Cost Comparison of Fashions 1928-29

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We have had articles on what to wear for judging fashions but no one looked at what the articles of clothing actually cost and who had the best value for the money in our era. I have used Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward's Catalogs from 1928-1929 as my documentation.

Here is what I found:

A coat from Sears on the far right was \$25.50







Montgomery Ward's hat at the top of the page is \$4.98





Similar Montgomery Ward's dresses \$7.98 each





Montgomery Ward's purses at various prices.



Undergarments from Sears



Undergarments from Montgomery Ward's



Shoes from Sears



Montgomery Ward's Shoes



Gloves from Sears



Gloves from Montgomery Ward's





Montgomery Ward's also had a variety of stockings in different materials



It seems that shopping for clothes was just as competitive years ago as it is today. Most of the clothes were made in the USA and a few designs in France. As you go through the catalogs you will be astounded at the similarity of clothing and the difference in price. Oh how I wish I could order an outfit from one of these catalogs and pay the price they were asking then.

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