

(b) For widths exceeding $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches:
 (i) One thread drawing, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per thread for 12 breadths of 12 yards.

(ii) For drawing two or more threads, $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. per thread for 12 breadths of 12 yards.

2. String Warps:

(a) Up to and including 16 gauge:

(i) For widths not exceeding 7 inches, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per thread for 12 breadths of 12 yards.

(ii) For widths exceeding 7 inches, $1\frac{5}{8}$ d. per thread for 12 breadths of 12 yards.

(b) Over 16 gauge:

All widths, $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. per thread for 12 breadths of 12 yards.

II. Plain Cutting.

General Minimum Piece Rates at present fixed, 1d. per 12 breadths of 12 yards.

Variation Proposed.

1. Bar Warps, $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. per 12 breadths of 12 yards.

2. String Warps:

(a) Up to and including 16 gauge, 1d. per 12 breadths of 12 yards (no variation).

(b) Over 16 gauge, $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. per 12 breadths of 12 yards.

B.—Hair Nets.

I. Threading Hair Nets which are the Product of Warp Machines.

General Minimum Piece Rates at present fixed.

(a) Hair Nets up to and including $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches with 38 holes or less, 6d. per gross nets.

(b) Hair Nets from $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches up to and including 18 inches with 48 holes or less, $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. per gross nets.

(c) All sizes over 18 inches with 50 holes or less, 9d. per gross nets.

(d) For every 4 holes additional to those above specified, $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per gross nets.

Provided that in the case of the Hair Nets which are the product of Levers or Plain Net Machines, the General Minimum Piece Rates shall be higher by 50 per cent. than those specified above.

Variation Proposed.

(a) Hair Nets up to and including $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches with 38 holes or less, 7d. per gross nets.

(b) Hair Nets of over $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches but under 18 inches with 48 holes or less, $8\frac{3}{4}$ d. per gross nets.

(c) All sizes of 18 inches and over with 50 holes or less, $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. per gross nets.

(d) For every 4 holes additional to those above specified, $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per gross nets.

Provided that in the case of the Hair Nets which are the product of Levers or Plain Net Machines, the General Minimum Piece Rates shall be higher by 25 per cent. than those specified above.

II. Carding.

General Minimum Piece Rates at present fixed.

Carding Hair Nets (whether the product of Plain Net Machines or not):

(a) For cards not exceeding 8 inches in diameter or its equivalent in the case of cards which are not circular; $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. per gross nets.

(b) For cards from 8 inches up to and including 10 inches, $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. per gross nets.

(c) For cards over 10 inches, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per gross nets.

The above rates apply also to Bundling in dozens without cards.

When Threading and Carding are done at the same time the rate shall be the sum of the respective rates specified above.

Variation Proposed.

Carding Hair Nets (whether the product of Plain Net Machines or not), all sizes of cards, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per gross nets.

The above rate shall apply also to Bundling in dozens without cards.

When Threading and Carding are done at the same time the rate shall be the sum of the respective rates specified above.

III. Ticketing.

No variation is proposed in the following General Minimum Piece Rates at present fixed for Ticketing:

Ticketing Hair Nets (whether the product of Plain Net Machines or not).

For all Ticketing done at the same time as Threading, $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per gross nets.

Provided that the General Minimum Piece Rates for Hair Net Finishing shall not apply in any case in which special difficulty is caused by the inferior quality of the material or of the dressing, and in such cases the Piece Rate payable shall be such as would yield, in the circumstances of the case, not less than $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. an hour to an ordinary worker.

The General Minimum Piece Rates set out above apply to the actual workers, and not to middlewomen; the custom of the trade is to pay middlewomen in addition to such rates a commission of 25 per cent.

The Trade Board will consider any objections to the above proposals to vary which may be lodged with them within two months from the 16th August, 1919. Such objections should be in writing and signed by the person making the same (adding his or her full name and address), and should be sent to the Secretary of the Lace Finishing Trade Board, 5, Chancery Lane, London, W.C. 2.

It is desirable that the objections should state precisely, and so far as possible with reasons, what is objected to.

Dated this fifteenth day of August, 1919.

F. Popplewell,

Secretary.

Office of Trade Boards,

5, Chancery Lane,

London, W.C. 2.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Minister of Labour and dated 31st October, 1918, the Trade Board established under the Trade Boards Act, 1918, for the branches of Trade specified in the Trade Boards (Corset) Order, 1919, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they propose to Fix General Minimum Time-Rates, Piece-work Basis Time-Rates and Overtime Rates for Male and Female Workers, AND TO DECLARE THE NORMAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF WORK in the Trade for the pur-