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PREFATORY NOTE

These additional references supplement the "Select list of references on the cost of living and prices" published in the spring of 1910. That such a supplement was needed is very forcibly shown by the fact that the additional references make up a list fully as long as the original list, notwithstanding that our rule of exclusion was more rigidly enforced. The interest in the subject is universal. Not only have national, state, and provincial governments published documents on the subject, but some of the most valuable studies have been prepared by municipalities; for example, Amsterdam (item 463), Dresden (383), Halle (394), Moscow (468), St. Petersburg (469), Paris (21), Stockholm (479), and Trieste (349a and b). These offer concrete examples of actual conditions with statistics of special interest to the serious student.

For the United States, the recent publications of the Bureau of Labor are of the greatest importance, especially the new "Retail prices and cost of living series," which gives in one place the information formerly scattered through various numbers of the Bulletin. The four volume report of the "Investigation relative to wages and prices of commodities," issued by the Select committee of the Senate on wages and prices of commodities, in 1911, still remains one of the most useful sources of information. Mention should also be made of the Report made by the Board of Trade of London on "Cost of living in American towns" (reprinted as 62d Cong., 1st. sess. Senate Document 22). The latest statistics on the population and food supply of the United States will be found in the Abstract of the thirteenth census recently published by the Bureau of the Census. In connection with this subject, Mr. E. Dana Durand, the Director of the Census, has prepared a paper with the title "Significant results of the census" which will probably be published in an early number of the Century magazine. It deals with the failure of agricultural products to keep pace with the increase of the population.

In this supplement two new features have been introduced with a special view to aiding investigators. One is a list of the sources where current prices of commodities are to be found, and the other is a tabular statement of the sources of the Index numbers of all the more important countries.

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Just before going to press we note a new index number for the United States published in the New York Times Annalist, based on twenty-five food commodities representing a theoretical family's food budget.

I take special pleasure in acknowledging the hearty cooperation of the officials of the Bureau of Labor, particularly Miss M. A. Matthews, the Librarian, and of Dr. H. J. Harris, formerly of the Bureau of Labor, and now Chief of the Division of Documents in the Library of Congress. Dr. Harris was instrumental in securing a number of valuable additions to the list of sources of current prices of commodities.

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