

change, several changes. People have found fault with the price we charged for goods destroyed more particularly, such as bedding, and we have made frequent changes in those cases and it is for this reason: The price of goods, as a general rule, from the beginning of 1874 to the present time, has been falling or stationary. It has never risen much and remained higher for any great length of time. The consequence has been then that goods that we buy in the form of sheeting for instance, and make up into bedding or plaiting or other things for the uses there, will be charged to our sewing room at the cost without any profit. Then it is made up and a certain amount is charged for making them up. This is usually based upon the judgment of the chief seamstress supposing that she will be the best judge of what it costs to do that work or what it would cost to get it done. Then the goods are charged at their cost price.

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