

THE GLOVE TRADE

INTRODUCTORY

This trade comprises firms that were engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of leather gloves and fabric gloves. Knitted gloves are dealt with in the report on the Hosiery Trade (*see* page 168).

Table I A.—General summary

Particulars	1935	1934	1933	1930	1924
Value of products (Gross output)...	£'000 3,036	£'000 2,991	£'000 2,694	£'000 2,940	£'000 2,219
Cost of materials, fuel and electricity used	1,638	1,657	1,466	1,664	1,205
Amount paid for work given out...	11	20	14	19	6
Net output	1,387	1,314	1,214	1,257	1,008
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Average number of persons employed (excluding outworkers) ...	10,256	9,191	8,135	7,270	5,548
	£	£	£	£	£
Net output per person employed (excluding outworkers)	135	143	149	173	182
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of returns	141	}	*	120	86
Number of establishments... ..	157	}	*	144	*

* Not available.

Table I B.—Firms employing not more than ten persons on the average

Particulars	1935	1930	1924
Number of returns received	No. 44	No. 60	No. 37
Average number of persons employed :—			
Males... ..	104	135	108
Females	168	176	100
Total	272	311	208
Number of firms not making returns	1	8	17

In 1924 the value of the gross output of the small firms making returns was 4.1 per cent. of the total and was mainly in respect of leather gloves (4 per cent.) and work done for the trade (13 per cent.).

Table II.—Size of establishments in 1935

Size of establishment (average number employed)	Number of establishments	Gross output	Net output	Number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)	Net output per person employed
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£
11-24	36	208	98	652	150
25-49	45	500	223	1,536	145
50-99	45	961	449	3,326	135
100-199... ..	26	1,064	465	3,441	135
200 and over	5	303	152	1,301	116
TOTAL	157	3,036	1,387	10,256	135

Table III.—Particulars of output, etc., in each of the principal areas of the United Kingdom

Area*	Number of establishments†	Gross output	Net output	Average number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)		
				No.	£	
1	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£	
						1935	12	149	65	507	128
1930	4	35	18	88	205	
2	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£	
						1935	23	416	161	1,636	98
1930	11	175	67	526	127	
5	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£	
						1935	22	512	264	2,153	123
1930	17	627	260	1,905	137	
6	1935	3	51	28	183	154
8	1935	13	266	117	893	131
9	1935	72	1,526	700	4,346	161
10	1935	9	98	44	441	100
Other areas in England and Wales	1935	3	18	8	97	80
Total	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£	
						1935	100	1,959	897	5,960	152
1930	88	2,103	912	4,751	192	
TOTAL	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£	
						1935	157	3,036	1,387	10,256	135
1930	120	2,940	1,257	7,270	173	

* For particulars see page xviii.

† Number of returns for 1930.

Table IV.—Sub-divisions of the industry

Group	Number of establishments*	Gross output	Value of characteristic products	Net output	Average number of persons employed (excluding out-workers)	Net output per person employed	
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	No.	£	
Leather gloves	1935	138	2,825	2,720	1,283	9,452	136
	1930	107	2,733	2,630	1,159	6,542	177
Fabric gloves	1935	9	122	92	54	462	117
	1930	8	173	149	81	635	127
Other manufactures ...	1935	10	89	...	50	342	146
	1930	5	34	...	17	93	187
TOTAL	1935	157	3,036	...	1,387	10,256	135
	1930	120	2,940	...	1,257	7,270	173

* Number of returns for 1930.

PRODUCTION

Table V A.—Output of principal products

Kind of output	1935			1934	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz. prs.	£'000	No.	Th. doz. prs.	£'000
Gloves wholly or partly of leather, including leather shaped for making into gloves* :—					
Table cut	987	2,405	130	1,001	2,461
Block cut	237	363	50	192	302
Total—Leather, etc., gloves	1,224	2,768	...	1,193	2,763
Fabric gloves :—					
Of cotton or of which the chief value is cotton†	131	103	15	107	83
Of other textile materials	79	72	8	93	79
Gloves for household, etc., purposes (excluding gloves for cricket, fives, boxing, etc.)	158	65	19	150‡	73‡
Work done for the trade ... ..	...	28¶	4	...	32§
TOTAL—PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS	...	3,074	...	...	3,030

* Excluding astrachan gloves or gloves in which leather is used only as a trimming or binding.

† Including gloves partly cut out of fabric containing cotton and sewn up, and fabric containing cotton shaped for making into or lining gloves, but not astrachan gloves or gloves in which fabric containing cotton is present in the lining only.

‡ Including some gloves for sporting purposes.

¶ Including £17,000 recorded by firms in the Tailoring, Dressmaking, etc., Trades, which were not covered by the Inquiry of 1934.

§ Amount received.

The figures shown in the preceding table include the following output recorded by firms whose returns were made on schedules for other trades and are not, therefore, included in Table I A.

Kind of output	1935			1934	
	Quantity	Value	Entries	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz. prs.	£'000	No.	Th. doz. prs.	£'000
Gloves wholly or partly of leather, including leather shaped for making into gloves :—					
Table cut	20	36	10	} 18	38
Block cut	4	5	9		
Fabric gloves :—					
Of cotton or of which the chief value is cotton... ..	23	10	3	22	11
Of other textile materials	7	6	2	7	6
Gloves for household, etc., purposes (excluding gloves for cricket, fives, boxing, etc.)	62	11	4	} 66	12
Work done for the trade ... ..	...	12	3		
	...	4*	1	...	1*
TOTAL ... ..	...	84	...	...	68

* Amount received.

Table V B.—Output of certain principal products, 1924-1935

Kind of goods	1924	1930	1933	1934	1935
Gloves wholly or partly of leather, including leather shaped for making into gloves* :—					
Table cut ... { Th. doz. prs. } £'000	} 553 1,904	808	916	1,001	987
Block cut ... { Th. doz. prs. } £'000		2,547	2,235	2,461	2,405
		61	118	192	237
		96	214	302	363
Total — Leather, etc., gloves ... { Th. doz. prs. } £'000	553 1,904	869 2,643	1,034 2,449	1,193 2,763	1,224 2,768
Fabric gloves :—					
Of cotton or of which the chief value is cotton† { Th. doz. prs. } £'000	136 143	167 144	109 82	107 83	131 103
Of other textile materials ... { Th. doz. prs. } £'000	66 88	81 74	89 79	93 79	79 72
All other principal products and work done ... £'000	58	68	96	105	131
TOTAL — PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS ... £'000	2,193	2,929	2,706	3,030	3,074

* Excluding astrachan gloves or gloves in which leather is used only as a trimming or binding. Described as "Gloves of leather" in 1924 and as "Gloves of leather and of leather and fur, lined or unlined" in 1930 and 1933.

† Including in 1934 and 1935 gloves partly cut out of fabric containing cotton and sewn up, and fabric containing cotton shaped for making into or lining gloves, but not astrachan gloves or gloves in which fabric containing cotton is present in the lining only.

Table VI.—Average values of goods produced, exported and imported

Kind of goods	Production (at factory)			Exports (f.o.b.)		Imports (c.i.f.)	
	Average value		1935 as a percentage of 1934	Average value		Average value	
	1935	1934		1935	1934	1935	1934
	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	Per cent.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.	s. per doz. prs.
Gloves wholly or partly of leather, including leather shaped for making into gloves* :—							
Table-cut	48.76	49.19	99.1	} †	†	†	†
Block-cut	30.63	31.50	97.3				
Total	45.24	46.34	97.6	50.01	51.76	27.62	26.86
Fabric gloves :—							
Of cotton or of which the chief value is cotton*	15.64	15.57	100.5	18.01	18.45	8.34	8.05
Of other textile materials	18.08	16.88	107.1	18.94	19.67	9.36	9.93

* See footnotes (*) and (†) to Table V A.

† Not recorded separately.

Table VII.—Volume of Production, 1924-1935

Kind of output	Total production			Production index (1935 = 100)			
	1935 as returned	1934		1924	1930	1933	1934
		As returned	At 1935 average values				
	£'000	£'000	£'000	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Gloves wholly or partly of leather, including leather shaped for making into gloves* ...	2,768	2,763	2,734	46	72	85	99
Fabric gloves :—							
Of cotton, or of which the chief value is cotton*	103	83	84	104	128	85	82
Of other textile materials	72	79	85	83	102	111	118
Gloves for household, etc., purposes	93	73	72	9	35	95†	95†
Work done for the trade	38	32	32	98	59	57	84
TOTAL	3,074	3,030	3,007	48	73	86†	99†

* See footnotes (*) and (†) to Table V B.

† Owing to the exclusion in 1934 and 1933 of certain firms the 1935 base figure has been adjusted in calculating this index.

Table VIII.—Production in relation to Exports and Imports

Kind of goods	Production	Exports	Proportion of production exported	Retained imports	Available for use in the United Kingdom		Share of home market held by British goods
					Th. doz. prs.	Th. doz. prs.	
Gloves wholly or partly of leather, including leather shaped for making into gloves* ...	1935	1,224	53	4.3	625	1,796	65.2
	1934	1,193	52	4.4	665	1,806	63.2
Fabric gloves :— Of cotton, or of which the chief value is cotton* ...	1935	131	23	17.8	798	906	11.9
	1934	107	20	19.0	954	1,041	8.3
Of other textile materials ...	1935	79	6	7.8	122	195	37.5
	1934	93	6	5.9	90	177	49.5

* See footnotes (*) and (†) to Table V A.

Table IX.—Other output of the Glove Trade

The value of the gross output of the firms whose returns were made on schedules for the Glove Trade was £3,036,000 in 1935 and £2,991,000 in 1934, of which £2,990,000 in 1935 and £2,962,000 in 1934 consisted of products included in Table V A. Particulars of the remaining items are shown below.

Kind of output	1935		1934	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. doz. prs.	£'000	Th. doz. prs.	£'000
Skins, dressed ...	...	9	...	10
Leather manufactures other than gloves ...	...	2	...	2
Knitted gloves ...	18	9	23	12
Gloves for cricket, fives, boxing, etc. ...	5	13	*	*
Other goods made ...	...	8	...	1
Waste products sold ...	...	2	...	1
Work done ...	...	3†	...	3†
TOTAL ...	...	46	...	29

* See footnote (†) to Table V A.

† Amount received.

MATERIALS AND FUEL

Table X A.—Materials, fuel and electricity purchased and used

Kind of materials, etc.	1935		1934	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Raw skins :—	Th. doz.	£'000	Th. doz.	£'000
Sheep and lamb skins :—				
Woolled (i.e., with wool left on) ...	24.3	29	28.8	38
Dewoolled ...	32.1	44	35.6	48
Other ...	4.1	3	8.7	5
Skins treated (tanned or dressed), including undyed ...	598.1	1,096	516.3	961
Fuel and electricity used for all purposes :—	Th. tons			
Coal ...	4.6	6		
Coke ...	0.7	1		
Heavy fuel oil ...	39	1		
Purchased electricity* ...	1,519	10		
All other purchased materials and fuel ...	...	448		
TOTAL ...	...	1,638	...	1,657

* Including electricity generated in other works under the same ownership.

Table X B.—Consumption of coal, coke and electricity in 1935 and 1930

Kind of fuel	1935	1930*
	Coal ...	Th. tons 4.6	Th. tons 4.1
Coke ...	0.7	0.4
Electricity :—	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)	Th. B.T.U. (Kw.-hrs.)
Generated in same works ...	449	104
Generated in other works under same ownership ...	33	39
Purchased ...	1,486	796
Total electricity consumed ...	1,968	939

* Great Britain only.

EMPLOYMENT

Table XI A.—Average numbers employed in 1935 and 1934

Persons employed	Males		Females		Total	
	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages
Operatives (average for the year) ...	655	3,192	2,487	6,373	3,142	9,565
Administrative, technical and clerical staff* ...	559	2,910	1,963	5,645	2,522	8,555
	8	409	48	282	56	691
	14	334	79	302	93	636
TOTAL ...	663	3,601	2,535	6,655	3,198	10,256
	573	3,244	2,042	5,947	2,615	9,191
Average number of out-workers...	57		5,402		5,459	
	80		5,165		5,245	

* As at 12th October, 1935, and 13th October, 1934.

Table XI B.—Operatives employed in one week in each month of 1934 and 1935 by firms furnishing returns in respect of the twelve months ended December

Mid week of*	Operatives employed		Monthly index†		
	1934	1935	1933	1934	1935
January ...	5,851	7,088	73.0	81.1	98.9
February ...	6,014	7,106	73.2	83.4	99.2
March ...	6,134	7,011	75.1	85.0	97.9
April ...	6,333	7,048	76.4	87.8	98.4
May ...	6,447	7,123	77.7	89.4	99.4
June ...	6,501	7,138	78.6	90.1	99.6
July ...	6,537	7,158	79.9	90.6	99.9
August ...	6,524	7,032	79.1	90.4	98.1
September ...	6,721	7,176	81.4	93.2	100.2
October ...	6,786	7,294	83.1	94.1	101.8
November ...	6,813	7,442	84.4	94.4	103.9
December ...	6,765	7,363	83.9	93.8	102.8
Average for the twelve months	6,452	7,165	78.8	89.4	100.0
Proportion of total operatives represented ...	75.42	74.91	...	...	...

* For the ending date of each week see page xiv.

† Based on the estimated average for the year 1935.

Table XI C.—Average numbers employed, 1924-1935

Year	Operatives	Administrative, technical and clerical staff	Total (excluding outworkers)
1924 ...	5,206	342	5,548
1930 ...	6,756	514	7,270
1933 ...	7,538	597	8,135
1934 ...	8,555	636	9,191
1935 ...	9,565	691	10,256

WAGES

Table XII.—Wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages in 1935 and 1930

The aggregate amount of wages paid by firms furnishing returns of wages was £420,000 in 1935 representing 60.8 per cent. of the net output of these firms, the corresponding figures for 1930 being £385,000 and 48.1 per cent. The figures for these firms given below indicate the size of the sample and the extent to which it is representative.

Firms furnishing returns of wages	1935		1930	
	Aggregate	Proportion of trade	Aggregate	Proportion of trade
	£'000	Per cent.	£'000	Per cent.
Gross output...	1,552	51.1	1,927	65.5
Net output ...	691	49.8	800	63.6
Operative staff employed:—	No.		No.	
During mid-week of October:—				
Males ...	1,673	51.7	*	*
Females ...	3,638	56.3		
Total ...	5,311	54.7	4,057	60.9
Average for the year ...	5,207	54.4	4,152	61.5
Administrative, technical and clerical staff ...	342	49.5	*	*
Number of establishments ...	67	42.7	...	...

* Not recorded separately.

COUNTRY TABLES (1935)

Note.—The figures given in the following tables relate only to firms in England and Wales whose returns were made on schedules for the Glove Trade. No production was recorded for Scotland or for Northern Ireland.

Table I.—General summary (see page 473)

Table II.—Output

Kind of output	Quantity		Value £'000
	Th. doz. prs.		
Gloves wholly or partly of leather, including leather shaped for making into gloves* :—			
Table-cut	967		2,369
Block-cut	233		358
Total—Leather, etc., gloves	1,200		2,727
Fabric gloves :—			
Of cotton, or of which the chief value is cotton*	108		93
Of other textile materials	72		66
Gloves for household, etc., purposes (excluding gloves for cricket, fives, boxing, etc.)	96		54
Knitted gloves	18		9
Gloves for cricket, fives, boxing, etc.	5		13
Skins, dressed			9
Leather manufactures other than gloves			2
Other goods made			8
Waste products sold			2
Work done for the glove trade			34†
Work done for other trades			3†
Total			3,036

* See footnotes (*) and (†) to Table V A (page 475).

† Amount received.

Table III A.—Materials, fuel and electricity purchased and used (see page 479)

Table III B.—Consumption of electricity (see page 479)

Table IV A.—Numbers employed in week ended 12th October, 1935

Persons employed	Males		Females		Total	
	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages	Under 18	All ages
	Operatives	665	3,239	2,523	6,466	3,188	9,705
Administrative, technical and clerical staff	8	409	48	282	56	691
Total	673	3,648	2,571	6,748	3,244	10,396

Table IV B.—Operatives employed in one week in each month of 1935

Week ended	Males and females	Week ended	Males and females
January 19	9,535	July 13	9,564
February 16	9,555	August 17	9,331
March 16	9,450	September 14	9,526
April 13	9,465	October 12	9,705
May 18	9,551	November 16	9,821
June 15	9,545	December 14	9,735
Average for the twelve months... ..			9,565

Table IV C.—Numbers of outworkers at two specified periods in 1935

Country	January			July		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
England and Wales	56	5,149	5,205	58	5,654	5,712

Table V.—Firms employing not more than ten persons on the average (see page 473)