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#### [H. R. 13229]

#### AN ACT To establish in the Department of Labor a bureau to be known as the Women's Bureau

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established in the Department of Labor a bureau to be known as the Women's Bureau.

SEC. 2. That the said bureau shall be in charge of a director, a woman, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall receive an annual compensation of \$5,000. It shall be the duty of said bureau to formulate standards and policies which shall promote the welfare of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, and ad-vance their opportunities for profitable employment. The said bureau shall have authority to investigate and report to the said department upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of women in industry. The director of said bureau may from time to time publish the results of these investigations in such a manner and to such extent as the Secretary of Labor may prescribe.

SEC. 3. That there shall be in said bureau an assistant director, to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor, who shall receive an annual compensation of \$3,500 and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the director and approved by the Secretary of Labor.

SEC. 4. That there is hereby authorized to be employed by said bureau a chief clerk and such special agents, assistants, clerks, and other employees at such rates of compensation and in such numbers as Congress may from time to time provide by appropriations.

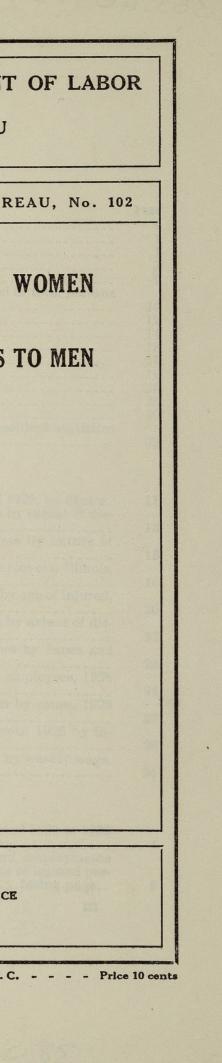
SEC. 5. That the Secretary of Labor is hereby directed to furnish sufficient quarters, office furniture, and equipment for the work of this bureau.

SEC. 6. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, June 5, 1920.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR W. N. DOAK, SECRETARY WOMEN'S BUREAU MARY ANDERSON, Director BULLETIN OF THE WOMEN'S BUREAU, No. 102 **INDUSTRIAL INJURIES TO WOMEN** IN 1928 AND 1929 **COMPARED WITH INJURIES TO MEN** BY MARIE CORRELL UNITED STATES **GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE** WASHINGTON: 1933

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### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

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During the period covered by the present report, 1928 and 1929, several States showed an increase in the proportion of the total that were injuries to women. In the three great industrial States of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New York the numbers of women injured in 1929 were, respectively, 5,700, 6,900, and 8,100. Such figures indi-cate the importance of complete and comparable data, without which no adequate program of accident prevention can be developed.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the assistance of State officials and other authorities in the collection of this material. The report has been written by Marie Correll, of the division of research. Respectfully submitted.

MARY ANDERSON, Director.

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Hon. W. N. DOAK, Secretary of Labor.

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WOMEN'S BUREAU, Washington, December 21, 1932.

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## INDUSTRIAL INJURIES TO WOMEN IN 1928 AND 1929 COMPARED WITH INJURIES TO MEN

#### INTRODUCTION

This study is the second in a series of bulletins of the Women's Bureau on industrial injuries. The first report, Industrial Accidents<sup>1</sup> to Men and Women (Bulletin 81), analyzed the facts on this subject available in State reports for 1927, or the most recent previous year since 1919. The present study covers the State data available for the years 1928 and 1929.

As the data stand, they furnish important information about injuries to women. There has been no attempt to make complete explanations of the differences in the data and in the trends shown by a discussion of all variations in industries, occupations, laws, and compensation policies in the States, as there is no accurate method of correlating these factors with accident data.

#### SUMMARY

Data on injuries classified by sex for one or both of the years 1928 and 1929 are available in published reports of 15 States: Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. As these data cover the accident experience of several industrially important States, the following facts regarding the injury experience of women are significant: Number.

Injuries to women were actually and relatively fewer than those to men; women were a smaller proportion of the total number injured than of the total number gainfully employed. Nevertheless, more than 5,000 women's injuries were reported in each of three States in each of the years 1927, 1928, and 1929. The proportions of all injuries reported that were injuries to women ranged from 1.1 per cent in one State to 12.7 per cent in another. The 1929 figures indicate that these proportions are increasing. Severity.

With the exception of the most severe injuries—those that cause death or permanent total disability, comprising less than 1.5 per cent of the men's injuries in every State reporting—women's injuries are similar to men's in severity. In the case of both men and women there were slight increases in the severity of injuries in 1929 as

<sup>1</sup> It is customary to use the word "accidents" in referring to injuries to workers, but in this report the word "injuries" is used because it more accurately describes the data, occupational diseases being included in the reports of several States. Although included in the totals, occupational diseases are not discussed here. The available data classified by sex are summarized in a bulletin being prepared by the Women's Bureau, Occupational Diseases of Women—Their Prevention and Reporting.

compared to 1928 in three of the four States for which this can be ascertained.

Nature.

Analysis of the nature of the injuries received in three States suggests only minor differences in the experience of men and women workers. For both, in each State, bruises, contusions, and abrasions or cuts and lacerations are the types of injuries received by the largest number of workers. Illinois data for 1928 suggest that more of women's injuries than of men's occur to fingers, hands, and arms rather than to other parts of the body.

#### Age.

Large numbers of young people, both men and women, are injured while at work. Much greater proportions of women's injuries than of men's injuries are to young persons. In seven States from onefifth to more than one-third of the women injured were 20 years of age or under, while the proportions of the men's injuries that were to men in this age group were from one-fourteenth to one-sixth. Another State, with age groupings that are slightly different, shows a similar experience. Data from the four States reporting on extent of disability and age show that the injuries of workers 20 years of age and under were only slightly less serious than those of other workers. According to figures from one State, the only report available, machinery is an especially important cause of accidents to younger workers.

#### Industry.

For both men and women the numbers injured in the manufacturing industries practically always are larger than those in any other industry group. Slightly larger percentages of the injuries occur in this group for women than for men. With the exception of manufacturing, the relative importance of the various industries from the point of view of the number of injuries is different for the two sexes. The group clerical, professional, and personal service ranks second for women, followed by trade, while mining, construction, and transportation are the more important groups for men.

#### Cause.

Machinery and falls cause more of women's than of men's injuries, while falling objects and the handling of objects are more important cause groups for men than for women. Data for the only State providing such figures show that machinery is an especially important cause of women's injuries in manufacturing, while falls cause large proportions of those in most woman-employing industries. Another State's experience is that most of women's serious injuries are due to machinery.

#### Wages.

As would be expected, the wage on which compensation is based averages much less for women than for men. In two States reporting in 1928 on wage and sex, Illinois and Wisconsin, 26 and 34 per cent of the women injured, as contrasted with only 2 and 3 per cent of the men, were earning less than \$15 a week at the time of the injury. In a third State, New York, with wages grouped somewhat differently, 35 per cent of the women and 3 per cent of the men were earning \$15 or less.

### EXTENT OF PUBLISHED DATA CLASSIFIED BY SEX

The published information on injuries to women in the United States is that given in the reports of certain State agencies, usually those administering compensation laws. This information is of two types, for female workers only and classified by sex. Most of the reports are classified by sex, thus furnishing the more valuable type of data. Chart I is a record of all the data published by the States on injuries to women in the period 1920 to 1929. Only data classified by sex are listed in the body of the chart, footnote references being given to special reports for female workers.

During the period 1920 to 1929, 22 States have published some facts on injuries classified by sex. Data are available for every year<sup>2</sup> in the period in the seven States, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. Illinois would have constituted the eighth State if its 1929 report had been issued at date of writing this bulletin. The scattered and incompletely analyzed nature of these data is indicated by the fact that only 12 States have correlated sex with age, only 12 with extent of disability, 9 with industry, 7 with cause of injury, 6 with conjugal condition, 5 with wage, and 5 with nature of injury; and even fewer States have published any information on sex and time lost, location of injury, and frequency rate.

The inadequacy of the data published from 1920 to 1927 was discussed in the first report of the Women's Bureau in this series. The present report, using the data available for 1928 and 1929, emphasizes more recent practice.

Published information about the number of women and men injured in industry during one or both years of this period is available in only 15 States—less than one-third of the total number. (See Chart I.) As unpublished data on accidents to women can be secured in only a few other cases, this means that in most States it is not possible to learn how many women each year are being injured. Only 12 States have published facts on injuries to women in 1929, a total that will become 13 when the Illinois report is issued. The significant developments of 1928 and 1929 in the reports of injuries classified by sex (Chart I) are that one State, Michigan for 1929, published such facts for the first time since 1920; two States, Iowa and Pennsylvania, that did not classify their data by sex in 1927, have done so for 1928 and 1929; <sup>3</sup> Missouri and Nebraska, that published such data in 1927, failed to do so in 1928 and 1929; and two other States, New Jersey and Georgia, that classified injuries by sex in 1928, did not do so in 1929.

Maryland excluded because the published data are incomplete for 1922 to 1924.
Pennsylvania, in its report of June, 1931, gives data by sex for all the years from 1916 to 1929.
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## CHART I.-Extent of information on injuries to women for the period 1920 to 1929 in State reports giving the same information for men 1

[Asterisk (\*) indicates States giving data for 1928 or 1929. Reports are those available in published form October 1, 1931]

Type of information 2	Number of States publish- ing	State 3	Period covered by published reports 4	Source	INDUS
Number injured	22	*Idaho *Illinois *Iowa *Kentucky *Maryland *Massachusetts *Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska *New Jersey	1927 and 1928         1919-20 to 1921-22; 1922-1924 to 1928-1930         1920 to 1928 *         1919-20 to 1928-29         1925-26; 1927-28 and 1928-1930         1919-20 to 1928-29         1928-29         1928-29	<ul> <li>Annual reports of Industrial Accident Commission, years ended June 30, 1921 and 1922.</li> <li>Annual and biennial reports of Industrial Commission, fourth to eleventh, periods ended Nov. 30, 1920 to 1930.</li> <li>Seventh and eighth annual reports of Industrial Commission, 1927 and 1928.</li> <li>Biennial reports of Industrial Accident Board, second to seventh, periods ended Oct. 31, 1920 to 1930.</li> <li>Annual report of Industrial Commission, year ended June 30, 1921; annual reports of Lepartment of Labor, fifth to twelfth, years ended June 30, 1922 to 1929; and Labor Bulletin of Department of Labor, Vol. VII, No. 12, June, 1928.</li> </ul>	INJURIES TO WOMEN IN 1928 AND 1

		*Pennsylvania	1920 to 1929	Report of Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, 1920; special bulletin of Department of Labor and Industry, No. 17. 1926, An analysis of compensated accidents to minors for the year 1924; Labor and Industry, monthly bulletin of Department of Labor and Industry, Vol. I, No. 7, November, 1922, Vol. XIII, No. 12, December, 1926, Vol. XVIII, No. 6, June, 1931.	
		*Rhode Island Tennessee Virginia	1925. (Figures for 1920-21 include nonfatal cases only; 1921-1923 and 1923-1925, temporary total disabili-	Reports of Commissioner of Labor for the years 1927, 1928, 1929. Eighth annual report of Bureau of Workshop and Factory Inspection, 1920. Annual reports of Industrial Commission: Second and third, periods ended Sept. 30, 1920 and 1921; biennial reports of Industrial Commission, periods ended Sept. 30, 1923 and 1925.	INDUSTRIAL
		*Wisconsin	ties only.) 1923 to 1929. (1923, 1924, 1925 cover injuries by machinery only.)	Labor Statistics, Vol. II, Nos. 1 and 2, January-February, 1924; Vol. III, Nos. 1 and 2, January-February, 1925; Vol. IV, Nos. 4 and 5, April-May, 1926; No. 28, July 28, 1930.	TATAT
Frequency rate	2	New York Pennsylvania	1925-26 1924	Industrial Bulletin, vol. 7, No. 7, April, 1928. Special bulletin of Department of Labor and Industry, No. 17, 1926, An analysis of compensated accidents to minors for the year 1924.	
Industry	9	California *Illinois *Indiana. Kentucky *New Jersey New York *Pennsylvania Tennessee *Wisconsin	1920 and 1921	<ul> <li>Same as for number injured.</li> <li>Twelfth annual report of Department of Labor, year ended June 30, 1929.</li> <li>Annual reports of Industrial Board, years ended Sept. 30, 1920, 1921, and 1926 to 1929.</li> <li>Annual report of Workmen's Compensation Board, June 30, 1919, to June 30, 1920.</li> <li>Same as for number injured.</li> <li>Special bulletin of Department of Labor, No. 144, June, 1926, Some recent figures on accidents to women and minors; and Industrial Bulletin, vol. 6, No. 7, April, 1927, and vol. 7, No. 9, June, 1928.</li> <li>Report of Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, 1920; Labor and Industry, Vol. XIII, No. 12, December, 1926, and Vol. XVIII, No. 6, June, 1931.</li> <li>Same as for number injured.</li> <li>Labor Statistics, No. 28, July 28, 1930, and No. 31, Sept. 25, 1930.</li> </ul>	TIM OTHER TO MONTHIN
Oatise	7	*Illinois_ *Indiana_ *Iowa_ *Michigan *New Jersey New York Pennsylvania	1928. 1919-20 and 1920-21; 1925-26 to 1928-29. 1925-26; 1927-28 and 1928-1930. 1928-29. 1927 and 1928. 1924-25 to 1926-27. 1924.	Same as for industry. Do. Same as for number injured. Do. Do. Same as for industry. Labor and Industry, Vol. XIII, No. 12, December, 1926.	
Nature of injury	5	*Illinois *Indiana *Iowa Nebraska Pennsylvania	1928 1919–20 and 1920–21; 1925–26 to 1928–29 1927–28 and 1928–1930 1927 1920, 1924	Same as for industry. Do. Biennial reports of Bureau of Labor, periods ended June 30, 1928 and 1930. Same as for number injured. Report of Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, 1920; Labor and Industry, Vol. XII, No. 5, May, 1925.	MIND 1000
Location of injury	2	*Illinois Indiana	1928 1919–20 and 1920–21; 1925–26 and 1926–27	Twelfth annual report of Department of Labor, year ended June 30, 1929. Annual reports of Industrial Board, years ended Sept. 30, 1920, 1921, 1926, and 1927.	

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CHART I.- Extent of information on injuries to women for the period 1920 to 1929 in State reports giving the same information for men-0 Continued

Type of information <sup>2</sup>	Number of States publish- ing	State ?	Period covered by published reports 4	Source
Extent of disability	12	Alabama *Idaho *Illinois *Iowa	1920 to 1922 1919–20 to 1921–22; 1922–24 to 1928–1930. 1920 to 1928 1925–26; 1927–28	<ul> <li>Same as for number injured.</li> <li>Do.</li> <li>Annual report of Industrial Commission, year ended June 30, 1921; annual reports of Department of Labor, fifth to ninth, eleventh and twelfth, years ended June 30, 1922 to 1926, 1928, and 1929; and Labor Bulletin, Vol. VII, No. 12, June, 1928.</li> <li>Biennial report of Bureau of Labor, period ended June 30, 1926; biennial report of Bureau of Labor, period ended June 30, 1928.</li> </ul>
		*Maryland *Massachusetts. *Michigan Minnesota *New Jersey *New York *Pennsylvania Virginia	1919-20 to 1928-29 (1922 to 1924, incomplete periods). 1919-20 to 1928-29. 1928-29. 1919-20. 1927 and 1928. 1919-20 to 1928-29. 1920 to 1929. 1920 to 1929. 1919-20 and 1920-21; 1921-1923 and 1923-1925.	Same as for number injured. Do. Do. Seventeenth biennial report of Department of Labor and Industries, period ended June 30, 1920. Same as for number injured. Same as for number injured. with the exception of special bulletin 144 and the Indus- trial Bulletin, vol. 7, No. 7. Report of Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, 1920; Labor and Industry, Vol. I, No. 7, November, 1922, Vol. XVIII, No. 6, June, 1931. Same as for number injured.
Time lost	4	Alabama Illinois New York Virginia	1920 to 1922 1925 1925 1926–27 1921–1923 and 1923–1925	Do. Ninth annual report of Department of Labor, year ended June 30, 1926. Industrial Bulletin, vol. 7, No. 9, June, 1928. Biennial reports of Industrial Commission, periods ended Sept. 30, 1923 and 1925.
Age	12		1920 to 1922 1927-28 1920 to 1928 1919-20 and 1920-21; 1925-26 to 1928-29. 1923, 1924, 1924-25 to 1928-29 (1923 and 1924 incomplete periods). 1919-20 to 1928-29 1919-20 to 1923-24 1919-20 to 1923-24 1919-20 to 1928-29 1919-20 to 1928-29 1924 1926-27 to 1928-29 1926 to 1929 %	<ul> <li>Annual report of Industrial Commission, year ended June 30, 1921; annual reports of Department of Labor, fifth to twelfth, years ended June 30, 1922 to 1929.</li> <li>Same as for industry.</li> <li>Annual reports of Industrial Accident Commission, ninth to fifteenth, years ended Oct. 31, 1923 to 1929.</li> <li>Same as for number injured.</li> <li>Do.</li> <li>Do.</li> <li>Same as for number injured, with the exception of the Industrial Bulletin, vol. 7, No. 7.</li> <li>Special bulletin of Department of Labor and Industry, No. 17, 1926, An analysis of compensated accidents to minors for the year 1924.</li> </ul>

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1927–28\_\_\_\_\_ 1919–20 to 1921–22\_\_\_ Same as for number injured. Annual reports of Industrial Accident Commission, sixth to eighth, years ended Oct. 31, 1920 to 1922. Conjugal condition ..... \*Georgia\_\_\_\_\_ Maryland..... Missouri 1927 (incomplete). Same as for number injured. Nebraska\_ Do. 1927\_\_\_\_\_ Report of Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, 1920. Annual reports of Industrial Commission: Second and third, periods ended Sept. 30, 1920 and 1921; biennial report of Industrial Commission, period ended Sept. 30, 1923. Pennsylvania\_\_ 1920 Virginia\_\_\_\_\_ 1919-20 and 1920-21; 1921-1923\_\_\_\_\_ Annual report of Industrial Commission, year ended June 30. 1921; annual reports of Department of Labor, fifth to eighth, tenth, and twelfth, years ended June 30, 1922 to 1925, 1927, and 1929. Same as for number injured. \*Illinois\_\_\_\_\_ 1920 to 1924, 1926, 1928\_. Wage\_\_\_\_\_ \*Indiana\_\_\_\_\_ 1919–20 to 1928–29<sup>7</sup> Do. Nebraska\_\_\_\_\_ \*New York\_\_\_\_ Same as for number injured, with the exception of special bulletin 144 and the Indus-1919-20 to 1928-29\_ trial Bulletin. Labor Statistics, No. 28, July 28, 1930. \*Wisconsin\_\_\_\_ 1926 to 1929\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> This chart does not include the following published data on women injured:
A. Compensation per disability for eye, arm, hand, foot, and leg losses. In report of Workmen's Compensation Bureau, Pennsylvania, 1920.
B. Machine accidents analyzed according to cities and counties in the State. Wisconsin Labor Statistics, Vol. II, Nos. 1 and 2, January-February, 1924; Vol. III, Nos. 1 and 2, January-February, 1925; Vol. IV, Nos. 4 and 5, April, 1926. Analysis of temporary disability cases to females, 1926, 1927, 1928, in Wisconsin Labor Statistics, No. 25, Mar. 14, 1930.
C. Fatal accidents classified by industry, conjugal condition, and part of body injured; also blood-poison cases. In report of Workmen's Compensation Bureau, Pennsylvania, 1920; fatal accidents by industry, cause, and nature of injury, 1924. In Labor and Industry, monthly bulletin of Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Vol. XII, No. 5, May 1925.

May, 1925. D. Fatal cases classified by conjugal condition and number of dependents, 1919-20. In second annual report of Industrial Commission of Virginia, 1920. E. Special study of 102 accidents to women classified by industry and cause of injury, 1924. In fifth annual report of Court of Industrial Relations, Kansas, year ended Dec.

 31, 1924.
 F. Special reports—New York Department of Labor: Some social and economic effects of work accidents to women. F. Special reports—New York Department of Labor: Some social and economic effects of work accidents to women. A study of 500 women compensated for permanent partial injuries, 1918-20. Classified according to age, wage, occupation, industry, nature of injury, location of injury, cause of accident, manner of occurrence of machine accidents, extent of disability, degree of impairment, proportion of infections, present earning capacity, ability to speak English, schooling, change of employer, experience on machines, and length of time machine operators had been on accident job. Special Bul. 127, November, 1924. An analysis of 100 accidents on power punch presses, 1923-24. Classified by number of establishments, product of plant, and nature and location of injury. Special Bul. 131. New York food-canning accidents, July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1929, cases closed, classified by age and extent of disability in New York Industry and extent of disability, 1922 to 1926. In Labor and Industry, monthly bulletin of Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Vol. XIV, No. 6, June, 1927.
<sup>4</sup> Type of injuries tabulated varies in different States and in some States from year to year.
<sup>4</sup> It should be noted that since 1919 the following 26 States and the District of Columbia have not published any accident data classified by sex: Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming; and the following additional States did not publish such data in 1928 or 1929: Alabama, California, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee, and Virginia. Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, and South Carolina have no compensation laws.
<sup>4</sup> The following examples illustrate the system used in indicating periods covered: 1920-calendar year; 1920-21 to 1928-29- other than calendar years, inclusively. A study of 500 women compensated for permanent partial

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<sup>6</sup> Age of men injured not available for 1929.
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Wage for men not given.

Data on injuries classified by sex published by States for 1928 and 1929 [Calendar years or fiscal years ending in 1928 or 1929]

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<sup>1</sup> Comparable data for men not available.

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Illinois report not published at date of closing present study, Oct. 1, 1931.

Such important information for accident prevention as the age of the injured, the cause and the nature of the injury, the extent of the ensuing disability, and the industry in which the injury occurred is even more difficult to secure. The accompanying list shows how incompletely analyzed with relation to these factors are the data published in 1928 and 1929. Colorado and Kentucky classified by sex only the total number of injuries. Not more than nine States in one year gave information by sex and any other factor, and that factor was age, in 1928.

Although nine States published information on sex and extent of disability for one or both of the two years, only four-Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New York-gave age and extent of disability cross classified. This is the only cross classification available for more than one State during this period.

For one or both of the years 1928 and 1929 data by sex are avail-able for more than one State on cause (5 States), industry (5), wage (4), and nature of injury (3). From the point of view of the analysis of data by sex it is encouraging to note that Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin did more of this in the most recent two years than they had done previously. New York, on the other hand, classified by sex fewer types of information than are so classified in some of its earlier reports.

CHART II .- Injuries tabulated, minimum period of disability, and employments covered by law, in the 15 States that reported the sex of injured persons in 1928 and 1929 [Source: State laws and reports; U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, series of reports of compensation laws, Bulletins 272, 332, 379, 423, and 496; and Monthly Labor Review, March, 1930]

	Period covered by figures	Injuries tabulated	Minimum period of disability	Employments covered 1 by accident-reporting law (marked *) or compensation law (where only in	njuries under compensation law are tabulated)	Elective or compulsory compensation law (where
State	tabulated II		of injuries tabulated	Private	Public	only injuries under law are tabulated)
Colorado	Years ended Nov. 30, 1927, 1928, 1929.	Compensation claims	More than 10 days	All except those having regularly less than 4 employees, farm and ranch labor, private domestic service, and casual employees not in the usual course of employer's business. Voluntary as to excepted employments.	All except elective officials, National Guard, and members of volunteer fire departments. <sup>1</sup>	Election presumed in absence of written notice. <sup>2</sup> Compulsory as to public employees.
Georgia	Jan. 1, 1927, to Dec. 31, 1928	Closed compensable cases	More than 1 week	All except those having regularly less than 10 employees, common carriers engaged in interstate trade	All except public charities	Do. 2
Idaho	Nov. 1, 1926, to Oct. 31, 1928; Nov. 1, 1928, to Oct. 31, 1930.	do	do	in the usual course of employer's business. Voluntary as to excepted employments. All conducted for gain except agricultural pursuits, domestic service, outworkers, casual employment, crews of aircraft while under way, <sup>1</sup> and charitable institutions. Voluntary as to excepted employ-	All except judges of election, clerks of election, and jurors.	Compulsory.
	1927-28			ments. "Extrahazardous" employments as enumerated. <sup>4</sup> Farm labor and persons not in usual course of employer's business excepted. Voluntary as to excepted employments.	All except officials and duly appointed members of fire departments in cities of 200,000 or more.	Do.
	Years ended Sept. 30, 1927, 1928, 1929.			*All	*All	idana in the second second second
Iowa	July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1930.			*All except mines and railway train service <sup>3</sup>	Terry Strawners and Strawners and	and the providence of the second second second
Kentucky	Years ended June 30, 1927, 1928, 1929. Years ended Oct. 31, 1927, 1928, 1929.			All except those having less than 3 employees, agriculture, domestic service, and common carriers engaged in interstate commerce. Threshing and hulling grains and seeds are within the act. Voluntary as to excepted employments. "Extrahazardous" employments as enumerated. <sup>4</sup> Casual employees, farm labor, domestic service, country blacksmiths, wheelwrights, or similar rural employments excepted. Voluntary as to works not extrahazardous.	All workmen employed for wages and engaged	
Massachusetts	Years ended June 30, 1927, 1928,	Tabulatable injuries <sup>8</sup>	1 day or 1 shift	*All	institutions. Voluntary as to other employ- ments.	Wet a province with
Michigan	1929. July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1929	Compensable cases	More than 1 week	All except employees not in usual course of employer's business		Election made in writing. <sup>2</sup> Compulsory as to
	1927-28 Years ended June 30, 1927, 1928,				All except elective officials and employees receiving over \$1,200. All employees	public employees. Election presumed in absence of written notice. <sup>10</sup> Compulsory as to public employees. Compulsory,
	1929. 1927, 1928, 1929			All enumerated "hazardous" employments, <sup>4</sup> and all others having 4 or more workmen. <sup>1</sup> Farm labor and domestic service excluded. Voluntary as to other employments. All except farm labor, domestic service, casual employees, and outworkers	do	Election presumed in absence of written notice. <sup>10</sup>
Rhode Island	Years ended Sept. 30, 1927, 1928, 1929.	Closed compensable cases	More than 1 week	All except those having less than 6 employees, farm labor, domestic service, casual employees, and employees receiving over \$3,000 a year. Voluntary as to excepted employments.	All employees of State, cities, and towns, except fire and police departments.	Compulsory as to public employees. Election in writing by employer, <sup>2</sup> and presumed in absence of written notice by employee. Compulsory as to State employees.
Wisconsin	1927, 1928, 1929	do. <sup>11</sup>	do	All except those having less than 3 employees, domestic service, farm labor, and employees not in usual course of employer's business. <sup>1</sup> Voluntary as to excepted employments. Voluntary (joint election) as to steam railroads.	All except officials	Election presumed as to employers of 3 or more persons in absence of written notice. <sup>13</sup> Com- pulsory as to public employees.

<sup>1</sup> Changes in laws, 1927 to 1929, are as follows: Colorado—Members of volunteer fire departments excepted by Session Law 1927, ch. 197, sec. 2, effective May 1, 1927. Idaho—Judges of election, clerks of election, and jurors excepted by Session Law 1927, ch. 106, sec. 1, effective Mar. 2, 1927; crews of aircraft while under way excepted by Session Law 1929, ch. 88, sec. 1, approved Feb. 27, 1929. New York—Employments not conducted for pecuniary gain included by Session Law 1928, ch. 755, sec. 1, effective Oct. 1, 1928. Wisconsin—Domestic service specifically excepted. Voluntary election provided for employees not in usual course of employer's business, Session Law 1929, ch. 453, sec. 3, effective Sept. 3, 1929.

1929.
<sup>2</sup> Inducement to election is offered by abrogation of common-law defenses where employer rejects the law.
<sup>3</sup> Also reports compensable cases occurring in 1928. Includes occupational diseases in certain occupations.
<sup>4</sup> The principal industrial employments are included.
<sup>4</sup> Reports of accidents to workers in mines or in railway service are not received by the bureau of labor. All industrial accidents are reported, however, to the compensation commissioner.

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not elect law.

Only employers subject to compensation act are required to report.
Includes injury from gas or smoke in mines or from any gas.
Occupational diseases included by court decision.
Designated occupational diseases included.
Common-law defenses abrogated regardless of acceptance or rejection of act.
Includes occupational diseases.
Common-law defenses abrogated where employers reject law. Employers of less than 3 persons lose defense of assumed risk if they do t elect law.

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In analyzing the injury experience of women for 1928 and 1929, the Women's Bureau has had to face, in addition to the problems of few and incompletely analyzed reports already discussed, the same lack of uniformity and resulting noncomparability of data that caused difficulty in analyzing the figures in Bulletin 81. It again emphasizes, therefore, how important it is that States should follow the standard methods of collecting, classifying, analyzing, and publishing statistics of industrial accidents that are advocated by the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions.<sup>4</sup>

Although the number of States that publish data on injuries classified by sex is not large, several important industrial States do so, and in some cases the data are so analyzed that significant trends in the injury experience of women workers are suggested.

### CHARACTER OF PUBLISHED DATA CLASSIFIED BY SEX

The data compiled and analyzed here do not cover all injuries suffered by women workers in these States. The injury figures published vary from State to State in several important respects, making an aggregate for all the States meaningless. Descriptions of these variations in the material tabulated are given in Chart II. This chart must be consulted in any interpretation of the tables in this report.

In the first place, the data tabulated are not all for the same period, some being for calendar years, others for fiscal years the dates of which vary. For the present study, figures that cover a 2-year period have been divided by two to give an estimate for one year.

The second variation in the data tabulated is the compensation status of the injuries. In no State does the compensation law require that every worker injured shall be paid compensation, but some States receive reports of injuries not covered by the compensation law, while others receive only reports of injuries that are so covered. This difference appears in the information published by the States. The data from 5 States cover injuries reported regardless of their compensation status (cases reported and tabulatable injuries); those of 10 States cover only injuries eligible for compensation. Of these 10 States, 8 report the number of injuries that have been paid or will be paid compensation (compensation claims allowed and closed compensable cases), while the 2 others report the number of compensable cases (compensable cases and compensation claims).

The importance of the distinction between injuries reported and compensable injuries becomes clearer when the third variation in these data is considered—that is, the minimum period of disability for injuries to be tabulatable. In the 5 States in the first group mentioned, all are tabulated in which the time lost is as much as one day or shift to two days, while for the 10 States in the latter group (those reporting compensable cases) from 3 to 10 days must have elapsed. It should be noted that 8 of the 10 States have the same period—more than one week.

A fourth difference in the injuries tabulated is that occupational diseases are included by 6 States and not by the others.

<sup>4</sup> U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Standardization of Industrial Accident Statistics. Br.l. 276, 1920. The revision of this bulletin has not been completed.

The employments covered by the State reports are a fifth varying factor in these data of injuries. For some States all lines of employment are covered, but for the rest there are exceptions of one kind or another. In several of these States, persons having fewer employees than a certain number (from 10 to 3) are not covered, and in most States agriculture, domestic service, and casual employments are excepted.

Finally, in some States the employers specified as affected come automatically under the compensation law, and in others operation under the law is voluntary, allowance being made for an employer to assume the entire risk of injuries to his employees. In certain States operation under the law is compulsory for some employees and voluntary for others.

These differences in the kind and scope of the data reported by the States are important to understand as aids for accurate interpretation; but examination of the data shows that the figures available are comparable if used with care. In any case, the data for the three years 1927, 1928, and 1929 are reasonably comparable, Colorado, Idaho, New York, and Wisconsin being the only States that made any change in the phases of their compensation laws analyzed here. Of course, differences in the industries in the States, in the numbers of women employed, and in the administration of the laws-factors that are impossible to evaluate completely-affect the data.

Naturally, it would not be possible to secure uniformity in the compensation laws and practices of the States, but every effort should be made to standardize the publishing of the facts about injuries so that they can be compared and interpreted to facilitate understanding of trends in the injury experience of employees and to aid in efforts for prevention.

#### NUMBER OF WOMEN INJURED AND THE PROPORTION THEY FORMED OF TOTAL PERSONS INJURED, IN 15 STATES, 1927 TO 1929

The number of injured women reported by 15 States, given in Table 1, while not large in comparison with the number of men injured, is large enough to show that employed women are not a negligible factor in the total accident experience. In 3 States in each of the years 1927, 1928, and 1929 over 5,000 women were injured. The proportion of the total injured who were women varied during this period from 1.1 per cent in Kentucky in 1928 and 1929 to 12.7 per cent in Rhode Island in 1927 and 1929. While less than 10 per cent of all injured workers reported are women, the significant trend that Table 1 shows is an increase in this proportion. For 1928 over 1927 this trend is not pronounced, but for 1929 it is definite, 8 of the 11 States having increases over 1928 or over both 1927 and 1928.

In general, the 1928 and 1929 experience verifies the conclusion reached in the first report of the Women's Bureau in this series (Bulletin 81) that the proportion of women injured is higher where a large percentage of all workers are women and where large proportions of the women workers are in manufacturing. It is impossible without data on employment and exposure to tell what caused the increase in 1929 in the proportion of all injuries reported that were injuries to women workers. Wm. J. Maguire, of the Pennsylvania Department

#### INDUSTRIAL INJURIES TO WOMEN IN 1928 AND 1929

TABLE 1.-Industrial injuries tabulated by sex in 1927, 1928, and 1929, by States

[For sources of information, see appendix]

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State	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Femal			
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Colorado	5, 751	5, 566	185	5, 312	5,090	222	5, 467	5, 281	18			
Georgia Idaho	<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> 6, 067 <sup>3</sup> 7, 594	5, 653 7, 413	414 181	** 6, 067 * 7, 594	5, 653 7, 413	414 181	\$ 7, 840	7, 544	29			
Illinois Indiana	52, 591 40, 539	50, 505 38, 745	2,086 . 1,794	51, 580 37, 714	49, 290 35, 913	2, 290 1, 801	40, 931	38, 787	2, 14			
Iowa Kentucky	26, 021	25, 524	497	7, 897 23, 395	7, 554 23, 132	343 263	<sup>8</sup> 7, 195 19, 865	6, 881 19, 154	31			
Maryland Massachusetts Michigan	14, 521 64, 167	13, 686 58, 217	835 5, 950	13, 902 60, 330	13, 166 54, 744	736 5, 586	14, 147 60, 195 35, 923	13, 410 54, 460 34, 768	73 5, 73 1, 15			
New Jersey	25, 865 98, 984	24,053	1,812	25, 980	24, 139	1,841						
Pennsylvania	160, 743	91, 585 154, 903	7, 399 5, 840	93, 565 152, 498	86, 545 146, 489	7,020 6,009	100, 462 166, 657	92, 371 159, 728	8,09			
Rhode Island Wisconsin	3, 985 20, 473	3, 479 19, 657	506 816	3, 831 21, 818	3, 362 21, 045	469 773	4, 207 22, 630	3, 671 21, 728	53 90			
lor men, being a for mell wore	CEOLIER)	women ni teos	PEF	CENT		10 17 202 0 17 200	norm i titeo	OTALCO	BETTOR TOTOL			
Colorado	100.0	96.8	3.2	100.0	95.8	4.2	100.0	96.6	19.5			
Georgia	<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> 100. 0	93.2	6.8	2 3 100.0	93.2	6.8		90.0	3.			
Idaho Illinois	<sup>3</sup> 100.0 100.0	97.6 96.0	2.4 4.0	<sup>3</sup> 100. 0 100. 0	97.6 95.6	2.4 4.4	<sup>3</sup> 100. 0	96.2	3.			
ndiana	100.0	95.6	4.4	100.0	95. 0 95. 2	4.4	100.0	94.8	5.			
0wa				100.0	95.7	4.3	3 100. 0	95.6	4.			
Kentucky Maryland	100.0 100.0	98.1 94.2	1.9 5.8	100.0	98.9	1.1	100.0	98.9	1.			
Massachusetts	100.0	94.2	9.3	100.0 100.0	94.7 90.7	5.3 9.3	100.0 100.0	94.8 90.5	5.			
Michigan	0.0.0.000			100.0	00.1	0.0	100.0	90. 5 96. 8	9. 3.			
New Jersey	100.0	93.0	7.0	100.0	92.9	7.1	100.0					
LOTT VONIT	100.0 100.0	92.5	7.5	100.0	92.5	7.5	100.0	91.9	8.			
New York		96.4	3.6	100.0	96.1 87.8	3.9 12.2	100.0 100.0	95.8	4.			
Pennsylvania Rhode Island	100.0	87.3	12.7	100.0				87.3	12.			

For period covered and injuries tabulated see Chart II, facing p. 9.
 Excludes the 104 fatal cases, not separated by sex.
 The numbers reported for a 2-year period have been divided by 2.

of Labor and Industry,<sup>5</sup> analyzing the Pennsylvania experience with accidents to working women, concludes that probably this increase is primarily the result of women's increased industrial employment. The fact that the 1930 census <sup>6</sup> shows an increase over 1920 in the proportion of women among all gainfully employed persons for every one of the 15 States furnishing accident data classified by sex adds support to this conclusion.

Shifts in the industrial employment of men because of changing business conditions probably explain the changes in the proportion of the total injuries that were injuries to women in most of the States showing an increase in 1928. Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, States where mining is an important industry, undoubtedly had fewer men employed in this industry in 1928; there was a decrease in the number of accidents to men, a slight increase in the numbers of women injured, and a consequent increase in the proportion of all injuries that were those of women. In New Jersey, accidents to both

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Labor and Industry, Vol. XVIII, No. 6, June, 1931, pp. 6 and 7. <sup>6</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census. Gainful Workers in the United States by Industry Groups. (News Release, Sept. 9, 1931.)

men and women increased slightly, but there was a somewhat greater proportional increase in the injuries to women.

In 1929, an active business year, most of the increases can not be explained entirely in this way, because injuries both to men and to women increased in all but two of the States showing an increase in the proportion of all injuries that were those of women. From the point of view of the number of women injured, increases or decreases similar to these proportional changes occurred in most cases. The percentage changes in the number of all accidents reported and in those for each sex, from 1927 to 1928 and from 1928 to 1929, show greater fluctuations for women than for men. For both sexes there were more cases of decreases in 1928 as compared to 1927 than of increases, 6 decreases for women and 9 for men, and 5 cases of increases for women and 2 for men. Thus there were more increases in injuries to women than there were of increases for men.

From 1928 to 1929 the change was the same for women as for men in 9 cases, 7 being increases and 2 decreases. In Colorado and Massachusetts, where the change was not the same for both sexes, women's injuries decreased in Colorado and increased in Massachusetts. The percentage increases were much larger for women than for men, being over 14 per cent in 6 States, though the largest increases for men were 9.2 per cent and 9 per cent. In Colorado the very large decrease for women, 16.2 per cent, is due to an exceptionally high figure for 1928.

Regardless of the causal explanation of these data, which show a trend of increasing injuries to women both in numbers and in the proportion they form of all injuries, they emphasize the importance of classifying accident figures by sex and the need for data on employment that would make it possible to compute frequency and severity rates. The very fact that no cause or explanation of this trend can be stated with assurance is evidence of the need for increased attention to this phase of injury experience.

#### EXTENT OF DISABILITY

Not only have women proportionately fewer industrial injuries than men, but data from nine States given in Table 2 show that they have fewer of the more serious injuries—those resulting in death or permanent total disability. However, in the eight States reporting for 1928, 45 women lost their lives as the result of industrial accidents, and in the six States reporting for 1929, 27 lost their lives.

For both men and women, most of the injuries tabulated are those that have caused only temporary disability, slightly more of those to women than of those to men being of this nature. When it is considered that in Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, and New York, of the States in Table 2, these temporary injuries must have kept the employee from work more than a week or they would not have been included, they do not appear unimportant. And the fact that permanent impairment of some part of the body resulted in the cases of 441, 1,221, and 1,256 women, respectively, in Illinois in 1928 and New York in 1928 and 1929—constituting 19.3, 17.4, and 15.5 per cent of all injuries to women in the respective States and years cited—indicates the appalling consequences of industrial injuries.

#### TABLE 2.—Distribution of injuries to male and female employees by extent of disability, 1928 and 1929

[For sources of information, see appendix]

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the st	Total	Fatal	Per- ma- nent total	Per- manent partial	Tem- porary	Total	Fatal	Per- ma- nent total	Per- manent partial	Tem- porary	Total	Fatal	Per- ma- nent total	Per- manent partial	Tem- porary	Total	Fatal	Per- ma- nent total	Per- manent partial	Tem- porary
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Idaho Illinois Maryland Massachusetts New Jersey New York Pennsylvania	<sup>2</sup> 7, 413 <sup>3</sup> 49, 290 <sup>8</sup> 7, 554 13, 166 54, 744 <sup>8</sup> 24, 139 86, 545 <sup>8</sup> 146, 489	$59 \\ 519 \\ 34 \\ 92 \\ 336 \\ 314 \\ 1, 106 \\ 2, 058$	4 30 6 12 50	327 11, 280 	7, 023 4 37, 434 12, 465 53, 297 69, 589	2 181 5 2, 290 8 343 736 5, 586 8 1, 841 7, 020 8 6, 009	5 1 4 5 23 7	1	5 441 31 98 1, 221	176 6 1, 837 705 5, 484 5, 774	2 100.0 3 100.0 8 100.0 100.0 100.0 8 100.0 8 100.0 8 100.0 8 100.0	$\begin{array}{c} 0.8\\ 1.1\\ .5\\ .7\\ .6\\ 1.3\\ 1.3\\ 1.4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.1 \\ .1 \\ \hline (7) \\ \hline (7) \\ \hline .1 \\ \end{array}$	4. 4 22. 9 4. 6 2. 0 18. 3	94.7 475.9 94.7 97.4 80.4	2 100. 0 5 100. 0 <sup>8</sup> 100. 0 <sup>100. 0</sup> <sup>100. 0</sup> <sup>8</sup> 100. 0 <sup>8</sup> 100. 0 <sup>8</sup> 109. 0	$ \begin{array}{c} 0.2 \\ .3 \\ \hline .1 \\ .3 \\ .3 \\ .1 \\ \end{array} $	(7)	2.8 19.3 	97. 2 6 80. 4 95. 8 98. 2 82. 3
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Idaho. Maryland. Massachusetts. Michigan. New York. Pennsylvania	<sup>2</sup> 7, 544 13, 410 54, 460 34, 768 92, 371 <sup>8</sup> 159, 728	63 84 352 390 1, 201 1, 992	4 4 58	344 584 1, 241 2, 221 17, 821	7, 137 12, 742 52, 863 32, 153 73, 291	<sup>2</sup> 296 737 5, 735 1, 155 8, 091 8 6, 929	1 2 16 8	3	9 37 111 102 1, 256	287 700 5, 623 1, 051 6, 816	<sup>2</sup> 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 8 100. 0	$\begin{array}{c} 0.8 \\ .6 \\ .6 \\ 1.1 \\ 1.3 \\ 1.2 \end{array}$	(7) (7) . 1	4. 6 4. 4 2. 3 6. 4 19. 3	94. 6 95. 0 97. 1 92. 5 79. 3	<sup>2</sup> 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 8 100.0	$\begin{array}{c} & & \\$	(7)	3.0 5.0 1.9 8.8 15.5	97. 0 95. 0 98. 0 91. 0 84. 2

For period covered and injuries tabulated see Chart II, facing p. 9.
 The numbers reported for a 2-year period have been divided by 2.
 Includes 27 with extent of disability not reported.
 Includes 764 with combinations of some kinds of disability.

<sup>5</sup> Includes 6 with extent of disability not reported.
<sup>6</sup> Includes 71 with combinations of some kinds of disability.
<sup>7</sup> Less than 0.05 per cent.
<sup>8</sup> Reported only for fatals and nonfatals.

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Data on extent of disability are not available for enough States to determine conclusively whether or not there was an increase in the severity of injuries to women in 1929, as well as an increase in their number; however, of the four States that give complete data by sex on the extent of disability caused by the injuries in 1928 and 1929, three—Idaho, Maryland, and Massachusetts—show that more of the women's injuries in 1929 than in 1928 caused permanent disability. In New York, though the number disabled permanently showed an increase over 1928, the proportion these formed of the total showed a decline. For men the facts are similar, except that Maryland shows a decrease in the proportion causing permanent disability and New York shows an increase. The Michigan figures for 1929 show that a larger proportion of the women's injuries than of the men's had more than temporary effects.

In summarizing, these data on the extent of disability caused by industrial injuries show, as would be expected, that women's injuries had only temporary effects more commonly than men's injuries. The more hazardous nature of certain of men's employments—for example, mining, construction, transportation—makes this a foregone conclusion. Even for men, fatalities and permanent total disabilities were less than 1.5 per cent of all injuries reported in each State; for women these were less than 0.5 per cent.

#### NATURE OF THE INJURIES RECEIVED

Three States—Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa—correlate data on nature of injury and sex.

In each of these States the group showing the largest number of injuries to men and to women was either bruises, contusions, and abrasions or cuts and lacerations. Combined, these two classes formed from 40 to 50 per cent of all the injuries during these two years. Another group describing over 10 per cent of the injuries to both men and women is sprains and strains.

Several injury groups in relation to the total show in more than one State differences between the two sexes—for example, infections; cuts and lacerations; bruises, contusions, and abrasions; and fractures. In the two States reporting infections for 1928 and the one for 1929, over twice the proportion of the women's than of the men's injuries were so classed. Larger proportions of the women than of the men suffered cuts and lacerations, while the opposite is true of fractures and of bruises, contusions, and abrasions.

Information on part of body injured and nature of injury, classified by sex by Illinois for 1928 (Table 4), helps to form a more accurate picture of the injuries that are received. With both men and women, more injuries occur to the upper extremities (fingers, hands, or arms) than to any other part of the body, and this is especially true of the women, with whom the proportion is 58.6 per cent, while for men it is 41.9 per cent. In every other location the men have the larger proportion.

Of the two largest groups of injuries from the standpoint of the nature of the injury, it will be noted that for both men and women slightly higher proportions of the bruises, contusions, and abrasions occurred to the lower extremities than to any other part of the body

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Nature of injury	Illin	ois	Indi	ana	Iowa		Indi	ana	Iow	a 3	Illiı	nois	Indi	iana	Iow	va i	Indi	ana	Iow	81
	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male
Total	52, 655	2, 095	35, 913	1, 801	7, 554	343	38, 787	2, 144	6, 881	314										
Not reported and indef- inite Total reported	708 51, 947	21 2, 074	768 35, 145	61 1, 740	7, 554	343	742 38, 045	67 2, 077	6, 881	314	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0
Amputation	1,661	59	593	28	110	4	675	28	125	3	3.2	2.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.0
Asphyxiation Bruise, contusion, or ab- rasion Burn or seald Concussion	59 14, 108 4 2, 792 74	493 4 155 8	7, 630 1, 922 14	318 122 1	1, 482 403 24	51 16 3	8, 372 2, 151 40 514	366 146 1 15	1, 457 351 20	52 21 1	27.2 4 5.4 .1	23.8 47.5 .4 .1	$21.7 \\ 5.5 \\ (5) \\ 1.5$	$     18.3 \\     7.0 \\     .1 \\     1.2   $	19.6 5.3 .3	14.9 4.7 .9	22.0 5.7 .1 1.4	17.6 7.0 $(^{5})$ 7	21.2 $5.1$ $.3$	16.6 6.7 .3
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Electric shock Foreign substance in eye Fracture	63 8, 263	5	3, 172	93	20 354 795	3 17	3, 491		$\begin{array}{c} 24\\ 342\\ 804 \end{array}$	5 19	.1	.2 9.0	9.0	5.3	$   \begin{array}{r}     .3 \\     4.7 \\     10.5   \end{array} $	.9 5.0	9.2	4.8	.3 5.0 11.7	1.6 6.1
Gas fumes Infection	32	1			$\begin{array}{c} 5\\22\\671\end{array}$	2 64			$\begin{array}{c} 7\\17\\620\end{array}$	65	.1 4.0	( <sup>5</sup> ) 8.1			.1 .3 8.9	.6 18.7			.1 .2 9.0	20.7
Inflammation Internal injury Puncture	2, 122	28	60	4	$\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 12\\ (9) \end{pmatrix}$	1 (9)	60	10	10 (9)	1 (9)	1.5 4.1	1.4	.2	.2	( <sup>5)</sup> ( <sup>9)</sup>	.3 (9)	.2	.5	.1	.3
Sickness Sprain or strain Multiple injuries	320 7, 598	4	<sup>10</sup> 5, 663 6	10 228	<sup>11</sup> 1, 214 180	<sup>11</sup> 38 7	<sup>10</sup> 6, 125 1	10 249	<sup>11</sup> 1, 083 213	<sup>11</sup> 33 5	.6 14.6	.2 13.7	<sup>10</sup> 16. 1 ( <sup>5</sup> )	10 13. 1	<sup>11</sup> 16. 1 2. 4	<sup>11</sup> 11. 1 2. 0	(5)	10 12.0	<sup>11</sup> 15.7 3.1	<sup>11</sup> 10. 5 1. 6
Not otherwise classified	103	6	8,601	487	51	6	8, 946	592	66	7	.2	.3	24.5	28.0	.7	1.7	23.5	28.5	1.0	2.2

#### TABLE 3.—Distribution of injuries to male and female employees by nature of injury, 1928 and 1929 [For sources of information, see appendix]

<sup>1</sup> For period covered and injuries tabulated see Chart II, facing p. 9, except in the case of injuries tabulated for Illinois, for which State the present table shows compensable a For period covered and injuries tabilitated see Chart II, lacing p. 9, except in the case of injuries tabilitated for Induced f

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## TABLE 4.—Nature and location of injuries to male and female employees, Illinois, 1928

[For sources of information, see appendix]

		neuri neuri				Converse a	Location	of injury		A REAL				
Nature of injury	Total reported			Head (not other- wise classified)		Face and neck		Trunk		extremi- es	Lower extremi- ties		Other and not classified 1	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
udioration, carrier and the second se			A MARINE	I	NUMBE	R 2	12			-	18	3		a sea
Total reported	3 51, 842	<sup>3</sup> 2, 059	3, 156	80	1, 952	42	8,660	211	21, 748	1, 210	15, 268	497	1,058	19
Amputation or enucleation Asphyxiation (except drowning) Blister, not otherwise classified	- 59	59	16	1	9				1, 504	57	124	1	3 59	6
Bruise, contusion, or abrasion Burn or scald Concussion	$ \begin{array}{c c}     14,091 \\     2,682 \\     74 \end{array} $	$7 \\ 492 \\ 147 \\ 8$	$\begin{array}{r} 643\\ 213\\ 74\end{array}$	30 $4$ $8$	241 347	6 15	2, 649 73	100 5	94 4, 570 989	7 163 83	$     \begin{array}{r}       10 \\       5,805 \\       881     \end{array}   $	$\frac{179}{40}$	183 179	14
Crushing Cut or laceration Dislocation Drowning	$\begin{array}{c c} & 367 \\ 11,081 \\ 420 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}1\\484\\21\end{array}$	29 1, 077	24	$1,095 \\ 4$	11	$51\\204\\52$	33	80 7, 165 277	$\begin{array}{r}1\\394\\14\end{array}$	48 1, 495 87	52 4	157 45 20	
Electric shock Fracture Freezing Infection (septic)	63 8, 256 32	$5\\187\\1\\168$	250 92	2	165	4	1,105 2 10	18	3, 157 27	112 1	3, 547 3	51	63 32	5
Inflammation Puncture Sickness, general	- 783 - 2, 117 - 281	27 162	92 486 256	$ \begin{array}{c} 1\\ 3\\ 6\\ \end{array} $	$11\\11\\16$	$\frac{2}{2}$	19 51 43	3 $2$ $1$	$1,631 \\ 135 \\ 936$	$\begin{array}{r}155\\16\\136\end{array}$	313 89 861	9 4 17	11 5 281	
Sprain or strain (including hernia) Not otherwise classified	- 7, 589 - 101	285 5	20	1	48 3	2	4, 386 25	74 2	1, 164 19	69 2	1, 982 23	. 140	9 11	
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Amputation or enucleation Asphyxiation (except drowning) Blister, not otherwise classified	3.2	2.9	. 5	1. 3	. 5				6.9	4. 7	. 8	. 2	. 3 5. 6	
Bruise, contusion, or abrasion	$ \begin{array}{c c} .2 \\ .27.2 \\ .5.2 \end{array} $	$23.9 \\ 7.1$	$\begin{array}{c} 20.4\\ 6.7\end{array}$	37.5 5.0	$12.3 \\ 17.8$		30. 6 . 8	47. 4 2. 4	.4 21.0 4.5	$     \begin{array}{r}         . 6 \\         13. 5 \\         6. 9     \end{array}     $	.1 38.0 5.8	36. 0 8. 0	17. 3 16. 9	

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Electric shock Fracture - Freezing - Infection (septic) - Inflammation Puncture - Sickness general	$\begin{array}{r} .1\\ 15.9\\ .1\\ 4.0\\ 1.5\\ 4.1\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} & .2\\ 9.1\\ (5)\\ 8.2\\ 1.3\\ 7.9\end{array}$	7.9 2.9 15.4 8.1	2.5 1.3 3.8 7.5	8.5 .6 .6 .8	12.8 (5) .2 .6 .5	8.5 1.4 .9 .5	14.5 .1 7.5 .6 4.3	$9.3 \\ .1 \\ 12.8 \\ 1.3 \\ 11.2$	$23.2 \\ (^{5}) \\ 2.1 \\ .6 \\ 5.6$	10. 3 1. 8 . 8 3. 4	6. 0 3. 0 1. 0 . 5	
Sprain or strain (including hernia)	14. 6 . 2	13. 8 . 2	. 6	1. 3	2.5	50.6	35. 1 . 9	5.4 .1	5.7	13. 0 . 2	28. 2	26. 6 . 9 1. 0	

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Total reported	3 100. 0	3 100. 0	6.1	3. 9	3. 8	2.0	16. 7	10. 2	42.0	58.8	29. 5	24. 1	2.0	0. 9
Amputation or enucleation	100. 0 100. 0	100. 0	1.0	1.7	. 5				90.8	96. 6	7.5	1.7	.2 100.0	
Blister, not otherwise classified Bruise, contusion, or abrasion	100. 0 100. 0	( <sup>4</sup> ) 100. 0	4.6	6.1	1.7	1.2	18.8	20.3	90. 4 32. 4	33. 1	9.6 41.2	36.4	1.3	2.8
Burn or scald	100. 0 100. 0	100. 0 (4)	7. 9 100. 0	2.7	12.9	10. 2	2. 7	3.4	36. 9	56. 5	32. 8	27. 2	6.7	
Crushing Cut or laceration	100. 0 100. 0	(4) 100. 0	7.9	5. 0	.5	2.3	13.9 1.8		$21.8 \\ 64.7$	81. 4	$13.1 \\ 13.5$	10. 7	42.8	
Dislocation Drowning	100.0 (1)	(1)			1.0		12. 4		66. 0		20.7			
Electric shock	100.0	(4)											100.0	
Fracture Freezing	100. 0 (4)	100. 0 ( <sup>4</sup> )	3. 0	1.1	2.0	2.1	13.4	9.6	38. 2	59.9	43.0	27.3	.4	
Infection (septic)	100.0	100.0	4.5	. 6	. 5		. 9	1.8	78.9	92.3	15.2	5.4		

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<sup>1</sup> This classification includes cases in which there was a generally shaken and bruised or crushed condition, not classifiable as to part of body; cases of sickness not classifiable as to part of body; cases of multiple injuries in which it was not clear which part of body was most severely injured where the parts injured were not all in any one of the 5 major groups.
 <sup>2</sup> Compensable cases occurring during calendar year.
 <sup>3</sup> Excludes 813 injuries to males and 36 to females for which one or both of these factors were not reported.
 <sup>4</sup> Not computed; base less than 50.
 <sup>5</sup> Less than 0.05 per cent.

(41.2 per cent for men and 36.4 per cent for women), while the largest proportions of the cuts and lacerations (64.7 per cent for men and 81.4 per cent for women) occurred to the upper extremities. Infections also occurred more frequently in the upper extremities, the proportions being 78.9 per cent for men and 92.3 per cent for women.

Cuts and lacerations of fingers, hands, or arms describe the largest single group of all women's injuries. Bruises, contusions, or abrasions of upper and lower extremities and of the trunk; fractures, infections, and punctures of the upper extremities; and sprains and strains of the lower extremities also were important.

These two tables suggest that, with few exceptions, the kinds of injuries received are similar for men and women, but that more of women's injuries than of men's are to the upper extremities rather than to other parts of the body.

### AGE OF INJURED PERSONS

A striking difference between the women and the men injured in industry is their age: The proportion of injured persons who are not more than 20 years old is almost three times as large for women as for men. This is due in part to the fact that a larger proportion of all women employed than of all men employed are young. That youth itself is a factor, however, appears when the age distribution of all employed women is compared with the age distribution of the injured,<sup>7</sup> as very much larger proportions of the injured women than of all women employed are less than 20 or 21 years of age.

Information on the age and sex of injured persons, available for nine States in 1928 and for five States in 1929, given in Table 5, when compared with data available in 1927, shows no significant changes in the proportion of all injuries that occur to younger workers. With the exception of Massachusetts in 1928, in all the States for which 1928 and 1929 data could be classified by comparable groups, from 16 to 50 years inclusive, the largest proportions of women's injuries are for the group 16 to 20 years.<sup>8</sup> Such a condition was true of men in only one case, Rhode Island in 1929. The exception as noted is in Massachusetts in 1928, where the proportions in two age groups-16 to 20 and 21 to 25-were similar, the latter being slightly higher, 23.3 per cent as compared to 23.1 per cent. The percentages ranged from 23.1 in Massachusetts in 1928 to 35.3 in Rhode Island in 1928. The percentages of injuries to males that occurred to youths 16 to 20 years of age in these same States in the same years ranged from 7.9 in Illinois in 1928 to 16.2 in Rhode Island in 1929. In Indiana, New Jersey, and Wisconsin, States where the age groupings given are slightly different from those elsewhere, the same tendencies appear.

For the next age group, 21 to 25 years, the proportions of the injuries to women are perceptibly larger than those to men in most of the States given. Naturally, the proportions of the men's injuries in the age groups beyond 25 years are larger than those of the women.

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#### Seriousness of injury, by age.

Data giving the age and extent of disability of persons injured (Table 6) lend additional emphasis to the importance of these large numbers of injured workers who are young, because they show that there is no pronounced difference in seriousness between the accidents to young workers and those to other persons. Though in New York in 1928 and 1929 considerably larger percentages of the injuries to persons under 21 years of age than of those to persons 21 years or over were in the temporary group, in Illinois in 1928 and in Maryland in the year following more of the younger group of women than of the older were permanently disabled. Illinois figures for 1928 show that the percentages of fatalities and permanent total injuries are prac-tically the same for boys under 21 as for older men. Two of the three fatal cases among women in this State were girls under 21 years of age. Massachusetts for 1928 and 1929 shows no significant differences as to injury experience between men and women or between age groups, an exception to this being the proportions of permanent partial injuries in the 1928 data.

### Cause of injury, by age.<sup>9</sup>

The causes of injuries classified by age-available in this period only for New Jersey in 1928-show the importance of machinery as a cause of injuries to young persons, especially to young women (Table 7). Almost one-half (46.8 per cent) of all injuries to women under 21 were caused by machinery, while for women of 21 years and over this proportion was 23.7 per cent. For the older group of women, falls, causing 36.4 per cent of their injuries, are the most important single cause group.

Expressed in another way, women under 21, who constituted a little less than 30 per cent of the total, suffered 45 per cent of the machine injuries but only 12 per cent of the falls. The employment of large numbers of young women on machine processes and of larger numbers of older women than of younger ones in cleaning and other lines of work where falls are common, undoubtedly accounts in no small measure for these differences in the injury experience of the two groups of women.

Considering the men's injuries, it will be noted that, as was true for the women, the group of younger men (under 21) had a larger proportion of all their injuries caused by machinery and a smaller proportion by falls than had the older men, though the difference is not so great as for the two groups of women. For both groups of men, handling of objects was the largest single cause group.

Comparing the experiences of men and of women, a pronounced difference is the much larger proportion of accidents to young women than of accidents to young men that are due to machinery. Much larger proportions of the older women's than of the older men's injuries are due to machinery and to falls, while for all women the handling of objects was a much less important accident cause than it was for men.

The youth of the persons injured, according to these data, is a factor in from one-fifth to over one-third of women's injuries and

<sup>7</sup> See the first bulletin of this series, Women's Bureau Bul. 81, Industrial Accidents to Men and Women,

p. 23. <sup>8</sup> Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, and Rhode Island for 1928; Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island for 1929.

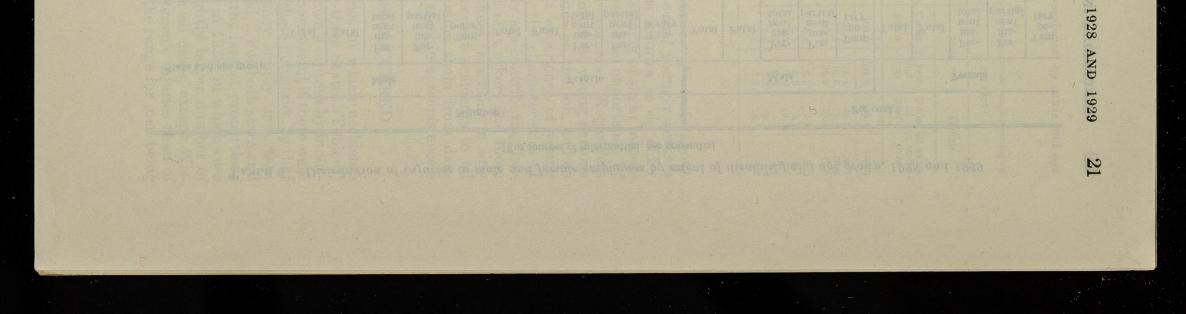
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This is a comparison of the injury experience of young workers, persons under 21 years of age, with all other workers, not with the various age groups of older workers.

## TABLE 5.—Distribution of injuries to male and female employees by age of injured, 1928 and 1929

	Geor	rgia 1	Illi	nois	Ind	iana	Mary	vland	Massac	husetts	New J	ersey	New	York	Rhode	Island	Wisco	onsin
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
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Total	5, 653	414	52, 655	2, 095	35, 913	1, 801	13, 166	736	54, 744	5, 586	<b>24,</b> 139	1, 841	86, 545	7,020	3, 362	469	21, 045	773
Total reported	5, 139	389	51, 391	2,070	35, 350	1,752	12,950	714	54, 744	5, 586	24, 139	1, 841	77, 700	6, 089	3, 224	450	20, 501	750
Under 16 years 16 to 20 years 21 to 25 years	$\begin{array}{r} 66\\ 813\\ 1,017\\ 874\\ 636\\ 569\\ 364\\ 347\\ 453\end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 10\\ 134\\ 63\\ 50\\ 38\\ 29\\ 26\\ 15\\ 24\\ \end{array} $	93 4,073 5 6,040 5 7,094 5 7,073 5 7,470 5 6,636 5 4,959 5 7,953	11 548 5294 5302 5250 8240 5164 5112 5149	4 2, 456 412, 203 4 9, 129 4 6, 301 4 5, 256	4 362 4 636 4 344 4 224 4 136	57 1,476 2,295 2,091 1,672 1,622 1,209 999 1,529	18 212 117 98 63 68 68 38 41 54	309 5,756 9,101 8,071 8,063 6,556 5,032 4,254 7,552	112 1, 291 1, 303 715 543 567 344 364 347	72 2,346 6 21,721	22 517 6 1, 302	208 7,415 12,392 11,819 10,436 10,152 7,807 6,511 10,930	$\begin{array}{r} 42\\ 1,518\\ 1,123\\ 775\\ 601\\ 612\\ 463\\ 393\\ 562\\ \end{array}$	18 481 504 440 372 361 275 290 483	8 159 89 39 43 42 23 30 17	<sup>3</sup> 319 <sup>3</sup> 3, 237 <sup>3</sup> 3, 192 <sup>3</sup> 2, 610 <sup>3</sup> 2, 394 <sup>3</sup> 2, 307 <sup>3</sup> 1, 900 <sup>3</sup> 1, 619 <sup>3</sup> 2, 923	<sup>8</sup> 40 <sup>8</sup> 218 <sup>8</sup> 126 <sup>8</sup> 78 <sup>8</sup> 69 <sup>8</sup> 75 <sup>8</sup> 48 <sup>8</sup> 43 <sup>8</sup> 53
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Under 16 years	$\begin{array}{c} 1.3\\ 15.8\\ 19.8\\ 17.0\\ 12.4\\ 11.1\\ 7.1\\ 6.8\\ 8.8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.6\\ 34.4\\ 16.2\\ 12.9\\ 9.8\\ 7.5\\ 6.7\\ 3.9\\ 6.2\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} & .2 \\ 7.9 \\ 5 11.8 \\ 5 13.8 \\ 5 13.8 \\ 5 14.5 \\ 5 12.9 \\ 5 9.6 \\ 5 15.5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} .5\\ 26.5\\ {}^{5}14.2\\ {}^{5}14.6\\ {}^{5}12.1\\ {}^{5}11.6\\ {}^{5}7.9\\ {}^{5}5.4\\ {}^{5}7.2\end{array}$	4 6. 9 4 34. 5 4 25. 8 4 17. 8 4 14. 9	4 20. 7 4 39. 2 4 19. 6 4 12. 8 4 7. 8	$\begin{array}{r} .4\\ 11.4\\ 17.7\\ 16.1\\ 12.9\\ 12.5\\ 9.3\\ 7.7\\ 11.8\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.5\\ 29.7\\ 16.4\\ 13.7\\ 9.5\\ 9.5\\ 5.3\\ 5.7\\ 7.6\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} . \ 6 \\ 10. \ 5 \\ 16. \ 6 \\ 14. \ 7 \\ 14. \ 7 \\ 12. \ 0 \\ 9. \ 3 \\ 7. \ 8 \\ 13. \ 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.0\\ 23.1\\ 23.3\\ 12.8\\ 9.7\\ 10.2\\ 6.2\\ 6.5\\ 6.2\\ \end{array}$	.3 9.7 690.0	1. 2 28. 1 6 70. 7	$\begin{array}{r} & .3\\ 9.5\\ 15.9\\ 15.2\\ 13.4\\ 13.1\\ 10.0\\ 8.4\\ 14.1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} .7\\ 24.9\\ 18.4\\ 12.7\\ 9.9\\ 10.1\\ 7.6\\ 6.5\\ 9.2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} . \ 6 \\ 14. \ 9 \\ 15. \ 6 \\ 13. \ 6 \\ 11. \ 5 \\ 11. \ 2 \\ 8. \ 5 \\ 9. \ 0 \\ 15. \ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.8\\ 35.3\\ 19.8\\ 8.7\\ 9.6\\ 9.3\\ 5.1\\ 6.7\\ 3.8 \end{array}$	<sup>8</sup> 1. 6 <sup>8</sup> 15. 8 <sup>3</sup> 15. 6 <sup>3</sup> 12. 7 <sup>3</sup> 11. 7 <sup>3</sup> 11. 3 <sup>3</sup> 9. 3 <sup>3</sup> 7. 9 <sup>8</sup> 14. 3	<sup>3</sup> 5. 3 <sup>3</sup> 29. 1 <sup>3</sup> 16. 8 <sup>3</sup> 10. 4 <sup>3</sup> 9. 2 <sup>3</sup> 10. 0 <sup>3</sup> 6. 4 <sup>3</sup> 5. 7 <sup>3</sup> 7. 1

[For sources of information, see appendix]

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Illinois: Under 21 years 21 years and over Maryland:	² 3, 784 ۶ 44, 885	37 465	4 25	703 10, 385	<b>* 3, 0</b> 39 * 33, 986	609 71, 617	2 1	1	138 295		<sup>2</sup> 100. 0 <sup>5</sup> 100. 0	1. 0 1. 0	0.1	18.6 23.1	* 80. 3 * 75. 7	100.0 7100.0	0.3	0.1	22. 7 18. 2	4 77.0 81.4
Under 21 years 21 years and over Massachusetts:	1, 533 11, 417	6 81	6	72 522	1, 455 10, 808	230 484			10 21	220 463	100. 0 100. 0	.4 .7	.1	4.7 4.6	94. 9 94. 7	100.0 100.0			4.3 4.3	95.7 95.7
Under 21 years 21 years and over New York: Under 21 years	6, 065 48, 679 7, 623	12 324 47	1 11	144 955 1, 015	5,908 47,389 6,561	1, 403 4, 183 1, 560	4		34 64 240	1, 369 4, 115 1, 318	100.0 100.0 100.0	.2 .7 .6	(9) (9)	2.4 2.0 13.3	97.4 97.3 86.1	100.0 100.0 100.0	.1		2.4 1.5 15.4	97.6 98.4 84.5
21 years and over	70, 077	1, 034	48	13, 530	55, 465	4, 529	20	2	859	3, 648	100.0	1.5	.1	19.3	79.1	100.0	.4	(9)	19.0	80.5
Transfer Te rights	1.4.4.4.4			37	200		1	]	.929			an ann an a'	2 d	1 258	A		1	P. R.	1	1.1.8
Maryland: Under 21 years 21 years and over Massachusetts:	1, 649 11, 435	4 63		81 499	1, 564 10, 873	246 467			19 18	227 449	100. 0 100. 0	0.2 .6	000 0	4.9 4.4	94. 8 95. 1	100. 0 100. 0	109.0	0 190 0	7.7 3.9	92. 3 96, 1
Under 21 years 21 years and over New York:	6, 459 48, 001	28 324	1 3	137 1, 104	6, 293 46, 570	1, 490 4, 245	1		27 84	1, 463 4, 160	100. 0 100. 0	.4 .7	(9) (9)	2.1 2.3	97.4 97.0	100. 0 100. 0	(9)		1.8 2.0	<b>98.</b> 2 98. 0
Under 21 years 21 years and over	7, 862 75, 773	56 1, 125	1 55	1, 129 15, 396	6, 676 59, 197	1, 759 5, 370	3 11	3	206 956	1, 550 4, 400	100.0 100.0	.7 1.5	( <sup>9</sup> ) .1	14. 4 20. 3	84.9 78.1	100. 0 100. 0	.2 .2	0.1	11.7 17.8	88.1 81.9

### TABLE 6.—Distribution of injuries to male and female employees by extent of disability and age group, 1928 and 1929 [For sources of information, see appendix]

<sup>1</sup> For period covered and injuries tabulated see Chart II, facing p. 9.
 <sup>3</sup> Includes 1 with extent of disability not reported.
 <sup>4</sup> Includes 42 with combinations of some kinds of disability.
 <sup>4</sup> Includes 14 with combinations of some kinds of disability.
 <sup>5</sup> Includes 24 with extent of disability not reported.

Includes 695 with combinations of some kinds of disability.
Includes 4 with extent of disability not reported.
Includes 36 with combinations of some kinds of disability.
Less than 0.05 per cent.

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TABLE 7.-Distribution of injuries to male and female employees by cause and age group, New Jersey, 1928

		Num	ber 1			Per c	ent 1	
Cause of injury	M	ale	Fer	nale	М	ale	Fei	nale
	Under 21 years	21 years and over	Under 21 years	21 years and over	Under 21 years	21 years and over	Under 21 years	21 years and over
Total	2, 418	21, 721	539	1, 302	<u>,</u> 100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Machinery Falls of persons Handling of objects <sup>1</sup> Stepping on or striking against ob-	578 255 783	2, 477 3, 600 7, 580	252 64 101	308 474 229	23.9 10.5 32.4	11. 4 16. 6 34. 9	46.8 11.9 18.7	23.7 36.4 17.6
jects Falling objects	155 118 89	1,485 1,086 1,780	42 21 17	107 53 34	6.4 4.9 3.7	6.8 5.0 8.2	7.8 3.9 3.2	8.2 4.1 2.6
Vehicles Harmful substances Miscellaneous and indefinite	300 32 108	2, 118 469 1, 126	4 12 26	26 10 61	$12.4 \\ 1.3 \\ 4.5$	9.8 2.2 5.2	.7 2.2 4.8	2. 4.

[For sources of information, see appendix]

<sup>1</sup> Closed compensable cases, calendar year. <sup>2</sup> Includes hand tools.

from one-fourteenth to one-sixth of men's injuries. As facts about the seriousness of injuries by age groups indicate that younger workers suffer almost as large a proportion of serious injuries as do older workers, their accidents can not be dismissed as being of slight importance. Finally, the data for one State suggest the importance of machinery as a cause of accidents to younger workers. Regardless of how many other conditions, such as the number of young persons employed, the kind of work done, length of time on the job, and so forth, may partially account for the accident experience of young workers (as they do for that of all workers), the characteristics of youth and its general inexperience undoubtedly are contributing factors in these accidents. Careful placement of all workers and more careful training and supervision of new workers, essential in any accident-prevention program, may help to prevent accidents to all workers, but special protection, further excluding them from dangerous occupations and from operating certain machines, seems necessary for the younger workers.

#### INDUSTRIES IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED

Incompletely classified data on the industries in which accidents occurred in 1928 in five States and in 1929 in three States (Table 8) show the relative proportions of men's and women's injuries by industry groupings. Though these data would be more useful if there were information on the total numbers employed in these industries, so that the accident frequency could be computed, they supply important evidence as to the source of the injuries reported. For both sexes and for both years, manufacturing industries had the largest proportions of injuries in all the States but Pennsylvania in 1928, in which case mining, metallurgy, and quarrying had a slightly larger number of injuries to men than had manufacturing. In all cases, except Wisconsin in 1929, a greater proportion of the women's injuries than of the men's were in manufacturing industries—the range for men being

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Industry	Illiı	nois	Ind	liana 1	New	Jersey 1	Penns	ylvania	Wisco	nsin 1	Ind	iana 1	Penns	ylvania	Wisco	nsin 1
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Fe- male	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Fe- male
		in the			NU	JMBER	2		6	34888	3 5 5	8 8				
Total	<sup>8</sup> 52, 655	\$ 2,095	35, 913	1, 801	24, 139	1, 841	146, 489	6,009	21, 045	773	38, 787	2, 144	159, 728	6, 929	21, 728	902
Manufacturing	21, 706	1,045	20, 475	1, 218	10, 543	1,074	49, 859	3,001	11, 214	416	22, 942	1, 458	57,005	3, 505	12, 267	472
Food, beverages, and tobacco Clothing Textiles		and the second se	120	$ \begin{array}{c c} 213 \\ 166 \\ 70 \end{array} $					1, 168 (4) 163	83 (*) 52	<b>2</b> , 004 83 127	238 196 65			1,188	(4) 88
Metals and metal goods Machinery and vehicles			6, 192 4, 213	180 88					4,078	92 34	7, 131 5, 293	191 132			151 5,070 1,150	75 101 24
Laundries and cleaning and dyeing Leather, rubber, and composition Paper, pulp, and paper goods Printing.			148 391 399	79 95 15					( <sup>5</sup> ) 445	( <sup>5</sup> ) 45	156 393	110 123			(5) 413	<sup>(5)</sup> 49
Printing Wood and wood products			238 3,057	34					748 ( <sup>5</sup> )	38 ( <sup>5</sup> ) 31	436 230	19 37			816 ( <sup>5</sup> )	(5) 43
Stone, clay, and glass products	C. A. C. Starting of the	The second second	1,640	107 49					3, 123 238	$\begin{vmatrix} 31\\2 \end{vmatrix}$	3, 454 1, 557	158 47			2, 934 240	40
Chemicals Other manufacturing	The second second	CORDENS STREET	1,039 874	17 105					$     131 \\     173   $	$1 \\ 38$	1,091 987	17 125			114 191	3
Clerical, professional, and personal service.	<sup>6</sup> 3, 655	6 623	592	281	7 639	7 213	8 3, 679	8 196	944	263	631	329	<sup>8</sup> 4, 061	° 215	884	291
Clerical and professional Hotels, restaurants			200	50							181	70				
Care and custody of buildings			230 120	189 30							$\begin{array}{c} 306 \\ 124 \end{array}$	220 31				
Miscellaneous, including domestic service			42	12							20	8		17 IS		E.
Trade	4, 452	294	1,954	248	9 1, 557	° 142	7,307	1,033	1,696	72	2, 118	316	8, 282	1, 231	1, 841	110
Construction and public utilities	3, 985 9, 643	98 19	3, 086 5, 642	45	3, 593 5, 470	53	9, 519 18, 532	134	2,093 4,271	7	3, 276 5, 665	33 5	8,978	134	1,987	14
Agriculture Mining, metallurgy, and quarrying	262 8, 676	1	253 3, 774		431 603	15			398	15	249		20, 457		4, 017 413	$\frac{2}{13}$
Other industries		0	3, 774	1	7 1, 303	7 337	51, 330 6, 263	9 1, 593	427 2		3, 767 139	1	53, 671 7, 274	3 1,806	316 3	

## TABLE 8.—Industrial distribution of injuries to male and female employees, 1928 and 1929

PE	R	C	E	N	т	2
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Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100 0	100.0
Manufacturing	41. 4	50.1	57.0	67.6	43.7	58.3	34.0	49.9	53.3	53.8	59.1	68.0	35.7	50.6	56.5	52.3
Food, beverages, and tobacco Clothing Textiles Metals and metal goods Machinery and vehicles Laundries and cleaning and dyeing Leather, rubber, and composition Paper, pulp, and paper goods Printing Wood and wood products Stone, clay, and glass products Chemicals			$\begin{array}{r} .3\\ 17.2\\ 11.7\\ .4\\ 1.1\\ 1.1\\ 1.7\end{array}$	11.8 9.2 3.9 10.0 4.9 4.4 5.3 .8 1.9 5.9 2.7 .9					5.6 (4) .8 19.4 4.5 (5) 2.1 3.6 (6) 14.8 1.1 .6	$10.7 (4) \\ 6.7 \\ 11.9 \\ 4.4 (5) \\ 5.8 \\ 4.9 (5) \\ 4.0 \\ .3 \\ .1$	5.2 .2 .3 18.4 13.6 .4 1.0 1.1 .6 8.9 4.0 2.8	11. 1 9. 1 3. 0 8. 9 6. 2 5. 1 5. 7 . 9 1. 7 7. 4 2. 2 2 8			5.5 (4) .7 23.3 5.3 (5) 1.9 3.8 (5) 13.5 1.1 .5	9.8 (4) 8.3 11.2 2.7 (5) 5.4 4.8 (5) 4.4 .1 .3
Other manufacturing lerical, professional. and personal service_	6 7.0	<sup>6</sup> 29. 9	2.4 1.6	5.8 15.6	7 2.6	7 11. 6	<sup>8</sup> 2. 5	* 3. 3	.8 4.5	4.9 34.0	2.5 1.6	5.8 15.3	<sup>8</sup> 2.5	<sup>8</sup> 3. 1	.9 4.1	5, 3 32, 3
Clerical and professional Hotels, restaurants Care and custody of buildings Miscellaneous, including domestic service			.6 .6 .3 .1	2.8 10.5 1.7 .7						•	.5 .8 .3 .1	3.3 10.3 1.4 .4				
rade	$8.5 \\ 7.6 \\ 18.4 \\ .5 \\ 16.6$	$14.1 \\ 4.7 \\ .9 \\ (^{10}) \\ .3$	5.4 8.6 15.7 .7 10.5	13.8 2.5 .4 .1	6.5 14.9 22.7 1.8 2.5 75.4	7.7 2.9 .2 .8 .2 7 18.3	5.0 6.5 12.7 35.0 4.3	17. 2 2. 2 . 7 . 7 . 1 26. 5	8.19.920.31.92.0 $(10)$	9.3 .9 1.9	5.5 8.4 14.6 .6 9.7	$14.7 \\ 1.5 \\ .2 \\ (10) \\ (10$	5. 2 5. 6 12. 8 33. 6 4. 6	$17.8 \\ 1.9 \\ .5 \\ (10) \\ 26.1$	8.5 9.1 18.5 1.9 1.5 (10)	12. 2 1. 6 . 2 1. 4

<sup>1</sup> Some classifying has been done by the Women's Bureau.
<sup>2</sup> For period covered and injuries tabulated see Chart II, facing p. 9, except in the case of injuries tabulated for Illinois, for which State the present table shows compensable cases occurring.
<sup>3</sup> Totals include 276 males and 9 females with industry not reported. Per cents are based on 52,379 and 2,086.
<sup>4</sup> Included in textiles.
<sup>9</sup> Not obtainable. Laundries, cleaning and dyeing, and printing are combined in "Other manufacturing."
<sup>6</sup> Governmental (754 males and 1 female), professional (335 males and 104 females), and services not otherwise classified (2,566 males and 518 females).
<sup>7</sup> Domestic and personal service is included in "Other industries."
<sup>8</sup> State and municipal government.
<sup>9</sup> Includes garages.
<sup>10</sup> Less than 0.05 per cent.

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from 34 per cent to 59.1 per cent while for women it was from 49.9 per cent to 68 per cent.

The industries having the next largest proportion of injuries to women workers were those grouped as clerical, professional, and personal service, relatively unimportant employments for men from the point of view of injuries. The Indiana figures suggest that this is due to the relatively large numbers of injuries among women cleaners, janitresses, and hotel and restaurant workers. Trade also was a more important injury group for women than for men.

Construction was the industry group ranking second in men's injuries in every State listed but Pennsylvania, where, as already stated, the mining group and manufacturing outranked it. In Indiana, in both years, transportation and public utilities also had large numbers of accidents. The mining group is responsible for a large proportion of accidents in all States in which the industry is important.

The extent to which injuries to men and to women occur in the different types of manufacturing industries varies greatly. The data on numbers injured in manufacturing in Indiana and Wisconsin suggest that men's injuries are more concentrated in a few employments than are women's. In each State two industry groups caused one-half or more of the men's injuries in manufacturing—metals and metal goods and machinery and vehicles in Indiana, and the first of these and wood and wood products in Wisconsin. There was no such large proportion of women's injuries in any two industry groups.

Large proportions of the injuries occurred in the metals and metalgoods industry in both Indiana and Wisconsin for each sex and in each year. In both States the food, beverage, and tobacco group, and in Indiana clothing also caused large proportions of the injuries to women, while machinery and vehicles and wood and wood products caused more of the men's injuries.

#### CAUSES OF INJURIES

The most important causes of injuries are not the same for women as for men. According to the data from five States (Table 9), machinery and falls caused the largest proportions of women's injuries in every case but Iowa in 1928, where, if the large group of miscellaneous and indefinite be excluded, falls ranked first, hand tools second, and machinery third, while the handling of objects caused the largest proportion of injuries to men.

Machinery caused a much larger proportion of the women's than of the men's injuries in every State but Iowa, where the proportions were similar. For both sexes, the largest proportions of injuries due to machinery were in Michigan in 1929, where 37.6 per cent of the women's and 18 per cent of the men's injuries were caused by machinery.

The largest proportions caused by falls of persons were 29.2 per cent for women in New Jersey in 1928 and 16.5 per cent for men in Iowa in 1929. In all but one case, Michigan in 1929, falls were a more important cause of men's injuries than was machinery; but for women there were more machine accidents than falls.

Handling of objects, in every case the cause of a larger proportion of the men's than of the women's injuries, was nevertheless an important

				19	28						195	29		
Cause of injury	Illi	nois	India	ana 1	Iow	7a 1	New J	ersey 1	India	ana 1	Iov	va 2	Mich	igan
Cause of mjury	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	- hand -			N	UMBEF	2 3	- Constant							CE-
Total	4 52, 655	4 2, 095	35, 913	1, 801	7, 554	343	24, 139	1, 841	38, 787	2, 144	6, 881	314	<sup>5</sup> 34, 769	1, 155
Machinery	$\begin{array}{c} 6,931\\ 7,339\\ 12,492\\ 5,089\\ 3,777\\ 2,473\\ 5,467\\ 5,618\\ 770\\ 490\\ 1,421\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 488\\ 556\\ 336\\ 232\\ 95\\ 128\\ 61\\ 64\\ 33\\ 16\\ 65\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3,332\\ 4,792\\ 5,833\\ 5,884\\ 1,433\\ 1,868\\ 5,604\\ 2,374\\ 415\\ 217\\ 4,161\\ \end{array}$	395 378 205 313 90 106 86 25 26 4 173	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{1, 052}\\ \textbf{1, 183}\\ 495\\ 390\\ 993\\ 123\\ 1, 080\\ 65\\ 33\\ 4\\ \textbf{2, 136} \end{array}$	48 70 2 5 52 	3, 055 3, 855 6 8, 363 1, 640 (7) 1, 204 1, 869 2, 418 501 1, 234	560 538 • 330 149 (7) 74 51 30 22 	3, 889 5, 258 6, 305 6, 066 1, 507 2, 087 6, 060 2, 504 538 191 4, 382	481 426 222 408 129 121 98 28 33 6 6 187	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{1, 049} \\ \textbf{1, 137} \\ \textbf{466} \\ \textbf{381} \\ \textbf{756} \\ \textbf{130} \\ \textbf{1, 070} \\ \textbf{89} \\ \textbf{54} \\ \textbf{12} \\ \textbf{1, 737} \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 52\\61\\6\\7\\47\\2\\14\\\hline\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\$	$\begin{array}{c} 6,257\\ 4,717\\ 7,476\\ 3,084\\ 1,761\\ 443\\ 4,027\\ 3,220\\ 1,792\\ 146\\ 1,838\\ \end{array}$	434 205 193 108 42 12 42 21 42 21 42 56
The second se				PI	ER CEN	[ <b>T ?</b>		1		·				1
Total	4 100.0	4 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	\$ 100.0	100.0
Machinery	4.8 10.5 10.8	$\begin{array}{c} 23.5\\ 26.8\\ 16.2\\ 11.2\\ 4.6\\ 6.2\\ 2.9\\ 3.1\\ 1.6\\ .8\\ 3.1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 9.3\\ 13.3\\ 16.2\\ 16.4\\ 4.0\\ 5.2\\ 15.6\\ 6.6\\ 1.2\\ .6\\ 11.6\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 21.9\\ 21.0\\ 11.4\\ 17.4\\ 5.0\\ 5.9\\ 4.8\\ 1.4\\ 1.4\\ .2\\ 9.6\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 13.9\\ 15.7\\ 6.6\\ 5.2\\ 13.1\\ 1.6\\ 14.3\\ .9\\ .4\\ .1\\ 28.3\end{array}$	.3	$12.7 \\ 16.0 \\ \bullet 34.6 \\ 6.8 \\ (7) \\ 5.0 \\ 7.7 \\ 10.0 \\ 2.1 \\ \hline 5.1$	30. 4 29. 2 6 17. 9 8. 1 (7) 4. 0 2. 8 1. 6 1. 2 4. 7	$\begin{array}{c} 10.\ 0\\ 13.\ 6\\ 16.\ 3\\ 15.\ 6\\ 3.\ 9\\ 5.\ 4\\ 15.\ 6\\ 6.\ 5\\ 1.\ 4\\ .\ 5\\ 11,\ 3\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 22.4\\ 19.9\\ 10.4\\ 19.0\\ 6.0\\ 5.6\\ 4.6\\ 1.3\\ 1.8\\ .3\\ 8.7\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 15.2\\ 16.5\\ 6.8\\ 5.5\\ 11.0\\ 1.9\\ 15.6\\ 1.3\\ .8\\ .2\\ 25.2\end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c c} 19.4\\ 1.9\\ 2.2\\ 15.0\\ .6\\ 4.5\\ \hline 1.6\\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 18.0\\ 13.6\\ 21.5\\ 8.9\\ 5.1\\ 1.3\\ 11.6\\ 9.3\\ 5.2\\ -\\ .4\\ 5.3\\ \end{array} $	37.6 17.7 16.7 9.4 3.6 1.0 3.6 1.8 3.6 

### TABLE 9.—Distribution of injuries to male and female employees by cause, 1928 and 1929 [For sources of information, see appendix]

Some classifying has been done by the Women's Bureau.
Some classifying has been done by the Women's Bureau. The numbers reported for a 2-year period have been divided by 2.
For period covered and injuries tabulated see Chart II, facing p. 9, except in the case of injuries tabulated for Illinois, for which State the present table shows compensable cases occurring.
4 Totals include 788 males and 21 females with cause not reported. Percentages are based on 51,867 and 2,074.
4 Total includes 8 with cause not reported. Percentages are based on 34,761.
4 Includes hand tools.
7 Included in handling of objects.

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### TABLE 10.—Cause of injuries to male and female employees, Illinois, 1928, by industry group

[For sources of information, see appendix]

Cause of injury	Total		Agriculture and extrac- tive indus- tries <sup>1</sup>		Mining and quarrying; petroleum wells		Manufac- turing		Construc- tion		Transpor- tation		Communi- catiôn		Trade and finance		Professions service		al Govern- mental service		otherwise	
annes anderes Lanes an original substance of Lanes and the substance of the substance of the substance and the substance of t	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male
NUMBER 2																						
Total	3 51,728	3 2,068	258	1	8, 506	4	21, 496	1, 039	9, 542	19	3, 661	23	278	74	4, 402	292	327	103	735	1	2, 523	512
achinery lls of persons andling of objects	6, 916 7, 321 12, 467	487 554 336	19 44 48	1	352 608 1, 699	1	5, 077 2, 254 5, 796		664 2, 391 1, 999	3 6 5	$191 \\ 412 \\ 1,022$	5 2	7 76 45	$\begin{array}{c}1\\42\\3\end{array}$	325 715 1, 180	$\begin{array}{r}24\\123\\54\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 32\\104\\62\end{array}$	10 41 13	22 128 96	1	227 589 520	56 175 92
epping on or striking against bjects nd tools plosions, electricity, heat, etc lling objects hicles	5,079 3,767 2,468 5,454 5,591	$230 \\ 95 \\ 128 \\ 61 \\ 64$	$     \begin{array}{c}       13 \\       23 \\       9 \\       13 \\       52     \end{array} $		747 887 286 2, 259 1, 320	$\frac{1}{2}$	2,043 1,355 1,433 1,400 1,047	$     118 \\     56 \\     38 \\     39 \\     18     $	1,171 668 237 1,182 808	1 	$271 \\ 250 \\ 101 \\ 165 \\ 1,015$	2 13	22 18 18 21 51	5 2 3 4 10	450 314 107 199 835	43 10 8 9 8	29 18 13 8 34	10 	73 42 18 100 213		260 192 246 107 216	53 26 68 3
cupational disease and indus- trial poisoning bisonous and corrosive sub-	244	4			1		209	3	11		5		5		13 19	5	1		2		2	1
stances nimals iscellaneous	521 484 1, 416	29 15 65	$\begin{array}{c} 4\\26\\7\end{array}$		29 136 182		$272 \\ 109 \\ 501$	16 9 23	143 58 210	2	55 165	1	3 12	4	61 184	8	3 17	1 7	11 26		22 112	22

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Total	\$ 100.0	3 100. 0	100. 0	(4)	100. 0	(4)	100. 0	100.0	100. 0	(4)	100. 0	(4)	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	(1)	100.0	100.0
Aachinery	13.4	23.5	7.4		4.1		23.6	37.8	7.0		5.2		2.5	1.4	7.4	8.2	9.8	9.7	3.0		9.0	10.9
alls of persons	14.2	26.8	17.1		7.1		10.5	15.4	25.1		11.3		27.3	56.8	16.2	42.1	31.8	39.8	17.4		23.3	34. 2 18. 0
andling of objects	24.1	16.2	18.6		20.0		27.0	16.0	20.9		27.9		16.2	4.1	26.8	18.5	19.0	12.6	13.1		20.6	18.0
epping on or striking against	9.8	11.1	5.0	1.2.2	8.8		9.5	11.4	12.3		7.4		7.9	6.8	10.2	14.7	8.9	9.7	9.9		10.3	10.4
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<sup>1</sup> Except mining and quarrying and petroleum wells.
<sup>2</sup> Compensable cases occurring during calendar year.
<sup>3</sup> Excludes 927 injuries to males and 27 to females for which one or both of these factors was not reported.
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cause of injuries to women except in Iowa. Falling objects, another important cause group of men's injuries, were responsible for much smaller proportions of those to women.

That the greater importance of machinery as a cause of women's than of men's injuries is due, at least in part, to the fact that larger proportions of women's injuries than of men's are in the manufacturing industries, is suggested by Table 10, where data for Illinois in 1928 are cross classified with cause and industry. For both men and women, large proportions of all accidents (41.4 per cent and 50.1 per cent, respectively) and even larger proportions of machine accidents (73.4 per cent and 80.7 per cent, respectively) occurred in manufacturing. Of the injuries occurring in manufacturing industries a larger proportion of those to women than of those to men were due to machinery-37.8 per cent and 23.6 per cent, respectively. The 393 women's injuries caused by machinery in manufacturing are more than twice as many as any other single group of women's injuries. Handling objects, a group responsible for more of the men's injuries in manufacturing than any other single cause, was important as causing women's injuries in manufacturing also, as were falls of persons and stepping on or striking against objects.

Although these Illinois data emphasize machine injuries in manufacturing as an important group of women's injuries, the fact that in Illinois a larger proportion of all women's injuries were caused by falls (26.8 per cent) than by machinery (23.5 per cent) should be noted. These falls were distributed over nearly all the industries where women were injured; and they caused the largest proportion of the injuries to women in 6 of the 10 industry groups. More women injured by falls were employed in the service and manufacturing groups than in any other.

Data from Michigan show that machine accidents caused more of the serious injuries to women than did any other type. Machinery was the cause of large proportions of the injuries in that State in 1929-37.6 per cent for women and 18 per cent for men. Information on cause by extent of disability, available only for Michigan, shows that of the women's permanent partial injuries (the two fatals to women, neither caused by machinery, were the only injuries to women more serious than permanent partials) 93.1 per cent were caused by machinery. For men, machinery caused 68.4 per cent of the permanent partial injuries.<sup>10</sup> When it is noted also that slightly larger proportions of the women's than of the men's injuries in Michigan were of a permanent character (see Table 2) the importance of machinery as the cause of most of the serious injuries to women in this State is emphasized. In this connection it is significant to recall that data on cause and age (see Table 7) suggest that the importance of machinery as a cause of women's injuries may be partly due to the youth of many women workers.

#### WAGES OF PERSONS INJURED

Working women receive much lower wages than do working men. It follows that the compensation of injured women is much lower than the compensation of injured men. How great is this difference in wages in three industrially important States is shown in Table 11.

<sup>10</sup> Michigan. Department of Labor and Industry. Labor and Industry, Vol. I, No. 1, December 1930, pp. 33, 87.

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In two States, Illinois and Wisconsin, 26 and 34 per cent, respectively, of the women injured in 1928 as contrasted with only 2 and 3 per cent of the men, were earning less than \$15 a week at the time of the injury. In a third State, New York, with a wage grouping slightly different. 35 per cent and 3 per cent, respectively, were earning \$15 or less.

#### TABLE 11.—Distribution of injuries to male and female employees by weekly wage, 1928 and 1929

#### [For sources of information, see appendix]

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, Indiana reported the average weekly wage for females as \$14.25 in 1928 and \$14.13 in 1929.
<sup>2</sup> For Illinois, compensable cases occurring, calendar year; for New York, closed compensable cases, year ended June 30; for Wisconsin, closed compensable cases, calendar year.
<sup>3</sup> Wage groups are \$10 and under, over \$10 and including \$15, over \$15 and including \$20, and in \$5 groups to over \$60. to over \$60

As the compensation payments in these three States, as in most others, are a specific percentage of the wage received, it is evident that the low wages of large numbers of women workers place them at a decided disadvantage as compared with the average man in recovering the expense of an injury through compensation. Low wages, which make the accumulation of savings to meet emergencies difficult if not impossible, are an additional handicap to the injured worker in reducing below an adequate sum the amount of compensation paid.

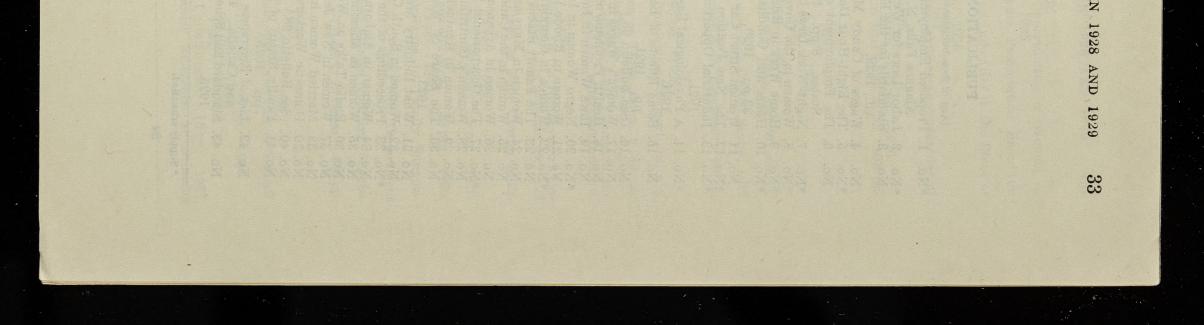
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