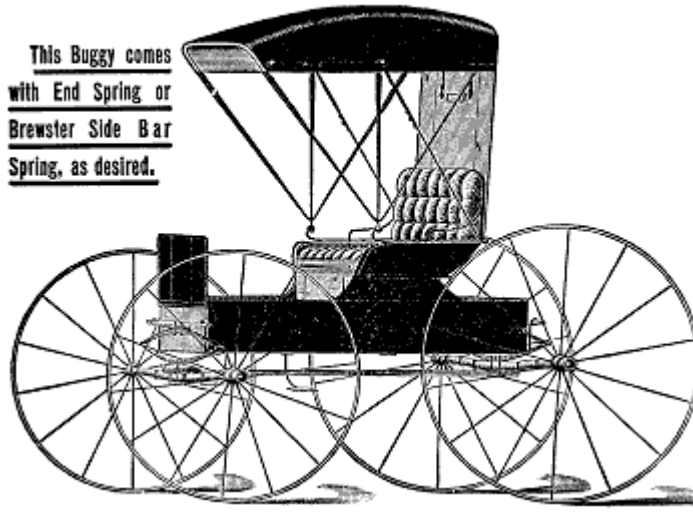


WHAT DID A DOLLAR BUY IN 1897?

OUR \$39.90 COLUMBUS

This Buggy comes
with End Spring or
Brewster Side Bar
Spring, as desired.



During the late 1890's and early 1900's, the general store was an important part of small town America. The little farming and logging communities relied on it for news and mail as well as goods. Sometimes if the store didn't have an item a customer wanted, it could be ordered from a catalogue.

Prices during this time were very different from today. Look at the catalogue advertisement from the 1897 Sears Catalogue. Now look at the price list for some of the different styles and extras.

Grade A Columbus Top Buggy

This buggy is made of second growth hickory wheels, ash and poplar body and quarter leather top. Guaranteed for 2 years..... \$55.00

Grade AA Columbus Top Buggy

This buggy is made of second growth hickory wheels, leather-covered prop nuts and handles, 13 coats of paint, velvet carpet, all wool English cloth on seats. \$65.00

Extras:

Full leather top	\$5.00
Leather cushions	\$1.50
Full length Brussels carpet	\$1.00

1. Your father wants to buy the \$39.00 buggy, but wants to get a full leather top and leather cushions. How many dollars does he need to buy everything?

2. Make up your own math problem.

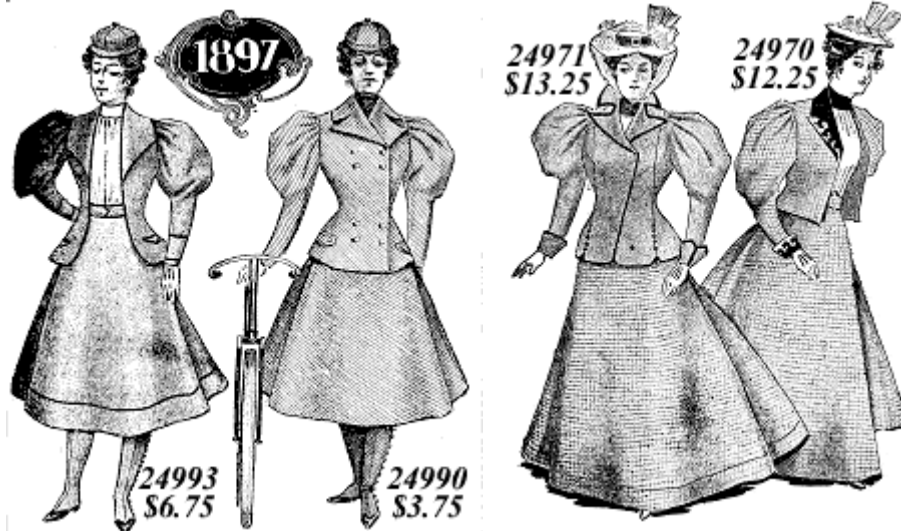


Name of item	Price
Our Boy's 24-inch Wheel with wood rims and nickeled spokes.	\$33.00
Girl's Wheel 20-inch with wood rims and "finest materials."	\$29.00
Our Girl's 26-inch with "non-warpable wood, highly polished."	\$33.00
Our 20-inch Wheel for boys from the age of 5 to 8 years. Tube tires.	\$29.00
A pair of single tube tires with Vim Pebble Tread.	\$10.00
Morgan and Wright Bicycle pump	\$2.30
"The Search Light" A high grade lamp, burning kerosene oil. Will burn ten hours.	\$3.75

Prices from the 1897 Sears and Roebuck Catalogue

Your mother is an operator at the Sunset Telephone Company. She makes \$.25 an hour and works 8 hours a day. She wants to buy you a bike. Here are some prices for different styles plus some extras.

1. How many hours must she work to buy you a bike? _____ hours.
2. Your mother has saved \$40.00. What bike and extras can she buy?



Bicycle suits were popular at the turn of the century. So were suits. Look at the prices above. What could your mother afford to buy? Write on a piece of paper.