\$1 Silk Pongee
Rich quality, fine finish. All colors and black and white. 27 in. wide.

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R. & S. and Roger & Thompson's widely advertised silks
27 inches and 36 inches wide. Values to \$2.00.

Tussahs and Shantung, the season's most popular fabrics in the new weaves, diagonals, armures, ottomans, serges, gross grain, rayes etc.

\$1.50 Taffeta
In fancy black and white check, stripe and broche effects. A very high grade taffeta for waists and shirt waist suits. 19 and 27 in. wide.

\$1.75 Foulards
Cheney's and Valentines' Foulards. Short lengths—all broken lines. Values to \$1.75.

85c Inda Shantung
Splendid weaves, rough finish. All colors and black and white, 27 inches wide.

Since these are perhaps the greatest silk values we have ever offered we expect a crush. So that all may be accommodated, these rules:

No samples, approvals, exchanges.

Many additional experienced salespeople will augment our regular selling force, so that all may have immediate attention.

See Window Display

Found

Ladies' valuable brooch found some time ago in a fitting room of our ready to wear department awaits owner's identification at manager's office.

The lady who recently inquired at our exchange department for a purse containing a considerable sum, will find the purse at manager's office.

If you haven't selected your Summer Wash Dresses Here are styles that make choosing easy.

New arrivals daily. Chich summer dresses to freshen the ranks. Not many from each maker for we aim to be exclusive. In all, however, there are more than 500 of the prettiest summer dresses than we have ever assembled. There are stunning little belt dresses in sheer swisses, dimities and lawns at \$9 to \$30.

\$7.50 gives you choice of dainty summer one piece dresses. Made of sheer Swiss, lawn, dimities and madras. White grounds with smart contrasting dots and stripes, have Chanticleer collars and lace ruffle down front. Square and round necks.

\$32.50 One piece linen dresses in tunic effects with self colored eyelet embroidery trimmings, and crocheted buttons. Waist is smartly trimmed in Persian bands and self colored eyelet embroidery. High neck and collarless effects. Natural shades and colors.

\$15.00 One piece dresses of Irish linen. Dutch neck and short sleeves lace trimmed. Belt is of lace insertion. Full pleated skirt. Natural shades and colors.

Many New Waists are In

Clever heads have been designing and nimble fingers have been putting together the prettiest of lingerie waists. Several hundred await your approval.

One dainty pattern with pin tucks and a ruffle front, another trimmed in real lace, others with all over embroidery fronts, and hand short sleeves, tailored effects also. \$1.50 to \$3.75.

Shirt Waists Pure Linen

Much like a man's shirt. Coat style, with side pocket and the smartest lay down soft collar imaginable. Of pure linen, \$3.75.

Children's \$3.50 Dresses \$2.98

Special for Monday. Children's one piece belt and French Dresses in gingham and chambray. Sturdy qualities and washable. Dresses are in light white grounds with contrasting color checks and stripes. Also plains. Trimmed in pipings and pearl buttons. High neck, collarless, Dutch neck, long and short sleeves. Sizes 6 to 14 years.



\$3.95 For Silk Petticoats Worth \$7.50 and \$8

Several broken lines of petticoats have been grouped to make this stirring special. Made of a splendid quality of Taffeta. Come in plain and changeable effects and floral and Persian designs; deep tailored, corded and pleated flounce; some are shirred, others accordion pleated; 12-inch heatherbloom dust ruffle. All colors and black.

The Newest in Parasols From Home and Abroad



The best ideas from American and foreign makers are presented in this collection of parasols. Of special interest is the line

We Feature at \$6.95

There are plain and fancy taffeta silk parasols, some with plain mission handles, others with the quaint French flower or Chanticleer handles. Colors are be- witchingly lovely. Extreme color combinations or modest blendings as you prefer in green, navy, copenhagen, lavender, etc., \$6.95.

Other parasols start at \$1.50 and ascend by easy steps to \$17.50.

A Special Millinery Purchase Brings Leghorns and Untrimmed Hats At Much Less than Half Price.

The same wholesaler who regularly supplies us with untrimmed hats, sold us his reserve stock at 40c on the dollar. Which is why we can sell the identical legghorns that we sold at \$10 earlier in the season for \$4. Legghorns that were \$6 are now \$2.50.

There are also untrimmed hats in the large fashionable flare shapes in fancy braid straws.

Instead of \$5, \$2.25.

And there are large black shapes imported from France. They are made of Tagal—a hemp and straw substance that is as light and fine as panama.

Worth \$10, pay less than half, now \$4.

Other summer millinery now reduced:

White lingerie hats 6 to \$12. New Sailors \$1.50 to \$4.



Finest Knit Underwear is Here

We make importations direct from Switzerland of Zimmerlie's fine Swiss Underwear. To be had in Salt Lake only at Walkers.

Italian Silk Vests, also—white, pink and sky blue, harvard Mills hand finished underwear. Ruben's Infant shirts.

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