

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS

RELATING TO 173 PERSONS FOUND AT WORK, FOR SWEATERS, IN TENEMENT HOUSES, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WHOLE CLASS OF HOME FINISHERS, OF WHOM THERE WERE ENUMERATED 1,836.

Machine-hand.—German Polish girl, 18 years old, began work at 12; works by the week at various rates, and earned \$67.79 in 13 weeks; father a foundryman; 9 in the family; which occupies 4 rooms at a rental of \$7 a month.

Tailoress.—Bohemian girl, 20 years old, works with father, who also employs a man, and the three make suits. They have lived in the same house since 1864 and have by degrees paid for it.

Hand-finisher.—Russian man and wife, who together earn \$2 a day finishing coats. Three small children and the grandmother constitute the family, the latter dying of a cancer without medical attendance or nursing. Man has been 18 years in this country and owns a populous frame tenement house. He also owns the wretched rear cottage, on the second floor of which his family lives. His work room contains a bed, an upright piano, dining table, sewing machine and the couch on which his mother lies dying. The filth and smell are intolerable. He does only the finest custom work and was making a valuable coat. Most of the year he has been making police uniforms.

Hand-finisher.—Hungarian girl, 14 years old, works on men's overcoats, in her father's service, who is a sweater and keeps a model shop; neither speak English, though the father has been in this country 15 years.

Hand-finisher.—Russian Polish child, 13 years old, works in a button-hole shop, preparing the holes for the machines and tacking pockets; she earns \$2.50 a week; her father is dead.

Button-hole maker.—Italian girl, 14 years old, works in sweat shop, making button-holes with machine at \$4 a week; never attended school; 7 in the family; father superannuated at 40; none of them can read or write English, and they speak only jargon.

Button-hole finisher.—Russian Polish, half-orphan girl, 15 years old, earning \$4.50 a week with machine. Shop consists of three tiny rooms intended for bedrooms, in the rear of cottage on the alley, now filled with machines.

Vest maker.—Norwegian woman aged 43; in this country 3 years; speaks no English; lives with an older brother, who presses and stitches; the two can make 3 vests in a day, at 75 cents to \$1.25 apiece; rarely get work enough and the woman does washing in the intervals.

Vest finisher.—Swedish woman of 50, finishes vests at 10 and 12 cents per dozen; in 6 months earned \$57.08; 5 years in America, but speaks no English; complains that the sweater does not pay until 30 days after delivery of goods, and then not in full.

Vest finisher.—Polish woman of 60, husband superannuated, finishes vests at 1 cent apiece; earned 64 cents in one week; has no book, but thinks she earned \$50 or \$60 in 5 months; 11 years in America; speaks no English; takes 4 adult male boarders, and with her sewing supports her husband.

Trousers finisher.—Polish woman, 6 years in this country, speaks no English, 26 years old, husband a laborer, gets 6 cents a pair for finishing trousers, and finishes 6 pairs a day.

Hand-finisher.—Polish woman of 30, two months in America, has earned \$3 finishing trousers at 5½ cents a pair. Speaks no English; has never attended school; husband is a laborer. They have seven children; an uncle and a grandmother live with them and contribute to the support of the family. They occupy 4 rooms in a bad neighborhood and their home conditions are wretched.

Hand-finisher.—Polish woman 50 years old, widow, two months in America, has earned \$3 dollars finishing trousers at 5½ cents apiece; has never attended school; with the assistance of three others she supports a family of eleven persons. They all live in 4 rooms, for which a monthly rental of \$7 is paid.

Hand-finisher.—German Polish woman, 35 years old, finishes trousers at 7 and 8 cents a pair. Earns 42 cents a day regularly; has been 11 years in America, but speaks no English. Never attended school; began regular work at the age of 30, and lives at home with her father, who is a stone-mason, and owns his house of 5 rooms.

Hand-finisher.—Russian Polish woman aged 25, has been in America one year, speaks no English, and has never attended school. Finishes trousers at 5 cents a pair; carries her work one mile and finishes 6 pairs a day. Has worked regularly 6 months. Husband is a woodturner; they have two small children and occupy three rooms, for which they pay a monthly rental of \$5.

Hand-finisher.—Prussian woman of 27; finishes trousers at 5½ cents a pair; can finish from 6 to 8 pairs a day; earned \$5.28 in 16 days; in America 18 months but speaks no English. Never attended school; husband is a brick layer. They have one child, and pay \$5 a month rent for 3 rooms.

Hand-finisher.—German Polish woman 35 years old who has never attended school. Finishes trousers at 7 cents a pair; earns 42 cents a day regularly; has worked 5 years. Husband is a stone-mason, family consists of 7 persons, four of whom contribute to the general support. They occupy 5 rooms in a bad neighborhood, for which they pay \$7 per month.