

18 lbs. yarn at 30 cents,	\$5 40
Dying indigo blue, 4 1-2 lbs. at 15,	67½
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Price of the piece, 40 3 4 yds. at 23,	\$6 07½
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Difference between price and materials,	\$3 30½
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Divide this amount, \$3 30 1 2, by 40 3 4, and it will allow only 8 1 9 cents, per yard, for sizing, spooling, warping, quilling, weaving, and commissions for sale and guarantee.

3. When were plaids and linseys first made at the penitentiary, and by the out door weaver? And could or could not the out door weaver make as good goods and sell them as cheap as the penitentiary fabrics?

Plaids were made twenty years ago, but linseys were *first* made at this penitentiary as factory work, in 1830—and the out door weavers commenced making them afterwards. The out door weaver could make as good goods as the penitentiary, if they would put more materials and labor in them. If they would expend the difference between the value and the usual price of theirs and ours, (say 15 or 20 per cent.) in materials and labor, their work would be as good and sell as well.—Some of the weavers have told me that they believed they could make them as good, and sell them at the same price, but that they made more profit in making them flimsy and thinner, as they do now. I recollect when private families in Harford county were in the habit of making as good or perhaps better linseys than are now made at the penitentiary, and they commanded as high a price in this city. Our linseys sell at about 45 cents per yard. [Testimony pp. 400—2.]

On the other hand there appeared, as witnesses before the committee, a number of gentlemen, who thought the interests of the mechanics were injuriously affected by the manufactures of the penitentiary.—

1st. D. W. Hudson, in answer to interrogatories 43, 45, 46, 56, 57, and 58, says: “That the manufactures of the city are to be benefited by the penitentiary abandoning manufactures —

43. “By a necessary increase in demand for this species of labor.”

And that the manufactures of the penitentiary injure those in the city.

45. “By increasing the quantity beyond the demand.”

And that the evil complained of is to be remedied.

46. By placing them in solitary cells at the expense of the State; or employ them at some business that would not come in competition with the mechanics of the city.

56. I do think the fabrics of the penitentiary injure the *hand-loom*.