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Rose Hoffman.

Came to U. S. 3 years ago. Says she paid her own passage. Has 2 uncles, 1 brother and 1 cousin in U. S. Began work in box factory when 16 years old as turner in for \$4. per week. Wages advanced to \$4.50, then \$5., then \$5.50 then \$6. At the \$6. wage she became a stripper - wages then advanced to \$6.50, \$7., \$8., \$8.50. Girl does not remember the intervals of time between the advance in her wages. States that she was aided by her relatives until she earned \$6. per week, at which time she became self supporting. Lodging \$3. per month. Breakfast, (coffee, milk, bread and butter,) 10¢, which girl cooks herself at home. Lunch purchased from peddler in factory or outside of factory, fish and bread and fruit, or sometimes cheese and bread and fruit, 12¢ to 15¢. Supper, Herring or meat soup with cabbage or some other vegetable, bread, but no butter, 20¢.

Average weekly earnings		\$7.39
Food per day 44¢, per week	=	\$3.08
Lodging \$3. per mo, 10¢ per day, per week	=	.70
Clothes \$60. per year (incidentals estimated by		

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	agent \$20. per year) total \$80. per year, is per week	<u>\$1.54</u>	
	Total expense per week		<u>5.32</u>
	Surplus per week		\$2.07
	Surplus per year	\$107.65.	

This estimated surplus would account for this girl having sent \$40. home to Russia and having \$50. in the Savings Bank. Notwithstanding the wages she is receiving it is obvious that this girl continues to live on about the minimum scale for food and lodging. Agent believes this girl could live on her present scale and clothe herself for a total of \$5.50 per week, but possibly the required amount would be \$6⁰⁰. Girl is robust looking and says she is in good health.

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SUPPLEMENT TO FORM 8

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See Schedule of wages annexed showing actual earnings of this girl taken from payroll for 37 weeks; i.e. from date on which she entered employ of S. & M. Paper Box Co. Average wage \$7.39 per week.