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**Living Costs Increased 69 Per
Cent In 9 Years**

The bureau of labor of the U. S. Government has announced that in the country as a whole the cost of living in December 1922 was 69.5 per cent higher than for the same month in 1913, the last year before the world war. It was 2.8 per cent lower than in Dec. 1921 and 1.9 higher than in September 1922. Food costs were 46.6 up, clothing 71 up, housing 61 up, fuel 86 up and furniture 108 per cent up.