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Standard Sugar
8 cents per lb

An essential item that could be bought in bulk. There were different qualities of sugar sold in stores. Sugar was essential and was used for baking, cooking, and preserving fresh produce.



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Tea
45 cents per lb

Green and black teas were commonly sold. Oolong tea was a commonly-sold black tea that is strong and made from young leaves. Gunpowder tea comes from young green tea leaves. Most teas were imported from China.



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**Canned Tomatoes
15 cents per can**

Canned tomatoes became the most popular and accessible canned food product. Towards the late 19th century, fruits, veggies, and meats became accessible to people all year round because of the mass production of canned goods.



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**Yeast and Baking Powder
15 cents per box**

Both were used for making bread. Baking powder was invented in the 1880s and saved people hours of time because it allowed the bread to rise faster.



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Fabric

**50 cents for print fabric per yard/
\$1.30 for silk fabric per yard**

Most women knew how to sew clothes and home goods. Purchasing fabric from the store saved them time because they did not have to make the fabric themselves. Print fabrics were the cheapest and most durable. Silk fabrics on the other hand were fancy but very expensive.



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Men's Hats

50 cents for a straw hat/ \$1 for a derby hat

Straw hats were popular in the summer months and tended to be water-resistant. Derby hats were a staple in every American man's wardrobe. It was worn all day even at work and was a sign of respectability.



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Shirt Collars
10 cents per canister

Collars became popular towards the end of the 19th century and were typically made of paper, linen, or celluloid. They were a sign of high class and were worn by those who were well-off enough to afford nice clothes.



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Woodworth's Bear Grease
12 cents per bottle

Men's hair products were typically pomades and oils that helped hair stay in place. This company advertised that their product was made from real bear grease from the Rocky Mountains.



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Ayer's Hair Vigor
50 cents per box

Ayer's Hair Vigor became a popular hair product because it promoted healthy hair and allowed the hair to stand up high which was important for the common hairstyle.

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Salt
\$2.20 per lb

Like sugar, salt was bought by the pound and used in baking, cooking, and preserving fresh foods. It was common for meats to be salted to be preserved.



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Flour
14 cents per lb

Flour was used to make many different dishes, desserts, bread, and more! Flour could be bought by the pound and was an essential cooking ingredient in any colonial kitchen.



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Stove Polish
8 cents per package

Stove polish was needed to clean the common cast-iron stove. This particular polish advertised that it would keep your stove looking good and working efficiently.



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Graniteware Coffee Boiler
\$1.35 for one

These boilers are enamel-coated ironware that is lighter than the cast-iron boiler and won't rust. They were popular in the late 19th century.

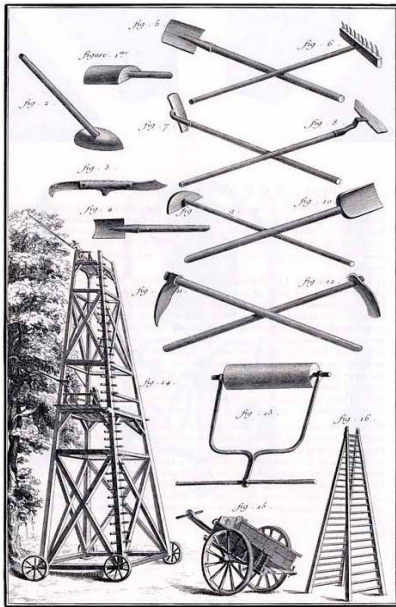


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Colonial Farming Equipment
\$5 each for a shovel, rake, or gardening hoe

Country stores sold farming supplies and equipment. Popular items included shovels, rakes, gardening hoes, plows, etc.



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Oats
16 cents per lb

Oats are cheap, filling, and non-perishable. It has been an important staple of the American diet for centuries.



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Potatoes
18 cents per bushel

Spanish colonists discovered potatoes in South America. Potatoes spread around the world and are popular items in the American and European diet because they are cheap, have a lot of calories, and are easy to grow.



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Chicken Eggs
16 cents per dozen

Though you could buy eggs at the local store, in rural areas having chickens on your property was common. Chicken eggs can be white, brown, reddish, or even blue,



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Indian corn
20 cents per bushel

Maize, also known as Indian corn, is native to the Americas. This crop was very important to the American diet because it was easily grown, stored, and preserved. This crop helped them survive the harsh winter months.