Marx's Gothic Data

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x commodity A = y commodity B (139)

M-C-M and C-M-C (248)

Working Day I: A——B-C

Working Day II: A——B—C

Working Day III: A——C (342)
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The social statistics of Germany and the rest of Continental Western Europe, are, in comparison with those of England, quite wretched. But they raise the veil just enough to let us catch a glimpse of the Medusa's head behind it. We should be appalled at our own circumstances, if, as in England, our governments and parliaments periodically appointed commissions of inquiry into economic conditions; if these commissions were armed with the same plenary powers to get at the truth; if it was possible to find for this purpose men as competent, as free from partisanship and respect of persons as are England's factory-inspectors, her medical reporters on public health, her commissioners of inquiry into the exploitation of women and children, into the conditions of housing and nourishment, and so on. Perseus wore a magic cap so that the monsters he hunted down might not see him. We draw the magic cap down over our own eyes and ears so as to deny that there are any monsters. (91)

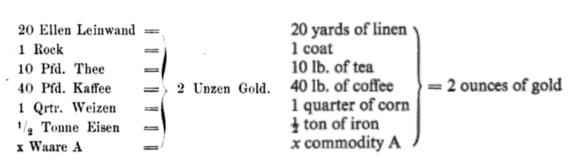


Fig. 1: "Form D: The Money Form" Das Kapital (1872) 46, Capital 162

A) Einfache oder einzelne Werthform.

x Waare A = y Waare B oder: x Waare A ist y Waare B werth.

(20 Ellen Leinwand = 1 Rock oder: 20 Ellen Leinwand sind 1 Rock werth)

Form A Das Kapital (1872) and Capital

z Waare A = u Waare B oder = v Waare C oder = w Waare D oder = x Waare E oder = etc.

(20 Ellen Leinwand = 1 Rock oder = 10 Pfd. Thee oder = 40 Pfd. Kaffee oder = 1 Quarter Weizen oder = 2 Unzen Gold oder = $\frac{1}{2}$ Tonne Eisen oder = etc.)

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z Com. A = u Com. B or = v Com. C or = w Com. D or = Com. E or = &c.

(20 yards of linen = 1 coat or = 10 lbs tea or = 40 lbs. coffee or
= 1 quarter com or = 2 ounces gold or = ½ ton iron or = &c.)
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Form B Das Kapital (1872) and Capital

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1 Rock
                                         1 coat
10 Pfd. Thee
                                         10 lb. of tea
40 Pfd. Kaffee
                                        40 lb. of coffee
1 Qrtr. Weizen
                    20 Ellen Leinwand.
                                         1 quarter of corn
                                                                = 20 yards of linen
2 Unzen Gold
                                         2 ounces of gold
1/2 Tonne Eisen =
                                         ton of iron
x Waare A
                                         x commodity A etc.
u. s. w. Waare
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Form C: "The General Form of Value." Das Kapital (1872) 41, Capital 157

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20 yards of linen
20 Ellen Leinwand =
                                       1 coat
1 Rock
                                       10 lb. of tea
10 Pfd. Thee
                                                           = 2 ounces of gold
                                       40 lb. of coffee
40 Pfd. Kaffee
                       2 Unzen Gold.
                                       1 quarter of corn
1 Qrtr. Weizen
                                       ton of iron
1/2 Tonne Eisen
                                       x commodity A
x Waare A
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Form D: "The Money Form" Das Kapital (1872) 46, Capital 162



Kennington, höchst traurig überfüllt 1859, als die Diphtherie erschien und der Surgeon des Kirchspiels eine amtliche Untersuchung über die Lage der ärmeren Volksklasse veranstaltete. Er fand, dass in dieser Ortschaft, wo viel Arbeit nöthig, verschiedne Cots zerstört und keine neuen erbaut worden waren. In einem Bezirk standen 4 Häuser, birdcages (Vogelkäfige) benamst; jedes hatte 4 Zimmer mit den folgenden Dimensionen in Fuss und Zoll:

Küche	$9.5 \times 8.11 \times 6.6$	
Spülkammer	$8.6 \times 4.6 \times 6.6$	
Schlafzimmer	$8.5 \times 5.10 \times 6.3$	
Schlafzimmer	$8.3 \times 8.4 \times 6.3$	

Twelve Houses in Langtoft

Houses	Bedrooms	Adults	Children	persons
No. 1	1	3	5	8
No. 2	1	4	3	7
No. 3	1	4	4	8
No. 4	1	5	4	9
No. 5	1	2	2	4
No. 6	1	5	3	8
No. 7	1	3	3	6
No. 8	1	3	2	5
No. 9	1	2	0	2
No. 10	1	2	3	5
No. 11	1	3	3	6
No. 12	1	2	4	6

Number of

Kitchen: 9 ft 5 by 8 ft 11 by 6 ft 6. Scullery: 8 ft 6 by 4 ft 6 by 6 ft 6. Bedroom: 8 ft 5 by 5 ft 10 by 6 ft 3. Bedroom: 8 ft 3 by 8 ft 4 by 6 ft 3.

Housing data from Langstroff Das Kapital (1872) 46, Capital 162

Table E: Schedule D Income from Profits (over 60 £) in Ireland" DK 735, C 859

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