

*What my job was: knitting at the mill*  
I was 11 years old when I went to work at the mill.

They learnt me to knit. Well, I was so little that they had to build me a box to get up on to put the sock on the machine.

*How little I was*

I worked in the hosiery mill for a long time and, well, then we finally moved back to the country. But me and my sister Molly finally went back up there in 1910 and I went to work in the silk mill.

*More of our job descriptions*

Molly went to work in the hosiery mill . . . we worked 12 hours a day for 50 cents. When paydays come around, I drew three dollars. That was for six days, 72 hours.

*our hours: 12 hrs./day*

*Our wages 50¢ each day*

I remember I lacked 50 cents having enough to pay my board. *I almost had enough to pay my food bill.*

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