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"I often say that when you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers, you know something about it; but when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meagre and unsatisfactory kind; it may be the beginning of knowledge, but you have scarcely in your thoughts advanced to the stage of Science, whatever the matter may be."

Sir William Thomson, Lord Kelvin

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FOREWORD:

Wall Street has always been awash in available information. Much of that information can be useful at times, but very little of it is considered useful all of the time. For more than twenty-five years I have found the information available in "Behavior of Prices on Wall Street" useful all of the time. The dogeared condition of my personal copy bears mute testimony to the use I give it in dealing with the many questions about market action that come my way every day. It demonstrates the tendency for the stock market to rise at certain definite times, as well as its predilection for exhibiting weakness at other definite times. In underscoring the fact that the market does not move randomly, it provides information that has proven of use to investors and speculators alike.

As the author points out, this is a picture book where a chart can reveal countless statistics. I like to think of it as a travelogue through market time, where the journey has potential for substantially enlarging one's knowledge about the history of the Followers of Dow's Theory and stock market. Elliott's Theory will find data pertinent to their researches, while those who track the impact of Federal Reserve Board actions on the stock market will discover much to interest them. Much of this data will help to sweep away erroneous and misleading myths about market behavior that actually have little or no basis in fact but which have become accepted as fact over the years. There are no suppositions made and where any bias is indicated, it is the bias of the market itself for doing certain things at certain times. In a world where there is almost too much information at hand, this continues to be a valuable source book.

Harry W. Laubscher

1. AIM OF THIS BOOK:

There are inclinations or leanings in the behavior of the market. At certain predictable times it has a bias in the bullish direction; at other predictable times it has a downward bias.

A knowledge of these inclinations is useful in the timing of purchase or sale of stock.

A stock market bias results in a probability, not a certainty. For this reason, bias is not obvious. This book reports inclinations revealed by the simple but laborious act of consulting the record.

Most of the reports are simple counting; no mathematical knowledge is required. A few statistical significance tests are mentioned, but I've tried to translate the jargon into English. I promise not to mention heteroscedasticity.

This is essentially a picture book. Don't be misled by the brevity of the text; the charts summarize many thousands of observations.

The first edition of this book was published in 1966. It has been out of print for several years, although the Japanese translation is still available in Japan. When second hand copies of the first edition began to sell for five times the original list price, a new edition seemed to be a good idea.

This second edition is not a reprint. Charts and data have been brought up to date, and most of the text has been rewritten. New material has been added.

The original conclusions, however, haven't been changed. The new data supported and verified the original findings.

2.HOW SIGNIFICANT ARE THE CONCLUSIONS?

If, in the past, the records show that the market behavior exhibited more rises than declines at a certain time, could it have been by chance? Yes. If a medication produced cures more often than average, could it have been luck? Yes.

If so, how meaningful is the record?

Statisticians set up "confidence levels" to be helpful. If the result could have occurred by chance once in twenty repetitions of the record, you can have 95% confidence that the result isn't just luck. This level has been called "probably significant."

If the result could be expected by chance once in a hundred repetitions, you can have 99% confidence; this level has been called "significant."

If the expectation is once in a thousand repetitions, you can have 99.9% confidence that the result wasn't just a lucky record. This level has been called "highly significant."

These three levels are sometimes indicated on the charts in this book by the letters "PS", "S" or "HS".

For example, in Chapter 5, it's noted that the first day of the month was a rising day in 60.5% of the months from 1897 through 1983. A statistical test shows that this ratio could be expected only once in thousands of repetitions of the test period.

Perhaps this could be clarified by a parallel. Suppose that to test the accuracy of a roulette wheel, you spun it 1044 times, and 60.5% of the time the result was red and 39.5% black (assume a strange wheel with no 00!) You would have to repeat this lengthy experiment thousands of times to expect such a high ratio by chance; the wheel should be sent back to the shop for repair.

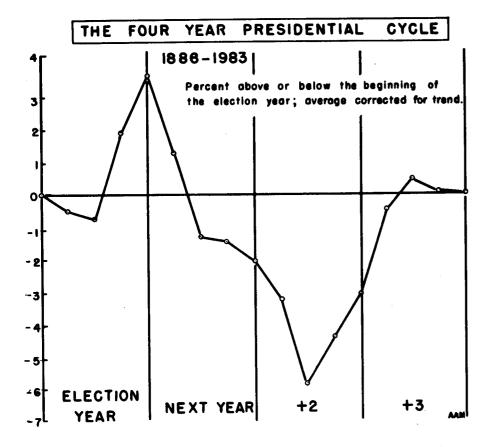


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3. BEHAVIOR IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CYCLE

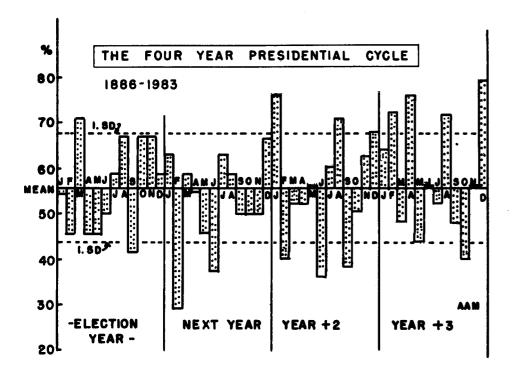
We have reviewed the behavior of the market through 24 presidential terms. There was extreme variation, and prices moved differently in each term. The averages, though, showed some interesting tendencies.

In Fig.3.1 the term is divided into sixteen three month periods, and the average change noted in each period.

Through the years, prices tended to rise more than they declined. This trend had to be corrected to make the cycle end at the level of its starting point.

Note the election year. Prices tended to droop in the first six months, but zoomed up in the second half.

After the election, prices averaged downward for a year and a half, reaching bottom in the middle of the second year after the election.



Example: In January, second year after election, prices rose in 19 years and declined in 6, years; 19, is 76% of 25.

FIG.3.2

In Fig.3.2 the score was tabulated for each month of the term. The number of rises and declines were noted for each month, and the chart shows the percent of the time that the market rose in each month.

The bars are centered on the mean percentage of 56%. It's above 50% since there were were more rising months than declining months. The dashed lines marked "SD" are one standard deviation above and below the mean.

There are some interesting scores. Note that October and November in the election year have good scores, but December is close to average. Prices started to dive, on the average, in the following February.

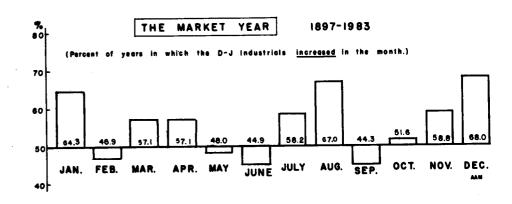


FIG.4.1

4. BEHAVIOR THROUGH THE YEAR

Fig 4.1 summarizes the monthly tendency of the market from 1886 through 1983.

The month with the best score is December. In this month the market rose in 66 of the 97 years, or 68.0% of the time.

Close behind December is the summer rally month of August. January followed in third place. The most bearish months are June and September.

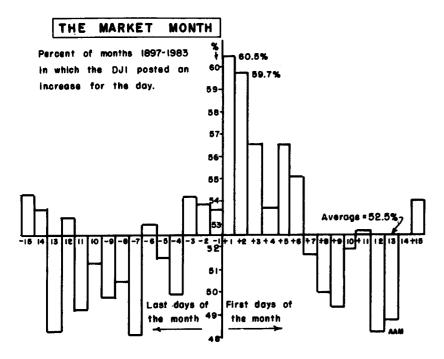


FIG.5.1

5. BEHAVIOR THROUGH THE MONTH

Fig. 5.1 has been split in the middle. Because of the important beginning-of-the-month behavior, the first of the month has been placed in the middle of the chart.

The conclusion is clear; there is a definite bullish bias in the first week of the month. The bias is highly significant in the first two days of the month.

The second and third weeks have poor records. The end of the last week shows some improvement.

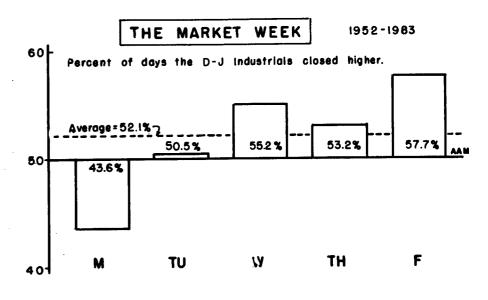


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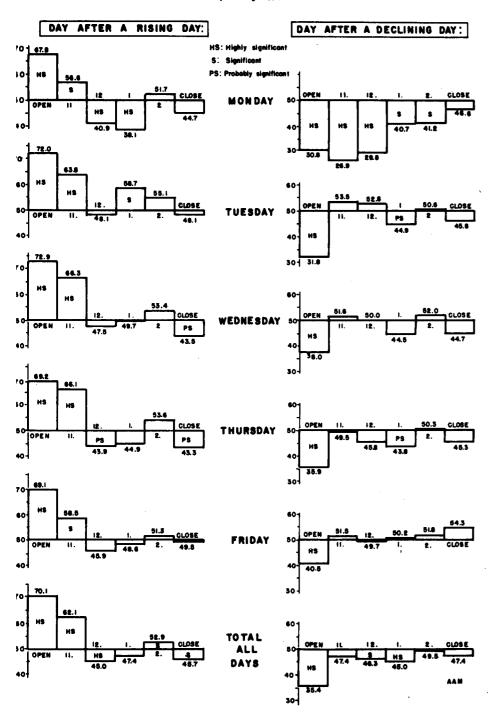
6. BEHAVIOR THROUGH THE WEEK

Before 1952, the market was open on Saturdays. Since that time we have had a five day week with a performance record summarized in Fig.6.1.

Monday is truly a blue day. The market rose only 43.6% of the time, which is a highly significant deviation from average.

Friday, on the other hand is highly significant in the bullish direction. This is contrary to the lore of the market, since Friday is supposed to be a day when traders unload to free their minds for the weekend.

- Percent of trading days Jan. 1962 through Dec. 1974 in which the D-J industrials posted on increase from the preceding hour. -



7. BEHAVIOR THROUGH THE DAY:

Do buyers tend to predominate in certain hours of the trading day? Do sellers tend to predominate in other specific hours? Does this give the market an upward bias in certain hours, and downward bias in others?

In the first edition of this book, we reported hourly behavior based on a study of every hour in four years. In this second edition we have expanded the data base to every hour in thirteen years. The findings support the original study.

THE OPENING: The first bar in each row of six compares the opening price with the closing price of the previous day. The bar reflects orders placed overnight; these orders, of course, are influenced by investors who watch the market only through newspaper reports. After a rising day the bias is highly significant in an upward direction; after a declining day, the bias is highly significant downward.

THE FIRST HOUR: After a rising day, the bias is definitely upward. This finding should be helpful. If you are planning to buy, for other reasons, place your order at the opening. If you are planning to sell, delay for an hour, and the possibilities favor a better price.

After a declining day, the bias is downward only on Monday. If Friday was weak, and you decide to buy, delay your purchase until after the first hour. Note that the bias continues through most of the day; perhaps you should delay until 2 P.M.! If you plan to sell, sell at the opening.

THE SECOND HOUR: This hour, and the third hour show a downward bias only on Monday. On the remaining days, the bias isn't clear.

The remaining hours of the day don't demonstrate any startling biases.

SEASONAL DIFFERENTIALS

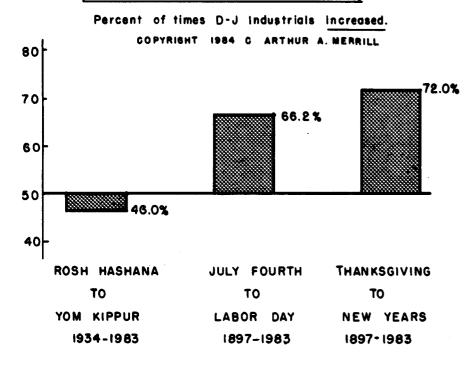


FIG.8.1

8. BEHAVIOR THROUGH THE SEASONS

Some market sayings are founded on the seasonal tendency. Fig. 8.1 reports on three of these seasonal differentials.

The first is "Sell at Rosh Hashana; buy back at Yom Kippur." This is in the midst of the September bearishness.

This saying has been checked back through fifty years. The result is at the left of the chart. The market produced a profitable decline in 54% of the cases, and rose in 46% of the years. This checks the saying, but the difference from expectation isn't statistically significant.

Another saying: "Buy on July Fourth and sell on Labor Day and pay your expenses for the year." This recommendation has been checked for every year back to 1897. The score is good. The market rose in this period, which is the summer rally season, 66.2% of the time. This difference from the average is significant.

We have tried our hand at creating a saying: "Buy at Thanksgiving and sell at New Years and pay your Christmas bills." The score is excellent; the success rate is 72% for the period 1897 through 1983. This is highly significant.

EOLIDAY BEHAVIOR-

JAN. 1897 - DEC. 1983

(PERCENT OF YEARS IN WHICH THE D-J INDUSTRIALS POSTED AN INGREASE FOR THE DAY -- 3

DAY BEFORE HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	DAY AFTER HOLIDAY	DAY BEFORE HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	DAY AFTER HOLIDAY
48.8	Washington's Birthday	50.0 40.2		Copyright 1984 ② Arthur A. Merri	u
50.0 7 4.1	Good Friday	50.0 46.5	56.6	Chanksgiving	PS 65.9
76.7	Memorial Day	50.0	72.4 H3	Christmas	52.9 50.0
50.0 81.2	Independence Day	59.8 50.0	72.J HS	New Years Day	52.9 50.0
500	La bor Da y	57.0	68.F 60.0	Total Ali Holidays	52.2 50.0

9. BEHAVIOR NEAR HOLIDAYS

An erroneous market myth: Traders sell off before a holiday, since they like to be free of worries on the holiday. A clipping in my file: "Market rallies despite holiday- advance runs contrary to the usual pattern of selling before a long weekend." Wrong!

Note Fig.9.1. It reports on the score of the trading day before and the trading day after each of our current holidays. The record was consulted for almost a hundred years.

Note that the day preceding a holiday is usually a good day. Washington's birthday is an exception, and Thanksgiving is marginal. Overall the market rose 68.1% of the time on the day before a holiday. This is a highly significant score; it would be exceeded by chance only in several thousand repetitions of the history. Note especially the startling ratios on the days preceding Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Christmas, and New Year's. Preceding Labor Day the odds are four-to-one.

The trading day after the holidays has a rather poor record. The day after Washington's Birthday is especially bearish. There is one notable exception: the trading day following Thanksgiving is bullish. This may be a reflection of the tendency to rise on a Friday.

BEHAVIOR PRECEDING ELECTION DAY

21. elections

Percent of days in whi the D.J. closed HIGHER.

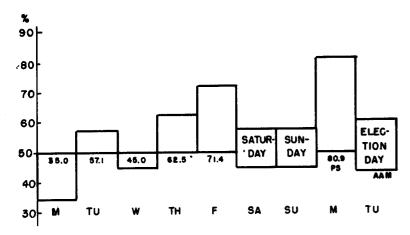


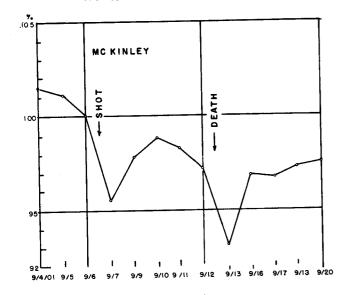
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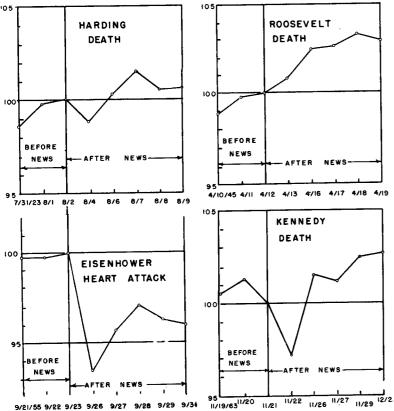
Fig.9.2 charts the behavior in the days preceding election day. The preceding week is typical, with a bearish Monday and bullish Friday.

But the day before election is unusual; instead of the usual blue Monday, it has an extremely bullish record. This day was a rising day seventeen times and a declining day only four times in the last 21 elections.

-MARKET ACTION AT TIMES OF BAD NEWS = = =

-DJI CLOSING PRICES, TWO TRADING DAYS PRIOR TO NEWS & FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING-100% = CLOSING PRIOR TO NEWS--





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10. BEHAVIOR WHEN NEWS BREAKS

From the viewpoint of the market, news can be categorized as predictable or nonpredictable.

When predictable news occurs, the market has already discounted its effects. If some good predictable news breaks, the market often declines rather than advances; acute investors are taking their profits. The reverse is true when predictable bad news appears.

Unpredictable news is another matter. Fig.10.1 charts the market behavior after five cases of tragic news. The market had some bad moments immediately following the news. Selling drove prices down to a surprising degree. However, when a day has passed, the market recovers from its panic and sometimes works upward to a higher level.

BEHAVIOR AFTER A CHANGE IN THE DISCOUNT RATE

96 Changes: 1933-1983

Difference After G After an Percent of the in standard Increase: Decrease: time the market errors: closed higher: 2.1 One week after the change: 62.8% 41.5% 2.8 Five weeks ofter: 72.1% 43.4% 3.7 13 weeks after: 81.0% 43.4% 3.0 26 weeks after: 78.6% 49.1% 3.7 52 weeks after: 85.7% 47.2%

Example: The market (DJ Industrials) closed higher 72.1% of the time five weeks after a discount rate decrease.

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2.std.errors: Probably significant. 3.std.errors: Highly significant.

The Federal Reserve was created to improve the credit conditions in our country. It was given several powers to assist it in this work, including the ability to tighten or ease credit. The powers were given to the Federal Reserve to encourage stability and health in our money markets.

Four of the actions by the Fed can be watched easily:

- 1. The discount rate, or the rate at which members can rediscount paper at the Federal Reserve.
 - 2. The margin requirements for stock purchases.
- 3. The amount of reserves the member banks must carry with the Federal Reserve Banks.
- 4. The open market purchase and sale of government securities. The result of this action can be monitored by watching the balance of free reserves in the system, and the tightness of credit as reflected by the Federal Funds rate.

BEHAVIOR AFTER A CHANGE IN THE DISCOUNT RATE:

The historical record for the last 20 years is in Figs.11.3.11.4, and 11.5.

In the fifty years 1933 through 1983 there were 96 discount rate changes. Note Fig.11.1. The left hand bars report what happened to the Dow in the period following an increase in the discount rate. As expected, an increase, which tightens credit, was negative. The market closed higher less than 50% of the time one week later, five weeks later, and 13, 26, and 52 weeks later.

The right hand bars report what happened following a decrease in the discount rate. The action, which eases credit, was positive. The market closed higher much more often after discount rate decreases. After six months, the probability of higher stock prices is about four-to-one.

The significance of the difference between the performance after an increase and the scores after a decrease is measured by the right hand column of "standard errors." A difference of two standard errors is considered probably significant; three standard errors is highly significant.

BEHAVIOR AFTER A CHANGE IN RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

34. changes 1936-1975

Percent of the time the market closed higher:	After an Increase:	After a Decrease	Ditterence in standa errors:
One week after the change:	50.0%	63,6%	0.8
Five weeks after:	66.7%	72.7%	0.4
13. weeks after:	66.7%	86.4%	1. 4
26. weeks after:	66.7%	100.0%	2.9
52. weeks after:	58.3%	95.5%	2.7

Example: The market (DJ Industrials) closed higher 72.7% of the time five weeks after a decrease in reserve requirements
2 std.errors: Probably significant. 3. std.errors: Highly significant, AAM

This behavior was analyzed with a method similar to Fig. 11.1, but the results didn't prove significant.

BEHAVIOR AFTER A CHANGE IN RESERVE REQUIREMENTS:

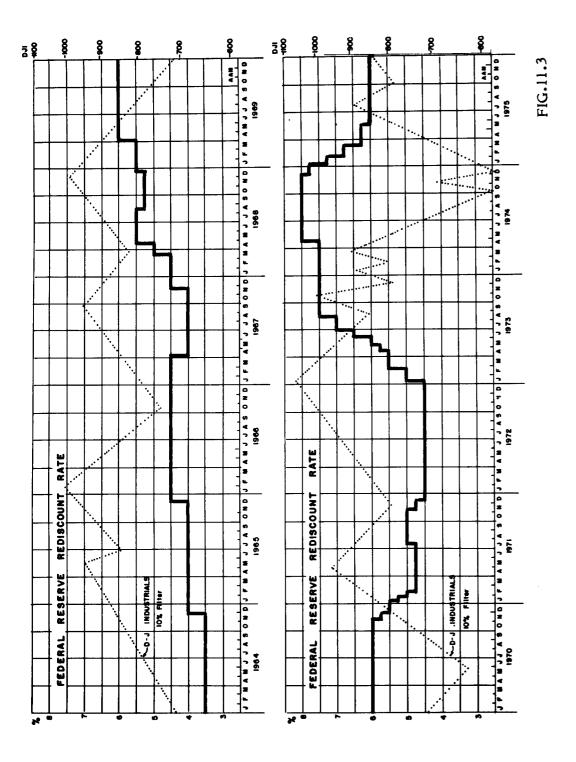
Fig.11.2 reports the average behavior after 34 reserve requirement changes.

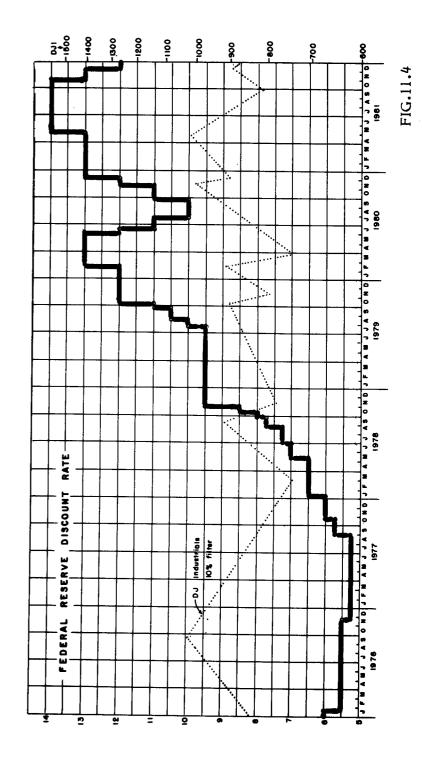
Note the right hand column. The standard errors didn't show significant behavior until six months after the change. For the longer term, the behavior after an increase is significantly different from behavior after a decrease. The market rose more often, as expected, after an ease in reserve requirements.

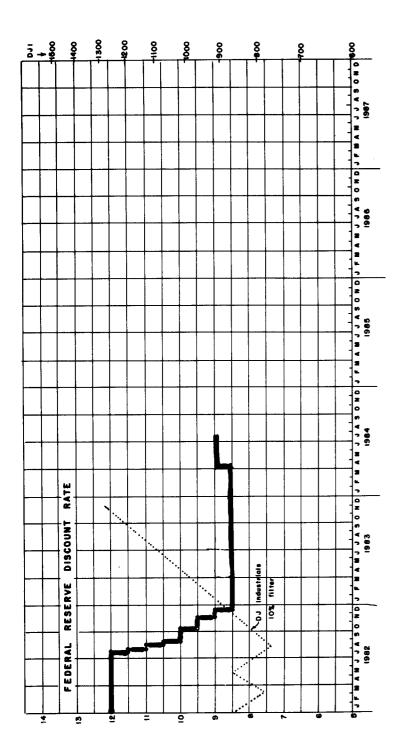
BEHAVIOR AFTER A CHANGE IN FREE RESERVES:

To make this check, free reserves were tracked through the five year period from 1979 through 1983. The figures were smoothed by various moving averages. The most successful combination found was the difference between the five week and 52 week averages. (Equivalent exponential averages were used.) When this difference exceeded 235 million (2/3 of a standard deviation), the difference was rated "high"; when below minus 235 it was rated "low". The success of these "high" or "low" figures in calling the direction of the market in the five year test period was:

weeks	percent	chi	•
later	accuracy	squared	
1	55.1	0.9	
5	60.8	4.5	probably significant
13	68.2	13.5	highly significant
26	67.3	12.1	highly significant
52	81.6	39.8	highly significant







Analysts have found that previous turning points often prove to be levels where buying appears to resist a downswing, or selling appears to resist an upswing. Examples can be found in double tops and bottoms, and also in horizontal trend channels when prices meander between an upper resistance level and a lower support level.

Support and resistance can vary within the space of a single point. This tendency is summarized in Fig.12.1, which requires some explanation.

All of the common stocks on the N.Y. Exchange were examined in 1961, 1962 and again in 1983. The top of a bull market occurred in 1961; the bottom of a bear market in 1962. The top of a major swing occurred in 1983. The resultant findings in the later year supported the earlier years. The chart combines all of the data.

In the upper part of the chart, the high points of the years were noted. Only the fraction at the end of the price was tabulated. For example, a stock with a high for the year of 67 would be in the upper bar; one with a high of 67/8 would be in the next bar; one with a high of 26 3/4 would be in the third bar.

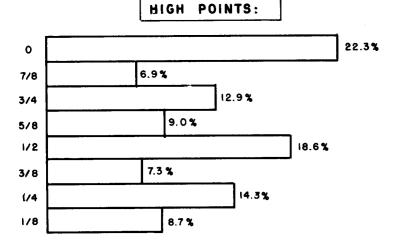
Note that the even number is a strong resistance level. 22.3% of the stocks topped out at the even price. The next most popular resistance was at the 1/2, with 18.6%. The quarter point follow; the eighths are least popular.

Stock seems to be offered for sale more often at the even price; the half is almost as big a resistance level. If you plan to sell at the top, then you should avoid offering at the eighth, since the price will probably move up to the next quarter.

The reverse, of course, is true on a stop-loss. These should be placed on the eighth points, since prices will probably not stop at the eighth, but will move higher.

BEHAVIOR NEAR SUPPORT OR RESISTANCE:

DISTRIBUTION OF



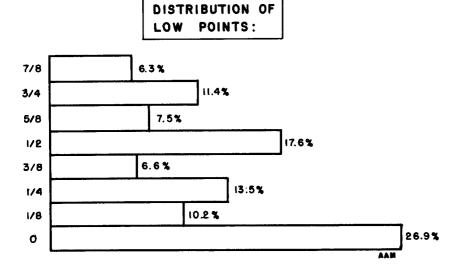
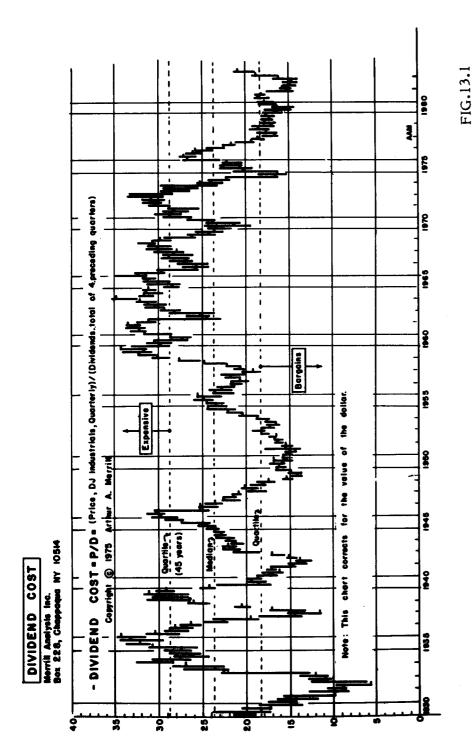


FIG.12.1

Consider the lower half of Fig.12.1. The low price of all common stocks on the NYSE was noted and tabulated. The even price, again, is the most important support. 26.9% of the stocks stopped their decline at an even price. A lot of purchase orders seem to be placed at this price. The next most important support point is the half, where 17.6% of the stocks stopped their decline.

For profit on purchase, then, one should not place purchase points at the 1/8 level, since they will probably continue down to the next even quarter before reversing. For stop loss, the reverse is true. This order should be on the eighths, since a price will probably continue to the next quarter. The 7/8 point (just below major support) should be a good place for a stop loss.



13. BEHAVIOR RELATIVE TO DIVIDENDS:

Stock prices should be founded solidly on earnings and prospective earnings. The dividend rate is founded on earnings and prospective earnings. The syllogism closes; stock prices should be founded, or related to, the dividend rate.

Investors, however, have been willing, at some times in the past, to sell Dow stocks valued at less than \$10 per dollar of dividends; they have at other times been willing to spend more than \$30 to receive one dollar of dividends.

Fig.13.1 illustrated this variation. The cost of one dollar of dividends is obtained by dividing the DJ Industrials yield into 100, or by dividing price by the dividends in the preceding four quarters.

Note that the chart corrects for the value of the dollar. Both price and dividends include the effects of inflation; since the chart is a ratio of price to dividends, the inflation effect cancels out. On a short term, the correction isn't perfect, since prices reflect change in the value of the dollar more rapidly than dividends.

The horizontal dashed lines have been placed to divide the points in the chart into four approximately equal parts (the quartiles). In the upper quarter, investors have been willing to pay more than \$28.80 to get one dollar of dividends. This area is labeled "expensive."

The central dashed line is at \$23.80. This is the average for the entire period covered by the chart. The lower dashed line is at \$18.30. The area below this line is labeled "Bargain."

These bench marks can be translated into levels of the DJ Industrials by multiplying by the dividends paid in the preceding four quarters. For example, in July 1984 the dividends paid in the four quarters preceding June 30 totaled \$57.67 for the Dow Industrial stocks. Multiplying this dividend rate by the chart bench mark levels gives the following result:

Above 1660: Expensive

At 1372: Reasonably priced

Below 1055: Bargains

This is a useful chart. When we published in earlier years, when prices were in the "expensive" area, we commented "this chart gives us nightmares." In the first edition of this book, in 1966, we noted that prices were in the expensive area. In the September 13, 1974 issue of the report "Technical Trends", I reported that "prices have dropped into the 'Bargain' area for the first time in twenty years."

A technical student will note wide gaps; these are the result of changes in dividends.

(Statistical notes: The D-J Company has reported dividends back through 1929. Since we use "preceding", we could carry the ratios back through 1930. An earlier tabulation of yields indicates a peak of P/D of \$34.70 in 1929. It should be noted that the D-J reports of dividends unfortunately include stock dividends. In the 1930-1938 period, annual figures of dividends only were available; we estimated the quarterly figures by interpolation. The quartile distribution is based on monthly closing prices.)

800 700 600 500 300 200 INDUSTRIALS 100 Least squares regression: (409 %)= 1.1809 -0.2892(Log DJI) (%) = (5.17(DJIO 7108 + DJI) comparable to increases 100% in the Note: To make decreases 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6

- PERCENT AMPLITUDE =

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Stocks with low prices seem to move up and down, percentagewise, more rapidly than high priced stocks. Some observers have concluded that the variations tend to change with the square root of the price.

In Fig.14.1, the monthly percentage changes of the DJ Industrials, for each month over a 43 year period, are charted against the level of the averages.

The percent changes tend to be higher at the lower price levels, as expected. A median line (dashed) traces this tendency. The relationship isn't close, however, and the data are scattered.

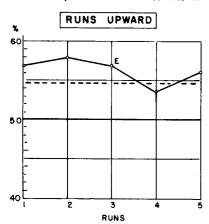
A least squares line (the solid line) casts some doubt on the square root relationship. The square root is expressed as a 0.5 root; the calculation suggests 0.71 as the correct value.

FIG.14.1

RUNS - - - WEEKS

58 Years 1926-1983

Probability that a run will continue in the same direction and not reverse.



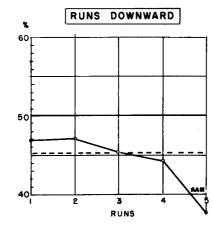


FIG.15.1

15. BEHAVIOR IN RUNS:

If you flip a coin, and get five heads in a row, the chance for a sixth head is still fifty-fifty, since the coin has no memory.

But the market has a memory. What are the chances for another rise after five rises in a row? After five consecutive declines?

WEEKLY RUNS:

Fig.15.1 reports the score for weekly runs, based on 58 years of history. The chart shows the percent of the occasions that the market continued in the same direction, and didn't reverse.

For example, suppose that the Dow has risen three weeks in a row. What is the probability of another rise, making it four in a row? In all weeks in the 58 year period, 54.5% were rising weeks. This is the dashed line on the left hand chart. After runs of three weeks, in the test period, 57% of the weeks following were rising weeks (point E), which is slightly higher than the average (54.5%).

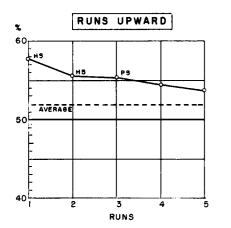
For runs upward, there seems to be a slight tendency to continue, but this isn't enough to be statistically significant.

In the downward direction there seems to be a tendency to reverse after a run of five, but this still isn't statistically significant.

RUNS - - - DAYS

31 Years 1952-1982

Probability that a run will continue in the same direction and not reverse



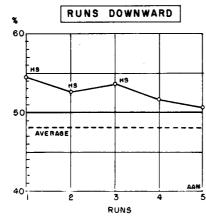


FIG.15.2

DAILY RUNS:

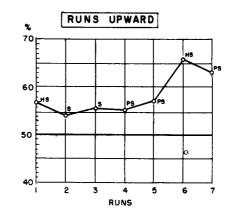
Fig. 15.2 reports the score for daily runs, based on 30 years.

Here we have some highly significant scores. The chance is less than one in a thousand that this would be a chance score.

But don't get excited. The percentage probability for a continuation is only 55% in the up direction and 53% in the down direction. This isn't far from fifty-fifty.

RUNS - - - HOURS

Probability that a run will continue in the same direction and not reverse.(Data base: 7 years)



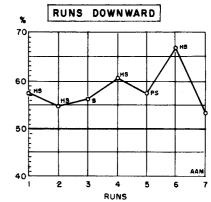


FIG.15.3

HOURLY RUNS:

Fig. 15.3 reports the scores for hourly runs. This is beginning to look useful.

Some of the scores are significant; some are highly significant. The probabilities are now up to 65% (two to one odds) for some of the longer runs.

16. BEHAVIOR IN PATTERNS:

The market swings up and down in waves. Do some of these patterns repeat? How has the market performed after the pattern? Is the behavior after the pattern significantly bullish or significantly bearish?

To answer these questions definitely, a pattern must be defined sufficiently so that repetitions can be definitely recognized. Then the behavior after the pattern can be noted, counted, reduced to numbers and checked for significance. Lord Kelvin's dictum, quoted at the beginning of this book, can be satisfied.

There have been several attempts to codify patterns. Unfortunately, they usually are stated in general terms, and require interpretation and judgment; reduction to numbers for testing is frustrated.

Some of the methods are listed below. The first four require judgment; the last three are definite and can be tested.

1.BAR CHARTS: These are the familiar charts with vertical lines connecting the high price and the low price for each day or week. "Formations" or shapes made by the bars have been named; "triangles", "double tops", "head and shoulders" are examples. Since the interpretation requires judgment, this book won't go into details. For an authoritative discussion see Edwards and Magee "Technical Analysis of Stock Trends" (see App. J).

2.POINT AND FIGURE CHARTS: This is a popular method of charting; but formations are in general terms and won't be discussed in this book. For one good source see Alexander and Whelan "Study Helps" (App.J.)

3.DOW THEORY: This theory is outlined in Appendix C. Unfortunately, this is also stated in general terms. Dow Theorists will argue, with no clear conclusions, about the validity of a support level. Is it, or is it not, important enough to make its violation a sign of a change of trend?

4.ELLIOTT WAVE THEORY: This is outlined in Appendix D. I have tried to read Elliott's mind, by analyzing his own classification of the record, but it was a frustrating endeavor. Some of his minor waves appeared to be bigger than waves of the next higher classification; some prominent turning points were omitted. Since judgment is required for interpretation, a student should check his classification against that of a qualified expert. Currently the outstanding authority is Robert Prechter of Gainesville Ga.

5.MW WAVES: Here is a definite classification. If a filter is used to set a minimum size of a swing, the remaining waves can be definitely classified and tested. This classification will be discussed in the next chapter.

6.TIME PATTERNS: Here another definite classification is proposed. If the direction of a move, and not its magnitude, is considered in a prescribed time frame, a definite classification is possible and can be tested. This classification will be described in chapter 18.

7.CYCLES: Is there an underlying regularity hidden in the irregular swings of stock prices? This will be the subject of chapter 19.

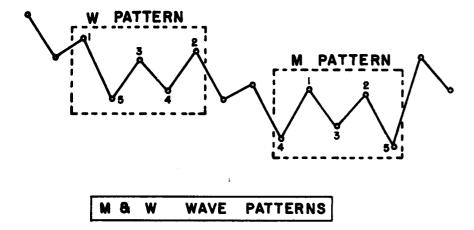


FIG.17.1

17. BEHAVIOR IN M AND W PATTERNS

If minor fluctuations are ignored or filtered out, and the resultant turning points are connected by straight lines, the resultant zigzag patterns can be classified.

Pick any five consecutive turning points. If the first swing is downward, the pattern forms a W. Note Fig.17.1. If the first swing is upward, the pattern forms an M. There are 32 possible patterns, which I have classified in Fig.17.2 and 17.3 as 16 M waves and 16 waves.

Are some of these patterns bullish? Are some bearish? When a certain pattern occurred in the past, what happened to prices after the pattern?

In 1971 Robert Levy suggested identifying patterns of five consecutive turning points by ranking the points in the pattern from one for the highest down to five for the lowest. If these rank numbers are read from left to to right, a five digit identifying label is produced. These identifying labels are below each of the patterns in Figs.17.2 and 17.3.

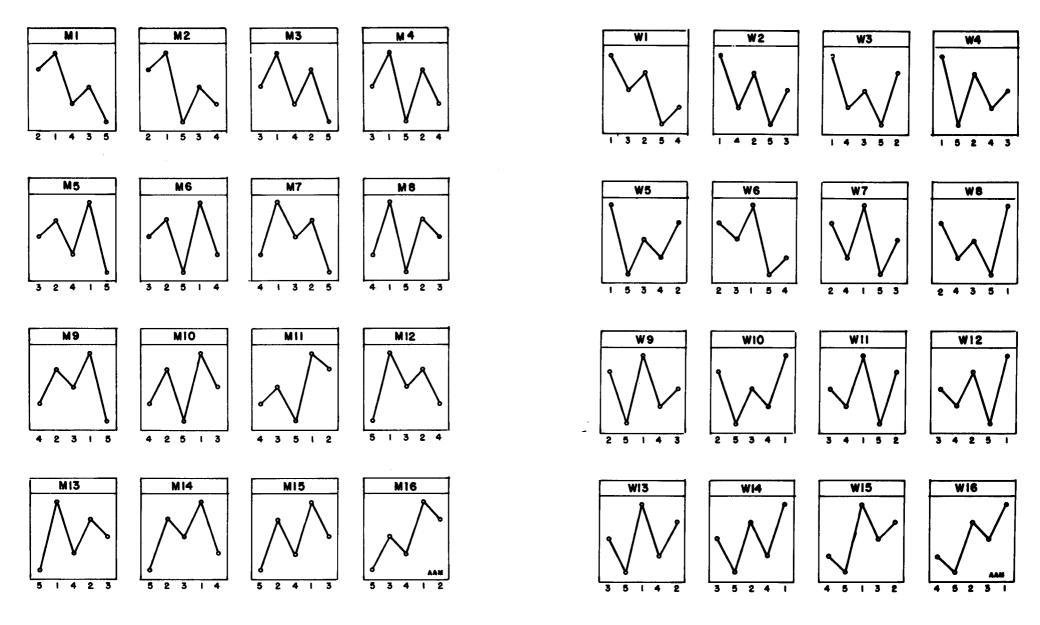


FIG.17.2 FIG.17.3

M WAVES					
WA	VE	UP	DWN	%UP	
M	1	24	33	42.11	
M	2	15	22	40.54●	
M	3	68	42	61.82	
M	4	37	34	52.11	
M	5	19	20	48.72	
M	6	10	13	43.48	
M	7	38	16	70.37●	
M	8	14	7	66.67	
M	9	24	24	50.00	
M	10	25	16	60.98	
M	11	23	22	51.11	
M	12	42	30	58.33	
M	13	40	15	72.73●	
M	14	29	22	56.86	
M	15	105	80	56.76	
M	16	64	36	64.00	

W WAVES					
WA	VE	UP	DAN	%UP	
W	1	34	30	53.13	
W	2	66	59	52.80	
W	3	30	26	53.57	
W	4	26	7	78.79●	
W	5	36	31	53.73	
W	6	14	15	48.28	
W	7	33	29	53.23	
W	8	27	29	48.21	
W	9	16	10	61.54	
W	10	47	33	58.75	
W	11	11	7	61.11	
W	12	18	21	46.15	
W	13	48	29	62.34	
W	14	84	62	57.53	
W	15	27	22	55.10	
W	16	58	42	58.00	

FIG.17.4

Several tests of these wave patterns are described in the booklet "M and W Wave Patterns"(See App.J). The results of one of the tests is summarized in Fig.17.4 .

This test used a filter of 10%, and more than 2000 common stock waves were identified and classified.

To determine whether the period following each pattern had a bullish or a bearish bias, the pattern immediately following was noted. In other words, the patterns were considered in pairs, joined by a common turning point. The left hand pattern is the forecasting pattern, the right hand pattern described behavior following the forecasting pattern. The right hand pattern was called a bullish period if its far right turning point was higher than the first or left hand turning point. If the far right hand point was lower, it was rated a bearish period. For example, M1 is a bearish period; M10 is a bullish period.

It was then a simple counting problem for the computer. It was asked to count the number of bullish and the number of bearish periods following each pattern.

The performance in the test period is summarized by Fig.17.4. For example, the M1 wave was found 57 times. On 24 of the occasions, the next pattern was a rising period; on 33 occasions it was a declining period. The bullets mark significance above the 95.0% confidence level.

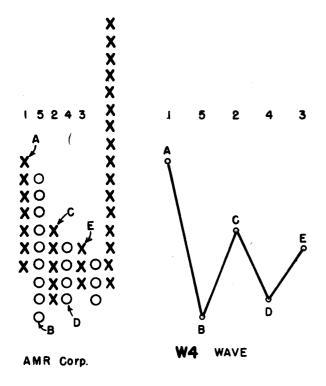
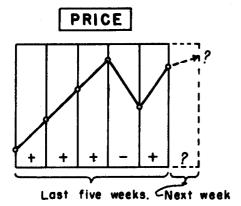


FIG.17.5

Point and Figure charts can be classified definitely if they are translated into MW waves. Note Fig.17.5. The left hand chart is AMR Corp. (Source: Chartcraft) Note the three high turning points A, C, E and the two low turning points B, D. At the right these points are charted without the intermediate X and O columns. A is the highest rank, C is second highest; on down to the lowest B which is rank 5. This gives the identification number 15243 which is a W4 wave. In table Fig.17.4 you will see that this wave, a triangle, was found 33 times; 26 times it was followed by a rising wave; 7 times by a declining wave. It evidently has a bullish bias, which was acknowledged in the P and F chart (Fig.17.5) by a fine rising column of Xs.



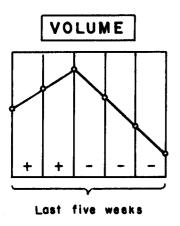


FIG.18.1

18. BEHAVIOR IN TIME PATTERNS:

Suppose that amounts of change are ignored, and that we consider only the direction of change in a time pattern.

Note Fig.18.1. Suppose that prices, in the last five weeks, rose in the first three weeks, then declined, then rose again in the last week. This could be symbolized + + + - +.

Suppose that, in the same five weeks, the volume of trading rose in the first two weeks, then declined in the following three weeks. This could be symbolized + + - - -.

How often has this wave pattern occurred in the past? What happened in the week following the pattern? How often did it rise in that week? How often did it decline? Is the difference sufficient to conclude that the wave has a bullish or a bearish bias?

It's important to note that the pattern is definitely defined. It can be positively identified, with no argument. The same is true with the MW waves in the preceding chapter. The result is that a computer can take over, examine the record, and report the behavior of the market following each pattern.

Three Day Patterns: Price changes, last three days. Four Day Patterns: Price changes, last four days. Five Day Patterns: Price changes, last five days. Questions: What happened on the day following the pattern ? Does the pattern have a bullish bias ? Bearish bias ?

DAILY PATTERNS

FIG.18.2

The time period can have several specific definitions, and each one can be tested. The pattern can be five days, four days, three days; it could be three hours, four hours, five hours. It could cover a span of three, four, or five weeks. See Fig.18.2.

Possible patterns for three time periods (days or weeks):

No.	Price:	Volume:	No.	Price:	Volume:
1	+++	+++	33	-++	+++
2	+++	++-	34	-++	++-
3	+++	+-+	35	-++	+-+
4	+++	+	36	-++	+
5	+++	-++	37	-++	-++
6	+++	-+-	38	-++	-+-
7	+++	+	39	-++	+
8	+++		40	-++	
9 1	++-	+++	41	-+-	+++
10'	++-	++-	42	-+-	++-
11	++-	+-+	43	-+-	+-+
12	++-		44	-+-	+
13	++-	-++	45	-+-	-++
14	++-	-+-	46	-+-	-+-
15	++-	+	47	-+-	+
16	++-		48	-+-	
17	+-+	+++	49	+	+++
18	+-+	++-	50	+	++-
19	+-+	+-+	51	+	+-+
20	+-+	+	52	+	+
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22	+-+	-+-	54	+	-+- ,
23	+-+	+	55	+	+
24	+-+		56	+	
25	+	+++	57		+++
26	+	++-	58		++-
27	+	+-+	59		+-+
28	+	+	60		+
29	+	-++	61		-++
30	+	-+-	62		-+-
31	+	+	63		+
32	+		6 4		

FIG.18.3

For example, see Fig.18.3. This figure lists all of the possible three day patterns of prices and volume. A computer check shows the following score for the most bullish and most bearish patterns, found from an examination of the D.J.Industrials every day in 28 years:

Most successful bullish three day patterns:

No.	percent	CS	
56	65.3	12.9	Highly significant
20	65.6	9.0	Significant
39	63.3	8.8	Significant
19	63.1	7.5	Significant
18	67.1	6.1	Probably significant
24	68.3	6.0	Probably significant

Most successful bearish three day patterns:

No.	percent	CS	
64	38.0	11.9	Highly significant
13	33.3	11.0	Highly significant
16	32.9	9.9	Significant
48	33.9	6.6	Probably significant
45	40.4	4.6	Probably significant
27	42.2	4.5	Probably significant

column heads in the above tables:

No.: See Fig. 18.1 for pattern

Percent: Percent of the time the following day was a rising day.

CS: Chi squared, one degree of freedom, with Yates correction: this is a measure of significance.

(For a report on two, three, four, and five day, and two, three, four and five week patterns, see "Bias in Daily and Weekly Wave Patterns"; see App.J)

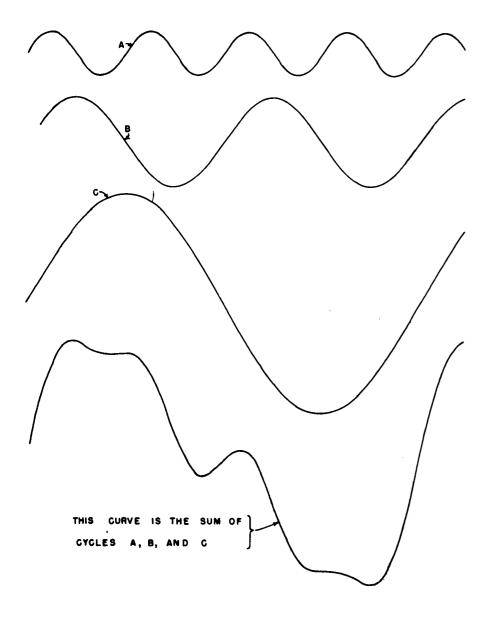


FIG.19.1

19. BEHAVIOR IN CYCLES:

Market behavior is characterized by waves and not by straight lines. Is there any underlying regularity?

The early chapters of this book reported on regular waves that are generated by the calendar.

In addition, mathematical analysis has been made practical by the development of the computer. It is possible to approximate any irregular curve by the addition of a number of regular sine waves. These can be calculated, and, if extrapolated into the future can produce a forecast expectation. Note Fig.19.1.

An authority on cycle calculation, Gertrude Shirk of the Foundation for the Study of Cycles(A), reports that the most important underlying stock price cycles, ranked by amplitude at the crest, have been found to be the following:

Cycle:	Ideal Date	e of Phase:	
	Amplitude	Current	Next:
46.2 years	32.0%	1965. crest	1988. trough
9.23 years	14.3%	1980.3 trough	1984.9 crest
15.37 years	13.5%	1982.0 trough	1989.7 crest
18.2 years	11.9%	1979.9 crest	1989.0 trough
5.01 years	6.5%	1983.4 trough	1985.9 crest
5.94 years	6.0%	1983.2 crest	1986.2 trough
4.80 years	5.0%	1983.2 crest	1985.6 trough

All of these cycles, with the exception of the 46 year cycle, have shown significance in statistical tests.

(A) For further study, see books and journals of The Foundation for the Study of Cycles, 124 South Highland Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15206

THE FIVE PERCENT PENETRATION METHOD

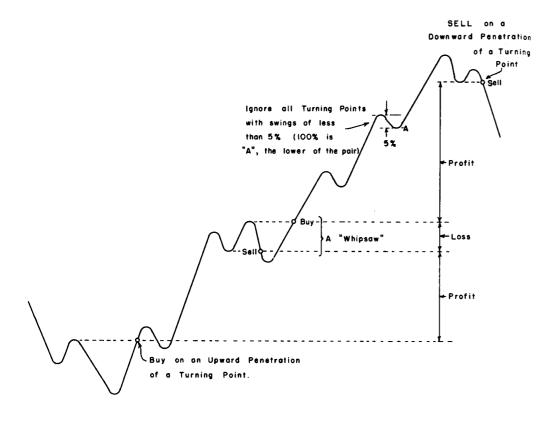
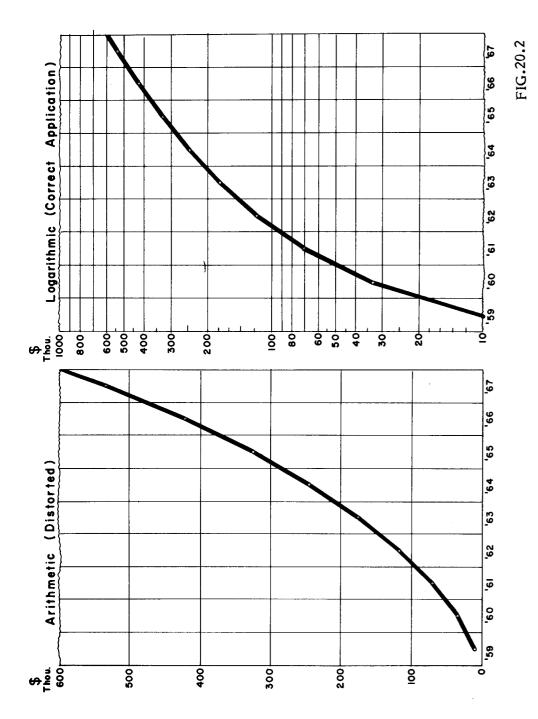


FIG.20.1

20.BEHAVIOR IN TRENDS

Dow's Theory for the determination of trend can be put into numbers by the simple device of ignoring, or filtering out, all swings below a specified level. The result of the Dow trend following technique can then be definitely tested.

Note Fig.20.1. After filtering, breaks through the remaining turning points can be used as signals to buy or sell, and the success can be tested. The five percent definition was tested with the DJ Industrials over a 43 year time period (1897-1939). Buy and hold averaged 3.5% per year; the 5% filter averaged 12.3%. This wasn't adjusted for commission costs, so the actual improvement would be less.



Another matter should be mentioned in this chapter on trends. Stock prices are sometimes charted on an arithmetic grid, with uniform spacing. Sometimes they are charted on a logarithmic grid, where equal percentage changes are given the same space. The latter, of course, is more correct; a one dollar change on a ten dollar stock is more important than a one dollar change on a hundred dollar stock. This is recognized on a logarithmic grid; on an arithmetic grid the changes appear to be the same.

For this reason, trend lines on an arithmetic grid are suspect; they can be deceptive. Note Fig.20.2. Here exactly the same data has been charted on an arithmetic and on a logarithmic grid. The arithmetic chart is euphoric. The logarithmic grid gives the correct story; growth has been decelerating.

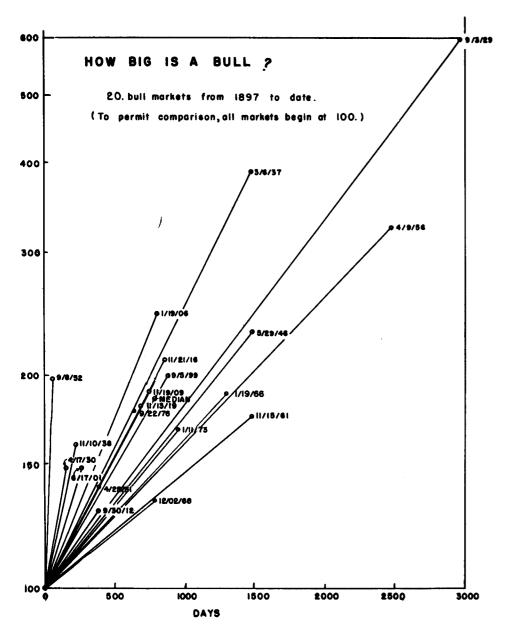


FIG.21.1

21. BEHAVIOR IN BULL AND BEAR MARKETS

The stock market is never stable. The big swings up or down are called bull and bear markets; lesser swings are called secondary reactions in bull markets and rallies in bear markets.

Since swings come in assorted sizes, how can we differentiate a rally from a full bull market? When does a reaction become big enough to be called a bear market?

After consulting the stock market histories, we find that a filter of 30% works quite well. Swings of larger than 30% include all of the accepted bull and bear markets and a few that are marginal.

Figure 21.1 compares the magnitude and age of the twenty bull markets since 1897. The median is a 95% rise and age of 28 months. Figure 21.2 charts the twenty bear markets. Since the 30% filter is calculated from the low point, a decline of 23% is the equivalent of a 30% swing. The median bear has a decline of 37% and an age of 18 months.

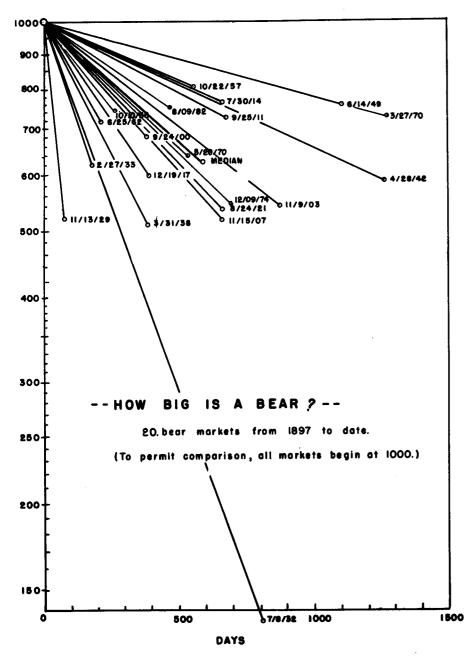
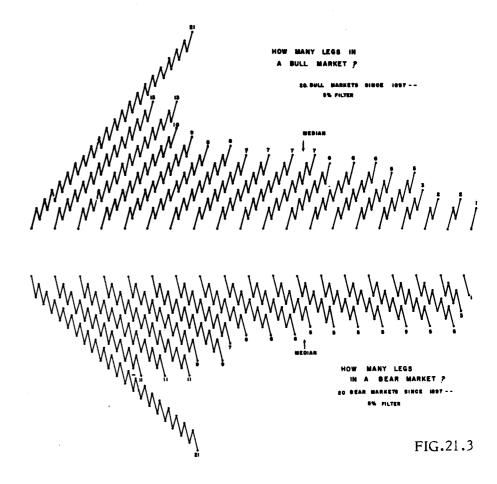


FIG.21.2



When does a decline move from the minor league and qualify to be called a secondary reaction? When does an upswing deserve to be called a rally? There is no fixed definition. We've found that a filter of 10% results in an average of two reactions in a bull market, which is the Elliott wave count. However, it gives an average of three rallies in a bear market.

If the filter is set lower, the number of rallies and reactions increase. Figure 21.3 charts the number of rallies and reactions if the filter is 5%. This is a good sized swing; it's fifty points when the Dow is at 1000.

-- TYPICAL BULL AND BEAR MARKET --

Based on the median of bull and bear markets from 1897 to date ... 5% filter ...

("% SWINS": 100% IS THE LOW POINT)

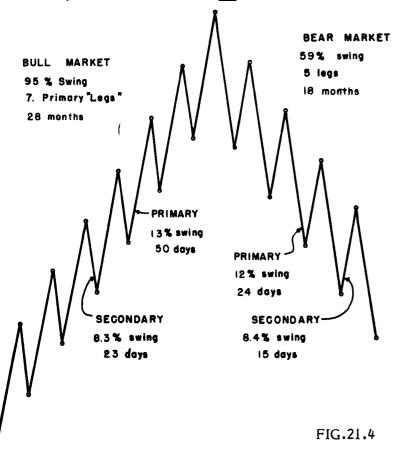


Figure 21.4 charts the average bull and bear market, if a filter of 30% is used to define the bull and bear markets, and a 5% filter is used to qualify as a secondary or a rally.

For more details, see "Filtered Waves, Basic Theory" (App.J).

21. CONCLUSIONS:

The conclusion of this book is that the market has definite upward tendencies at certain predictable times; it was leanings in the downward direction at other predictable times.

These inclinations and biases should be useful both to speculators and to investors. If a purchase is being considered, and the market has a downward bias, a prudent man should delay purchase. If the bias is upward, purchase should be made immediately. On the other hand, if a sale is contemplated, and the market has a downward bias, a prudent man should sell immediately.

Appendix A.

ARE THE DJ INDUSTRIALS REPRESENTATIVE?

Most of the work in this book has been derived from the behavior of the DJ Industrial average. Is this index representative? It's based on only 30 blue chip stocks, and ignores the stocks of small companies.

In 1896, Charles Dow began to report the averages of a few selected industrial stocks. After 88 years of use, it is still the most widely quoted measure, although a number of very sophisticated indexes have entered the field.

Twelve industrial stocks were used until 1916, when the list was increased to 20, and the new average was worked back to December 1914. Only the closing averages were calculated. The method was simple. The stock prices were listed and totaled, then divided by the number of stocks to get an average. If a stock split, a multiple was applied before adding with the others; if the split was two-for-one, for example, the stock price after the split was always multiplied by two before combining with the other prices.

On October 1, 1928, a number of changes were made. The number of Industrial stocks was increased to 30; the closing prices were supplemented by highs and lows for the day; the method of coping with splits was altered. The multiples were eliminated, and the adjustment was made by a final divisor. The divisor was adjusted when a new stock was substituted for another in the list, in order to give continuity.

To calculate the current average, list the stocks (you will find the list occasionally in Barron's and the Wall Street Journal.) Set down the prices; add them up; divide by the divisor (see Barron's or the Wall Street Journal); the result is the index.

The index has limitations:

1. Representation. The index is based on the stock prices of thirty large companies. It is an important list. If you will multiply the price of each stock by the number of shares issued, you will find that this small group of stocks has more

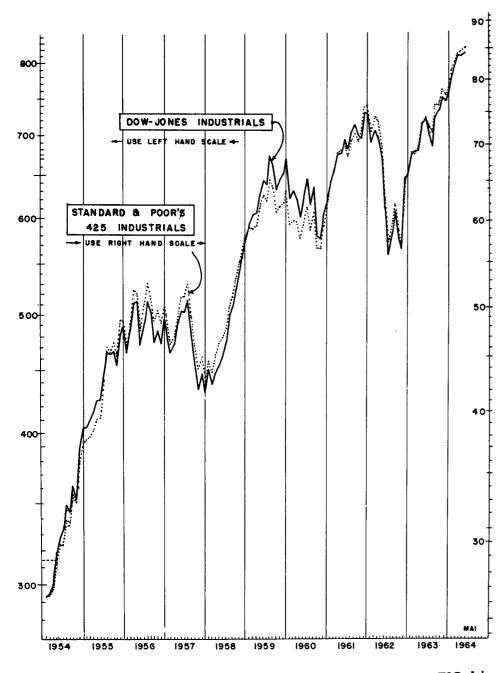


FIG.A1

than 20% of the value of all stocks on the New York Exchange. Small stocks aren't included, but note Fig.A1. This chart compares the Dow Industrials with the all-inclusive New York Stock Exchange index. I think you will agree that the Dow seems to do a good job.

The New York Stock Exchange index weights the stocks by their capitalization. But doesn't this make sense? A recent report shows that General Electric is held by more than a thousand institutional portfolios. General Nutrition is held by less than twenty. Certainly General Electric is more important, should be given more weight in the index.

2.Price level. A minor irritation is the high price of the Dow Jones Industrials. A change of ten points appears important; actually it's only 1% of 1000.

3.A more serious objection is levelled at the high-low calculation. These are not true highs and lows for the index. Instead, they are calculated from the highs and lows of the individual stocks. Since these highs and lows occur at different times in the day, the average is never as high as the published "high"; it never drops down to the "low".

4. Weighting: Statisticians wince when they learn the weighting method. In a representative average, each component should be weighted by its importance. In the Dow the stocks are weighted by their prices. For example, Exxon has five times the capitalization of Merck, and should carry more weight. However, because of the high price per share of Merck, it carries twice the weight and is twice as important in the index as Exxon.

The lack of logic in the weighting method becomes evident at the time of a split. If a Dow stock is split four-for-one, for example, its influence in the index is reduced by 75%. Price changes in the stock will now influence the overall average by one quarter of the former effect.

It should be noted that lower priced stocks are usually more volatile; this reduces the effect of the lower weight given to low priced stocks.

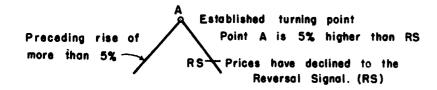
Conclusion? The average has many limitations, but, as noted in Fig.A1, it manages to do a good job.

EVALUATION OF TURNING POINTS:

The analysis of waves and patterns in the market can be made definite by a simple device: Select a percentage for the size of a wave that will be recognized; ignore or "filter out" all of the smaller moves.

This simple device permits the classification of a turning point as valid or invalid in the Dow Theory.

If you are familiar with the point and figure method of charting, you will notice a similarity. Point and Figure uses a definite number of points to recognize a turning point; wave filters use a definite percentage.



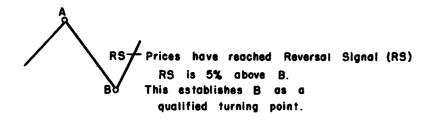


FIG.B1

For an example of the use of the percentage filter, see Fig.B1. A 5% filter has been specified. The upper point A is recognized as a valid turning point when prices have retreated to RS, which is 5% below A. Point B is recognized as valid when prices have reversed 5% to RS in the lower chart.

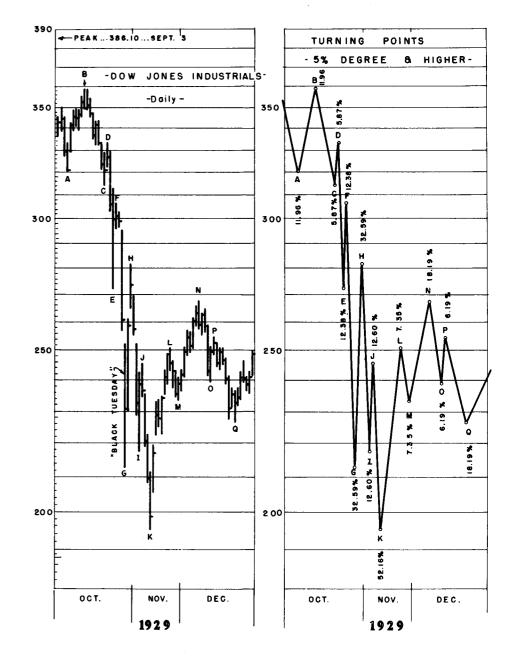


FIG.B2

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For an example of application, note the year 1929 in Fig. B2.



WHAT IS THE DOW THEORY?

The Dow Theory began with Charles Dow (1850-1902), founder of the Dow Jones News Service, and founder and first editor of the Wall Street Journal. In his capacity, he wrote many editorials on the subject of the market. These editorials are the foundations of the Dow Theory. His work has endured. Today the interpretation of his ideas is providing a livelihood for many men.

S.A.Nelson, a writer and publisher, tried to persuade Dow to write a book summarizing his ideas, but didn't succeed. Nelson had determination, however, and collected all of the important editorials from the files of the Wall Street Journal. He published these in a small book "The ABC of Stock Speculation." (App.J) In this book he labelled the Dow chapters "Dow's Theory", and the name was established.

A few years after Dow's death, William Peter Hamilton became editor of the Wall Street Journal. He proceeded to develop Dow's ideas from the status of general statements into a workable method. In 1922 he wrote a book "The Stock Market Barometer" (App.J), which erected a structure on Dow's foundation. A short time before his death he supported his thesis by a famous editorial "The Turn of the Tide." This editorial, in the October 23, 1929 Wall Street Journal (one week before Black Tuesday) definitely called the end of the long bull market and the beginning of the great bear market.

Robert Rhea (1887-1939), because of an airplane accident in the first world war, was bedridden from 1918 to his death. In Colorado Springs, he began a study of the Dow ideas -- first as a hobby, and later as a profitable vocation. His own wealth accelerated from the practice of his ideas. He was long of stocks through most of the twenties; he had no stocks at the time of the 1929 crash; he thereafter sold short for two years. I'm prejudiced in favor of Rhea's contributions, because he liked to count and measure. (This is the underlying thesis of the book you are reading.)

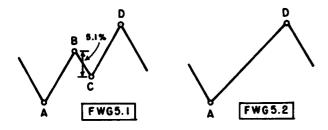


FIG.B3

The importance of a turning point can be measured. Note Fig.B3. The left hand chart uses a 5.1% filter; the one at the right uses a 5.2% filter.

Note the turning points B and C. Now you see them; now you don't. They vanish when the filter is raised from 5.1% to 5.2%.

This provides a simple method for the evaluation of turning points. Their importance can be measured by the filter required to eliminate them.

To apply this method, turning points must be identified in pairs. To qualify for measurement, there are two requirements: The swing preceding the pair must be larger (A must be below C.) and the following swing must be larger (D must be above B). When a pair qualifies, the turning points can be evaluated by taking the percentage difference.

The example in Fig.B3 measures a reaction in a rising trend. Exactly the same method, in mirror image, can be used for the evaluation of a rally in a downtrend. Note points O and P in the 1929 chart (Fig.B2).

Another capable interpreter was E.George Schaefer, author of "How I Helped More than 10,000 investors to Profit in Stocks." (App.J) In this book he developed his ideas of a "New Dow Theory." Schaefer believed in investing with the primary trend, and didn't advocate selling on secondaries.

Some very capable students of the Dow Theory are active today. One of the best is Richard Russell of San Diego. Russell has written a book "The Dow Theory Today" (see App.J).

Many books have been written on the Theory, but the fundamentals are not complicated. Hamilton wrote "The essence of Dow's Theory can be summed up in three sentences. In an editorial December 19,1900, he says 'The market is always to be considered as having three movements, all going on at the same time. The first is the narrow movement from day to day. The second is the short swing, running from two weeks to a month or more; the third is the main movement, covering at least four years in its duration.'"

Hamilton's quotation was an oversimplification, of course. Actually, it is an example of the beginnings of the "Theory." The outline which follows is a condensation of writings on the subject.

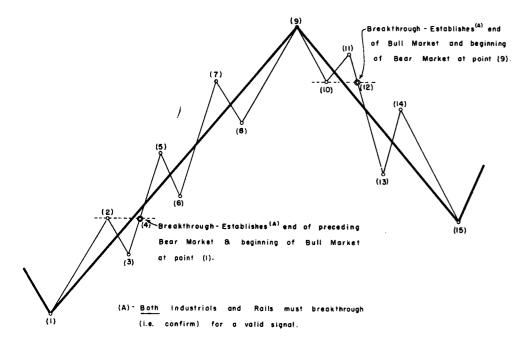
THE DOW THEORY: A SEVEN POINT SUMMARY:

(1) The fluctuations of the Dow Jones rail and industrial averages are a composite index of all the hopes, fears, and knowledge of everyone who knows anything of financial matters. They therefore can serve as a barometer of the future. Hamilton wrote "Consciously or unconsciously the movements of prices reflect not the past but the future. When coming events cast their shadows before, the shadows fall on the New York Stock Exchange."

Rhea believed that students should concentrate their studies on the averages - other statistics could be ignored!

- (2) The market consists of three movements, which are going on at the same time:
- (2A) The Primary Markets. These are the great bull and bear markets. They last from one year to several years. These great movements are fundamental in nature, and are beyond the reach of manipulation.
- (2B) The Secondary Movements: These moves are called Primary Swings (or legs) when in the direction of the Primary Market. When in the other direction (rallies in bear markets, declines in bull markets) they are called Secondary Reactions. The Secondary Reactions are distinguished from minor changes by their magnitude (usually sufficient to retrace one-third to two-thirds of the preceding primary swing and by their duration (three weeks to three months)
- (2C) The minor or day-to-day movements. If the Primary Movement is considered a tide, the secondary is similar to the waves that please the surfboard enthusiasts, and the minor movements are the small ripples. The minor movements are not considered important in the Dow Theory.

DOW THEORY - BASIC



PRIMARY MARKETS: (1)-(9) -- Bull Market
(9)-(15) -- Bear Market

These Primary Markets last from one year to several years.

PRIMARY SWINGS: (1)-(2), (3)-(5), (6)-(7), (8)-(9), (9)-(10), (11)-(13), (14) (15) (Also called "legs".)

SECONDARY REACTIONS: (2)-(3), (5)-(6), (7)-(8), (10)-(11), (13-14)

These last from three weeks to three months and retrace (i.e. "correct")

1/3 to 2/3 of the preceding Primary Swing.

FIG.C1

- (3) The great bull and bear markets each consist of three phases. These are not related to the secondary movements described above in (2) and should be considered separately:
- (3A) In a Bull Market, the First Phase represents the improvement in public confidence and a correction of the undervaluation developed in the last phase of the preceding bear market.

The Second Phase is a response to improvement in corporate earnings.

The Third Phase is one of rampant speculation, when stocks are advanced on "hopes and expectations."

(3B) In a Bear Market, the First Phase is a correction of the speculative excesses of the preceding Bull Market.

The Second Phase is a deterioration of prices in gear with a slide in the earnings of shares.

The Third Phase is a final depression of prices caused in part by distress selling.

(4) The trend can be determined by the action of the secondary swings. Refer to the chart. The rise from point (1) to (2), at the time, might be considered a secondary reaction in the preceding bear market. But when prices turned upward at point (3), which is higher than (1), the picture begins to look bullish. Then, when prices broke through the level of (2) at point (4), the rise is known to be part of a bull market which began at point (1).

In a downward swing, the same type of analysis would be valid. In the drop from (9) to (10), the classification would be "secondary reaction" until the drop at point (11), when the classification becomes dubious. Then, at the breakthrough at point (12), the classification is definitely changed to "Bear Market."

This method of determining trends by "breakthrough" has been aptly compared to the determination of tides by the extent of waves on a sandy beach. If the farthest sweep of the wave is marked by a stick, and the next wave carries beyond this point (a breakthrough), the tide is probably rising.

- (5) In determining the trend in (4), both Industrial and Rail averages must be considered. Breakthroughs by one average are not considered signals until the move is confirmed by the other average. The confirming action, however, need not be on the same day.
- (6) The averages sometimes move horizontally, within a 5% band, for three weeks or longer. When both average do this, it's called a "Line." When both averages break out of this "Line" in the same direction, an important move in the same direction is probable. The breakout is usually made with an increase in volume.

Hamilton noted that "lines" seldom occur at the beginning or ending of secondary swings, but usually in the center.

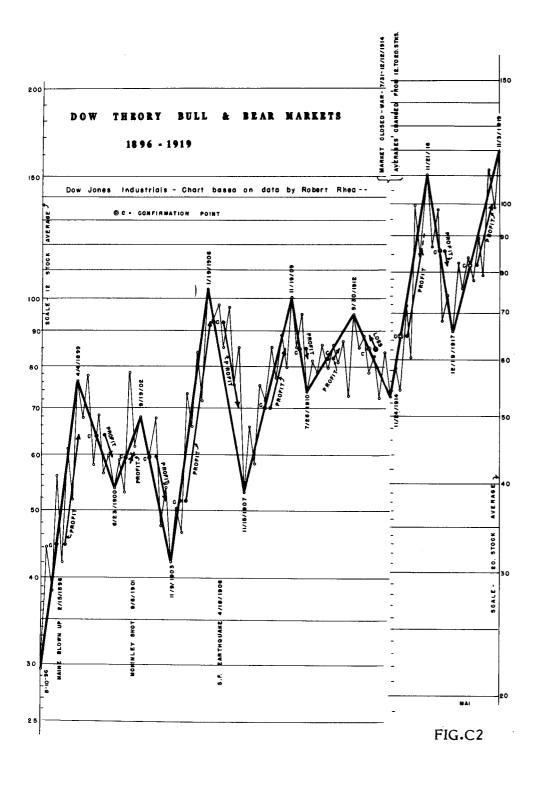
Rhea's analysis recommends the consideration of "lines" of less than 5%. If both averages, for example, have been moving in a 2% band, a breakout from the band would be significant.

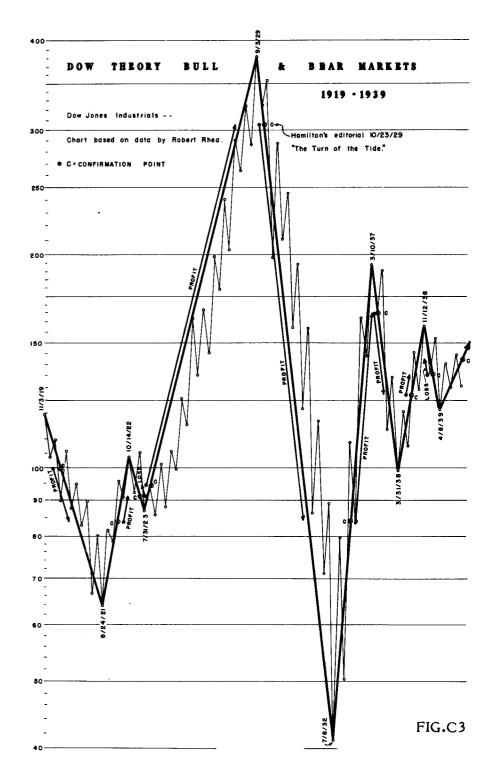
Rhea found that in a bull market, downside penetrations of "lines" are very speculative, while upside penetrations are more reliable.

(7) Volume: A market which is "overbought" becomes dull on rallies and develops activity on declines. Conversely, in "oversold" markets the tendency is to become dull on declines and active on rallies.

Robert Rhea supplemented Hamilton's tabulations with a detailed listing of all of the bull and bear markets and secondary movements in the period from 1896 to the time of his death in 1939. These tabulations have been charted in Fig.C2 and Fig.C3. The data follows in Fig.C4 and Fig.C5. The Primary Markets are traced with heavy lines; the light lines are the Secondary Movements. In addition, the points of confirmation of the primary markets are marked with the letter "C". Profits and losses obtained by buying and selling at these points of confirmation are indicated by arrows. Since the confirmation always follows the top or the bottom of a primary market, the profits are always less than the total move.

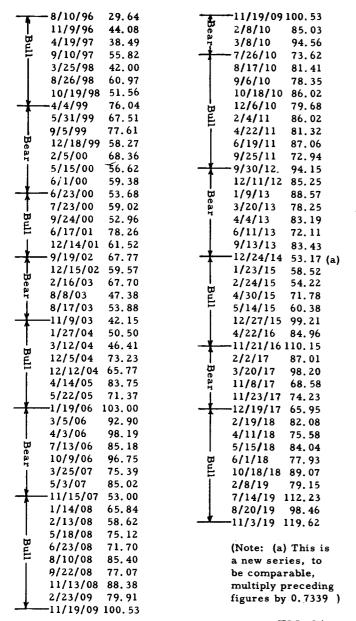
You can profit from this theory. It doesn't always give a correct forecast, and the forecast isn't always clear. But the profits over the years, when cumulated, are much better than "buy and hold".





DOW THEORY - DATES OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MOVEMENTS - from Robert Rhea -

(Prices are D-J Industrial Closing Prices.)



DOW THEORY DATES (cont'd)

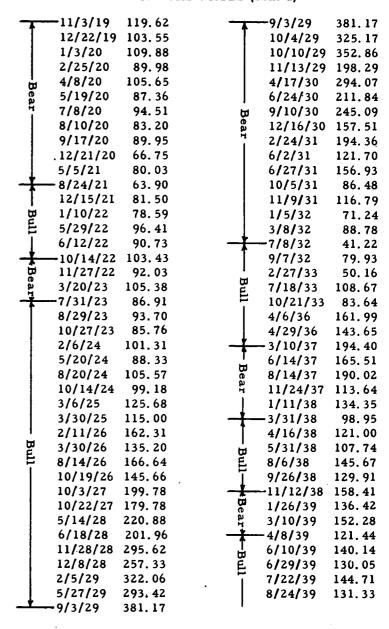
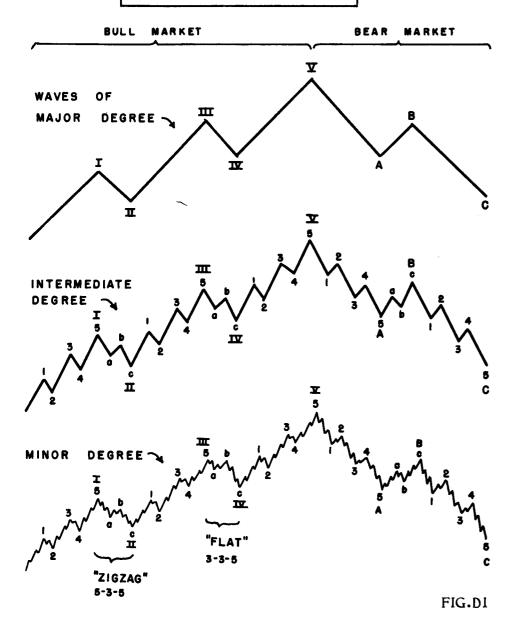


FIG.C5

BASIC ELLIOTT



Appendix D

WHAT IS THE ELLIOTT WAVE THEORY?

Some refreshing ideas about the behavior of Wall Street were developed by Ralph Nelson Elliott (1871-1948). We have reviewed all of his published writings, and have summarized them in this appendix.

Ralph Elliott spent many years in Latin America as an accountant. In 1927 he retired to Los Angeles where he developed his wave theories. These were published in 1938 in a monograph "The Wave Principle", in a series of articles in the Financial World in 1939, and in a book "Nature's Law" published in 1946. His ideas proved so interesting to investors that he came to New York and spent the last years of his life writing a financial report.

Basically, he believed that prices tend to fluctuate in natural ways. The most important tendencies, he believed, were founded on the Fibonacci series of numbers: 1-1-2-3-5-8-13-21-34-... Each number in this series is equal to the sum of the two preceding numbers, and the ratios are found many places in nature. The count of seeds in the whorls of sunflowers and pineapples are examples. Elliott found the numbers existing in the timing of waves and in the ratios of stock market prices at various turning points.

Elliott's most basic conclusions are illustrated by Fig.Dl, which is derived from one he published in "Nature's Law." The tendency that he illustrates is simply that moves in the direction of trend tend to be in five swings; those in the contrary direction tend to be in three swings.

The top chart illustrates the "major" or primary waves in a bull and a bear market. The bull market has five swings; the bear market has three.

The center chart (Fig.D1) illustrates the tendency toward the breakdown of the primary waves into waves of the next smaller or "intermediate degree." Note that each major swing in the direction of trend (up in a bull market; down in a bear market) is made up of five swings of intermediate degree. These are marked 1,2,3,4,5. Each swing counter to trend is made of up three swings. These are marked a,b,c.

The lower chart is a continuation of the same basic tendency. The longer of the "Intermediate" swings is made up of five swings of minor degree; the shorter of the intermediate swings break down into three swings of minor degree. An exception is the swing marked "flat."

In Fig.D2 and Fig.D3 we have summarized and tabulated all of Elliott's various examples for the period 1929 through 1945. This period spans the time beginning with the first Dow Jones high-low statistics and ending with the last analysis published in "Nature's Law" a few months before his death. The nomenclature has been standardized, in order to make it easier for a student to trace through Elliott's interpretation of the wave patterns.

In addition to his basic conclusions, Elliott listed many variations, which are charted completely in Fig.D4 through D11.

He listed some subsidiary conclusions:

- (1) No confirmation is required by a companion average. (The Dow Theory requires confirmation of the Industrials by the Rails.)
- (2) Actual high and low figures are used, rather than the closing price. Elliott said "in fact it was only with the establishment of the daily range in 1928 and the hourly averages in 1932 that sufficient reliable data became available to establish the rhythmic recurrence of the phenomenon called "The Wave Principle."

- (3) News has little effect on the course of a wave series. It may affect the amplitude and timing.
- (4) Prices tend to move in channels. These can be useful in the interpretation of waves.
- (5) Elliott listed his names for the degree of waves in the following order:

Subminuette (only in hourly data)

Minuette

Minute

Minor

Intermediate

Primary

Cycle

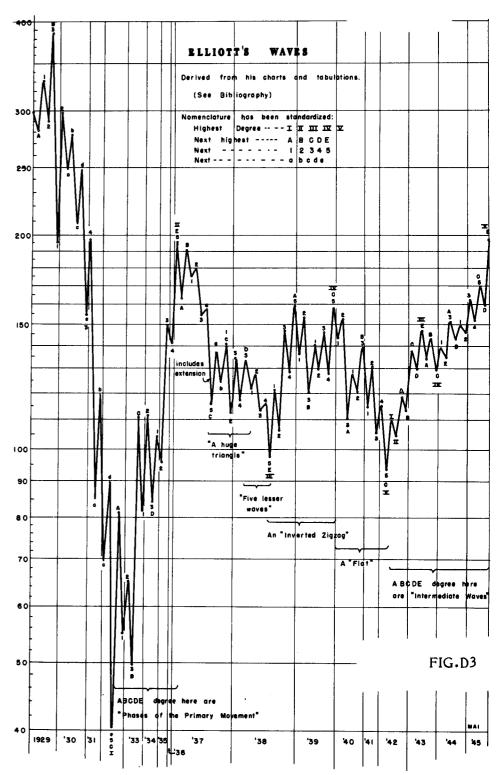
Super Cycle

Grand Super Cycle.

(6) There are many exceptions to the basic pattern.

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-	9/30/37	7.45		4			7/10/44	5.86	A	3
	10/19/37	21.91	С	5			9/7/44	5.86	В	3
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	10/25/37	10.65			b		11/16/44	2.78		2
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ELLIOTT VARIATIONS - IN LINE OF TREND-

Extension in Wave 1, upward trend.



Elliott found that waves in the line of trend (1, 3, 5) sometimes elongated into five waves of the same degree - rather than breaking down into five waves of a lower degree. This elongation could occur in waves 1, 3, or 5, but not in waves 2 or 4. It usually occurred in the last or fifth wave. He called these elongations extensions.



Extension in Wave 3, upward trend.



Extension in Wave 3 downward trend



Extension in Wave 5, upward trend.



Extension in Wave 5, downward trend.

FIG.D4

ELLIOTT VARIATIONS - IN LINE OF TREND

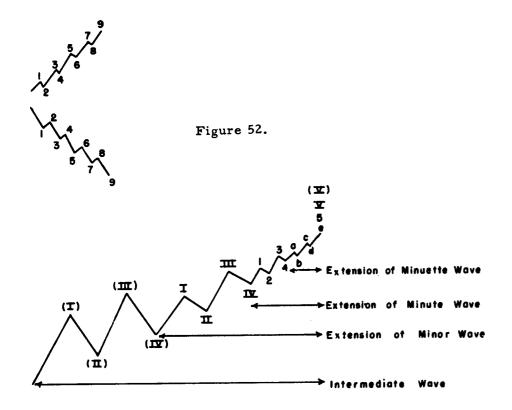




FIG.D5

Since extensions are comparable with the other waves in a series, they may be equal to them and the entire movement may seem to be nine waves of about equal size. (top chart, Fig.D5)

At the end of a major move, there may be a series of extensions of extensions in the fifth wave. The move comes to an end finally on the last minuette wave of the last minute wave of the last intermediate wave. (middle chart)

Elliott found that extensions tend to be "double-retraced" i.e. by a downward and then by an upward move. (lower chart) This is interesting only in an extension of the fifth wave, since an extension in the first wave is retraced by the second and third waves and an extension in the third wave is retraced by the fourth and fifth waves.

ELLIOTT VARIATIONS - CORRECTIONS

ZIGZAGS

MINOR

MINOR-INVERTED

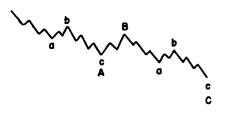
INTERMEDIATE

INTERMEDIATE

Elliott recognized corrections of five types: zigzag, flat, irregular, triangular, and complex. They will be illustrated by Figures 55. through 60.

Three sizes of "Zigzags" are illustrated by Figure 55. In the minor size, each wave is single; in the intermediate size the distribution is the usual 5-3-5 found in the "Basic Elliott" chart Figure 24. In the major size the two longer waves are doubled.

Note that the "inverted" versions are included. These are corrections of a downward trend.



MAJOR- A DOUBLE



MAJOR - INVERTED

FIG.D6

ELLIOTT VARIATIONS - CORRECTIONS

FLATS

MINOR C

MINOR-INVERTED

A A

In a zigzag the pattern is 5-3-5; in a flat it is 3-3-5. This gives the "flat" correction a level appearance - and its name.

Examples of this correction are in this Figure 56. An example is marked in Figure 24., with a "zigzag" also marked for comparison.

INTERMEDIATE -

INTERMEDIATE-

A B B MAJOR



FIG.D7

ELLIOTT VARIATIONS - CORRECTIONS

IRREGULAR

O.T. B IRREGULAR TOPS

"Irregular corrections" are distinguished by the height of the "B" wave, which advances to another top higher than the orthodox top ("O. T.").

Since the correction makes a new top, it is also called an "irregular top". An example is the 1929 peak.

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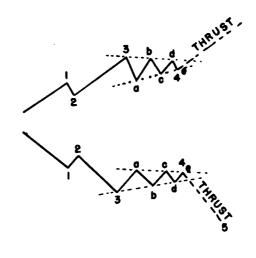
Normally "C" terminates below the bottom of "A". Liquidation in the third or "C" wave is usually more intensive than in the first wave.

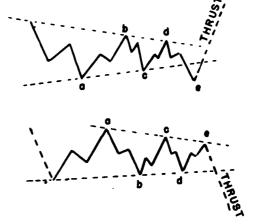
MINOR B C B INTERMEDIATE A C MAJOR A (In the

(In the larger and more important corrections the "C" wave may consist of three smaller five-wave sets.)

ELLIOTT VARIATIONS - CORRECTIONS

TRIANGLES





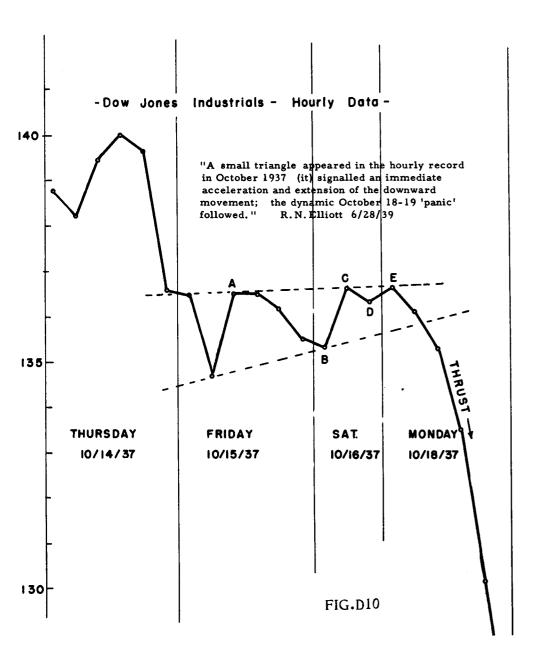
Triangular corrections have five waves or legs each of which has no more than three lesser waves. In the small triangles the legs can be single waves.

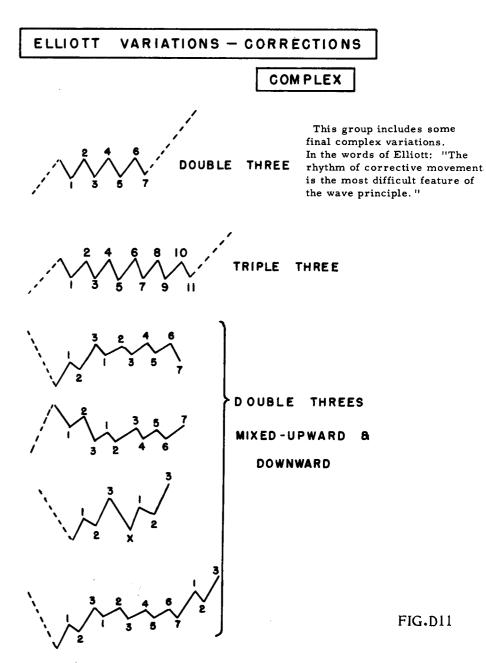
Triangles are found in the fourth wave of a five wave movement - exclusively. They form the base for the fifth wave or "thrust".

One of the boundaries of a triangle may be horizontal. The fifth leg may terminate within or outside of the boundaries.

Triangles have been as short as seven hours (a short example is in Figure 59.) and as long as 13 years. A. Hamilton Bolton has outlined a 21. year triangle in his analyses.

FIG.D9





Elliott had some problems in the application of his principle. Many of his turning points were debatable; his wave patterns tend to proliferate into variations.

The selection of turning points is crucial. You can identify almost any pattern if you select the proper turning points. If a filter is applied, some of Elliott's waves appear to be quite light, and he seems to have missed some important turns.

Another problem is the division of waves into subwaves. You can divide a wave into almost any number of subwaves, if you make the subwaves small enough.

We have tried to read Elliott's mind, from his limited writings, in order to develop a basis for measured analysis.

- (1) In the breakdown of waves into subwaves, the first and most promising line of attack is a study of Elliott's own examples. The turning points that he used have been tabulated, using the method outlined in Appendix B.
- (2) A second line of attack is a study of the "basic Ellliott" chart in Fig.D1. This chart outlines a complete cycle. If you will count the number of waves of major degree, intermediate degree, and minor degree, you will find the following:

Major degree: 8 waves

Intermediate degree 34 waves(4.25 as many)

Minor degree 142 waves (4.18 times as many as in the intermediate degree)

Using this as a guide, we counted down the rank of turning point evaluations:

filter:	number of turning points:
80%	4.0
40%	10.
20%	44.
10%	170.
5%	540.

The frequencies in the Basic Elliott chart of 8,34 and 142 are similar in proportion to the actual count in the selected groups of 10,44, and 170.

(3) A third possible approach is based on Elliott's statement that "a wave is divided into waves of the next smaller degree." If waves (or turning points) are ranked in any given period of time, from the highest filter to the lowest, and the rank is scanned downward, you will find at a certain point that the waves are parts of preceding waves. This is evidence that you are moving into a subwave classification.

For example, the ten most important turning points in the period 1928-1962 are the following:

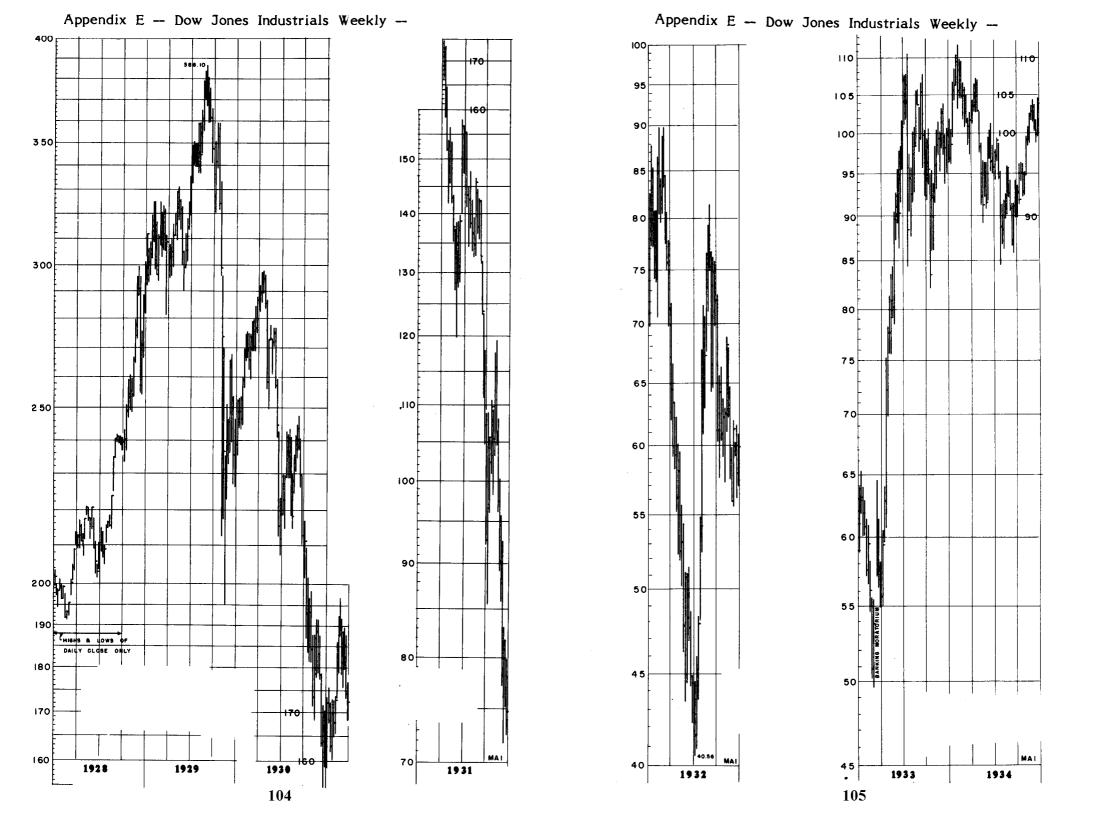
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(2)	07 08 32	829.00
(3)	03 06 37	109.29
(4)	04 28 42	109.29
(5)	09 08 32	60.85
(6)	02 27 33	60.85
(7)	03 31 38	60.42
(8)	11 10 38	60.42
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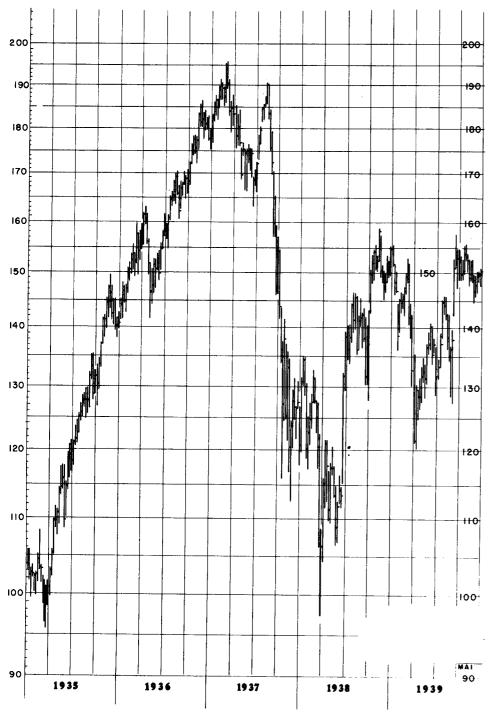
You will find that numbers (7) and (8) are, in time, between (3) and (4), and evidently form a subwave. Numbers (9) and (10) are between (1) and (2) and evidently form a subwave. A similar method was used to check the other groupings.

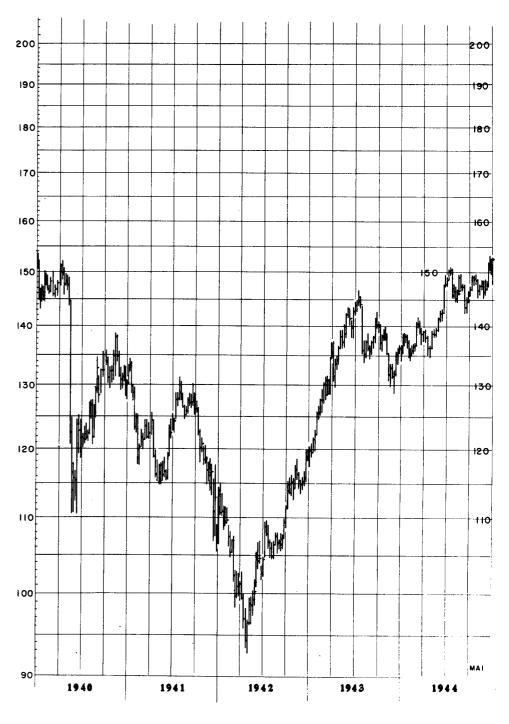
The three approaches outlined above were combined and cross checked to yield the following filters to help in classification:

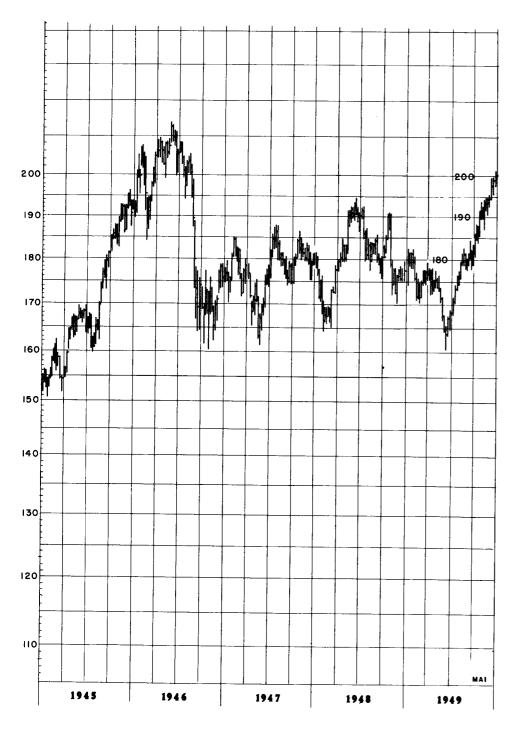
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Primary	40	A,B,C,D
Intermediate	20	1,2,3,4
Minor ·	10	a,b,c,d
Minute	5	

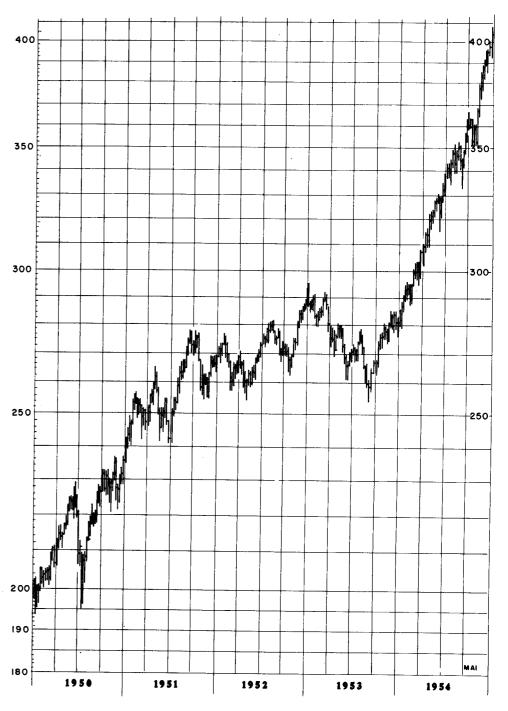
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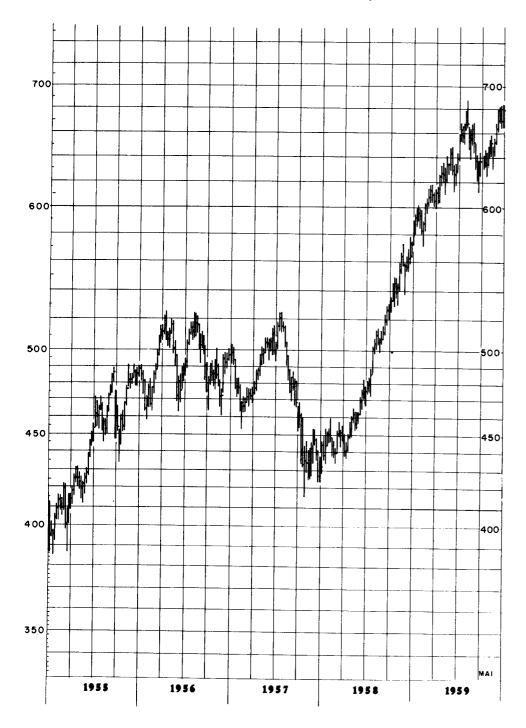


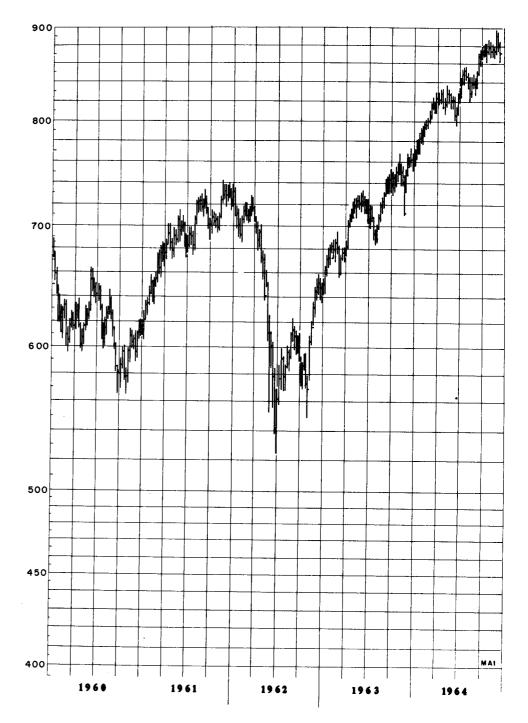


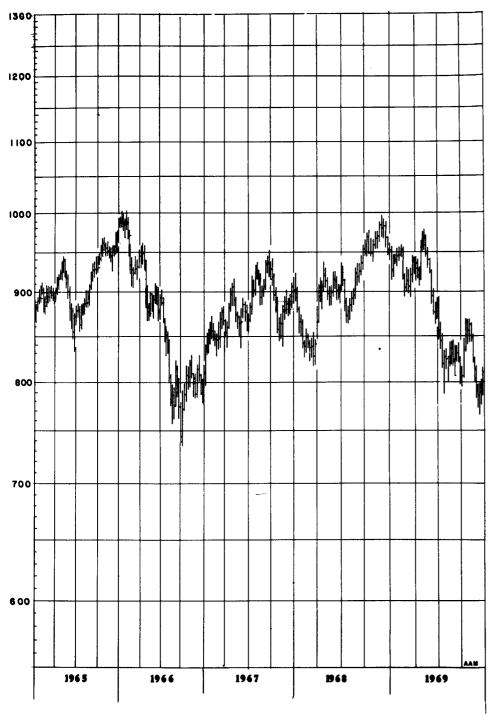


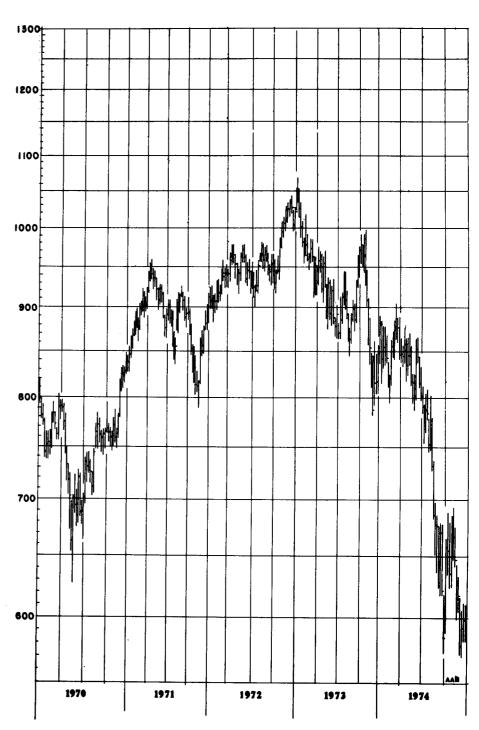


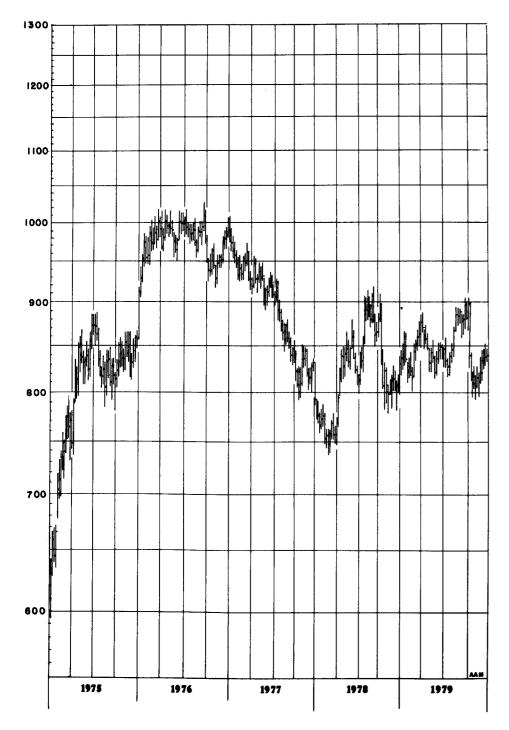


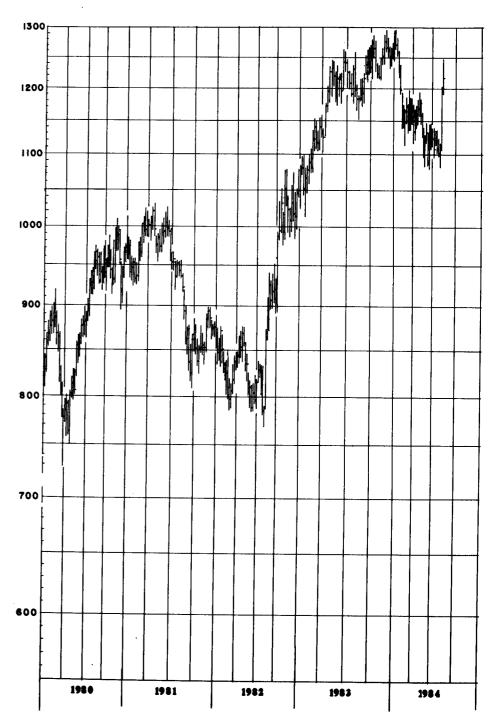


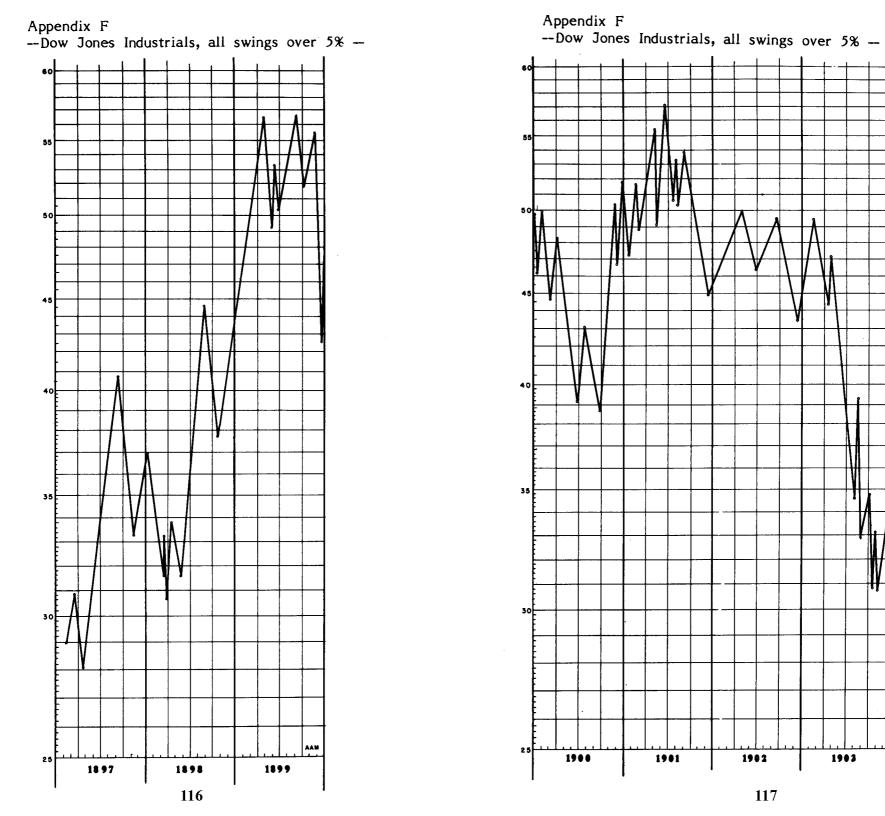




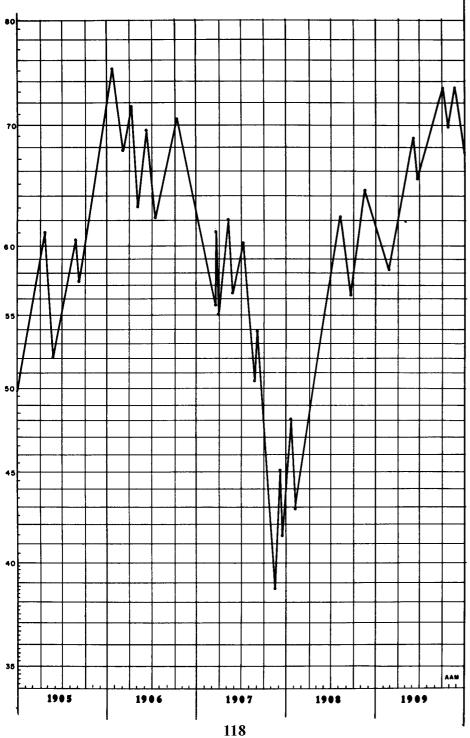




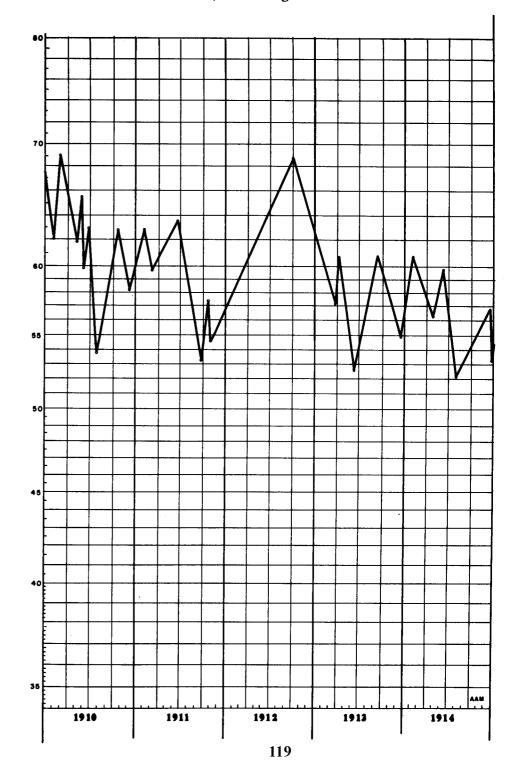




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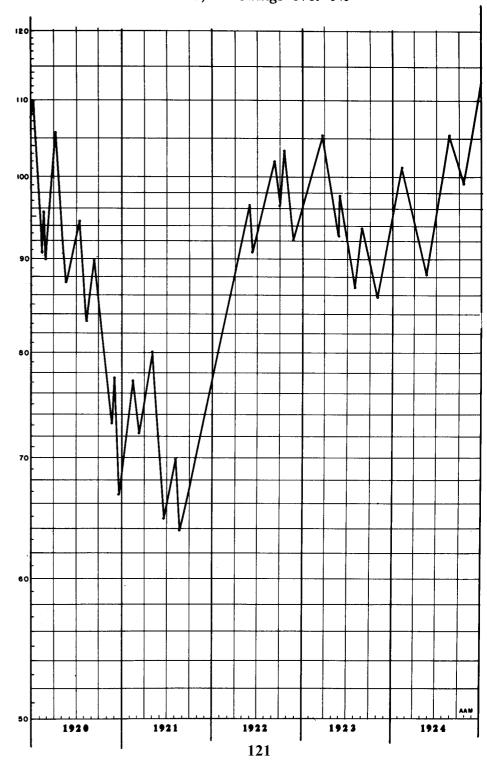


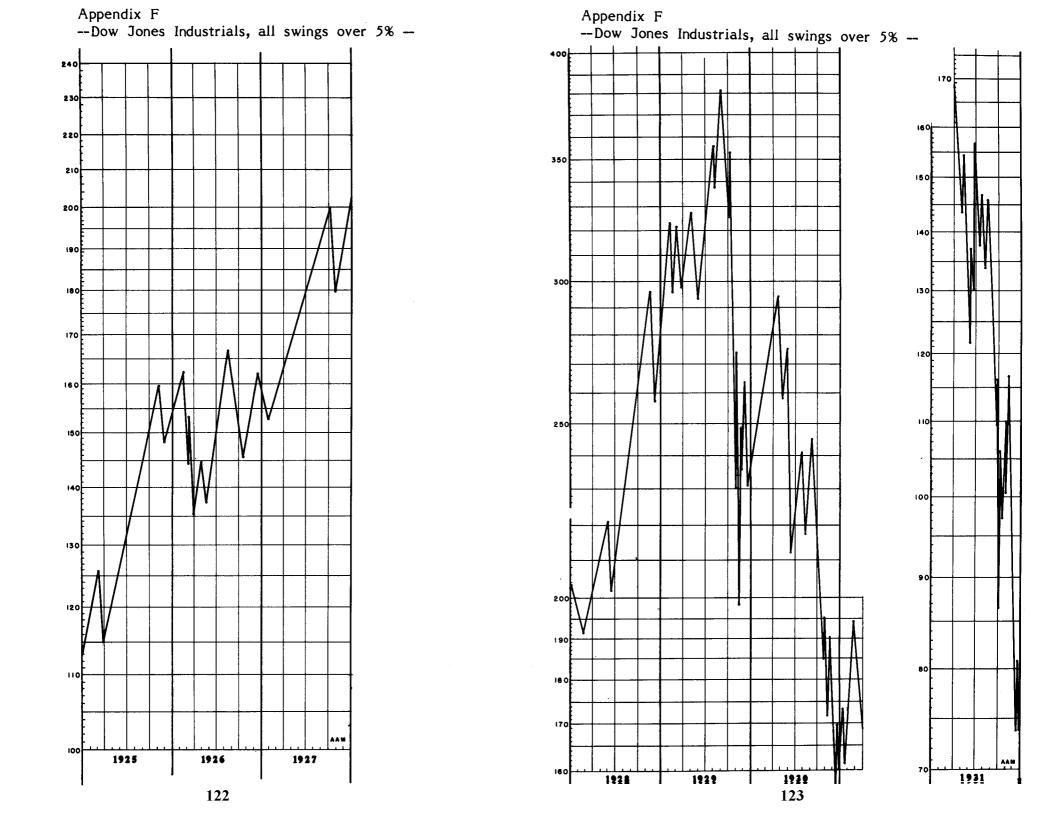
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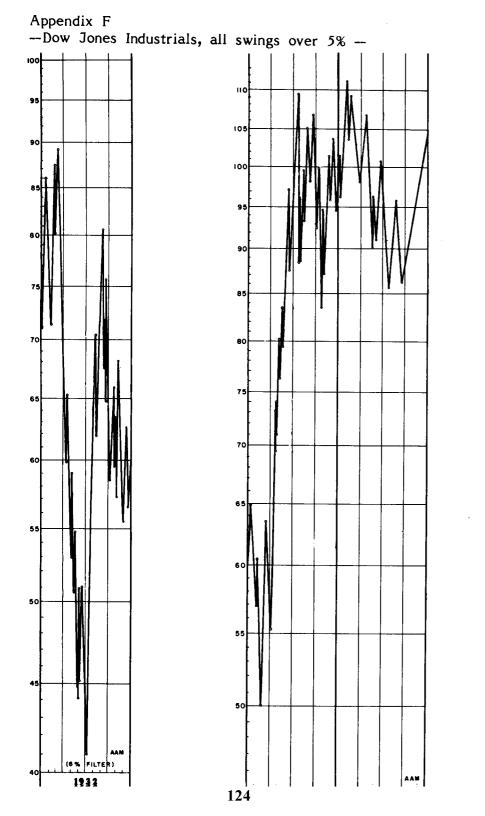


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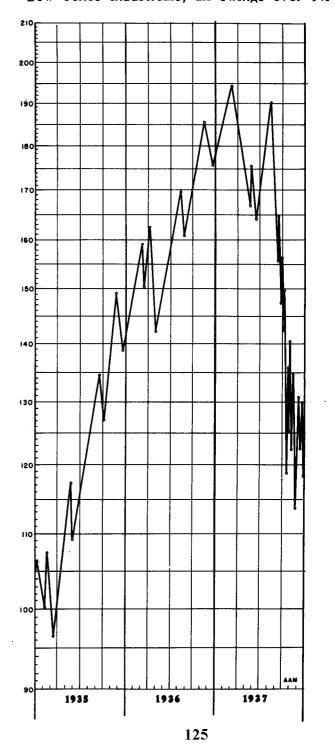
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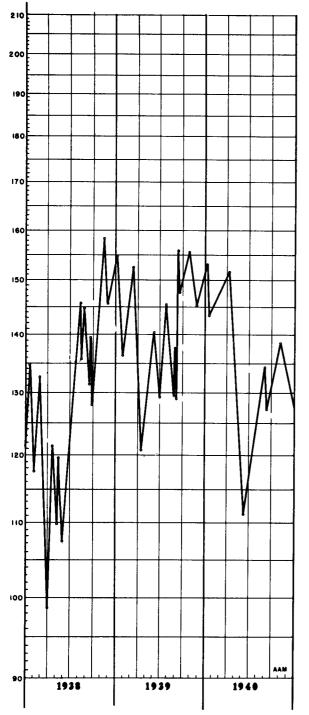




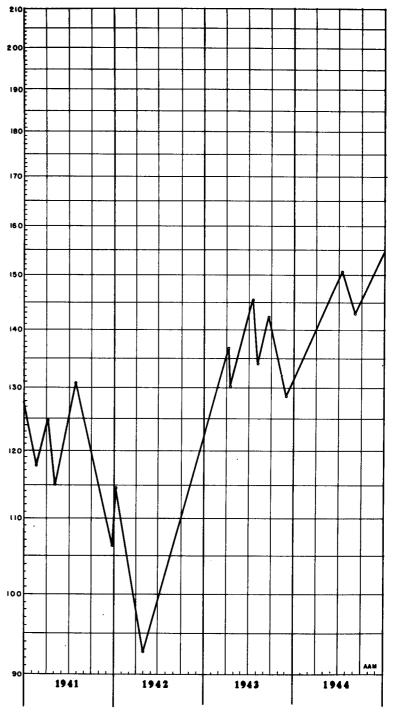
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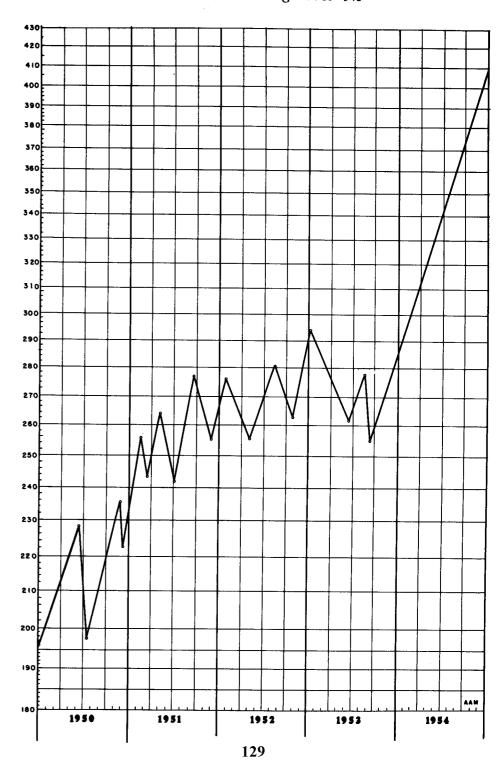


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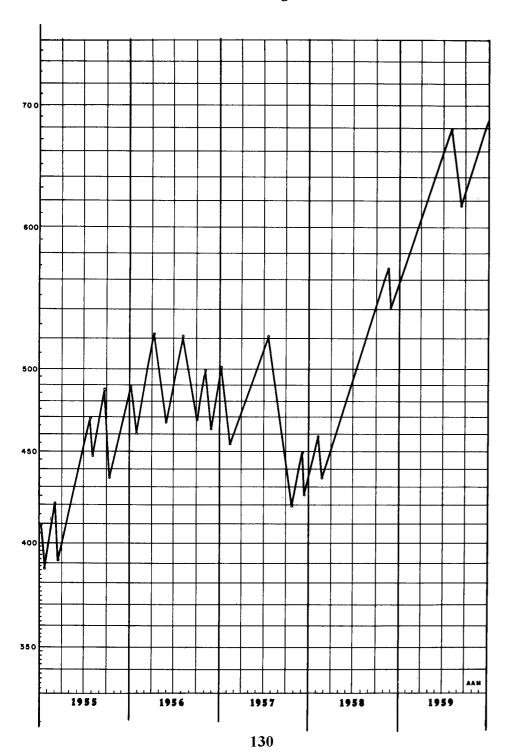


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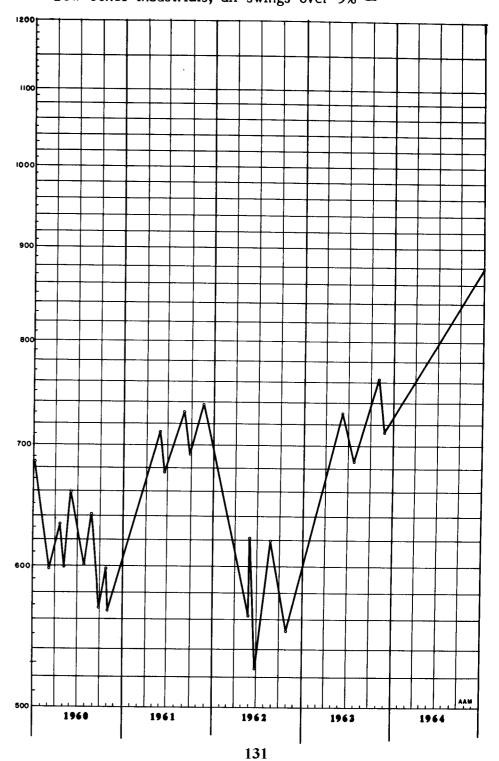
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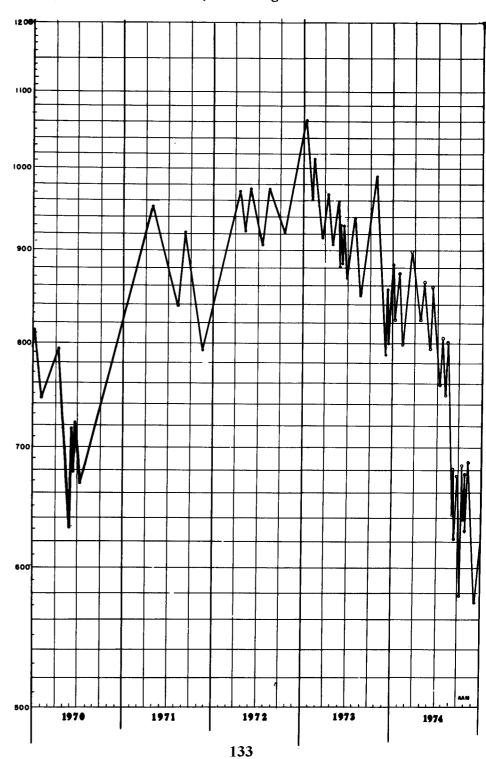


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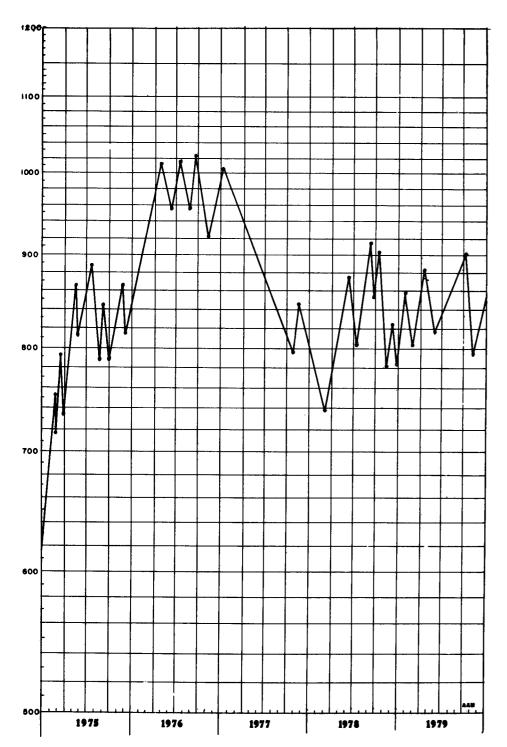


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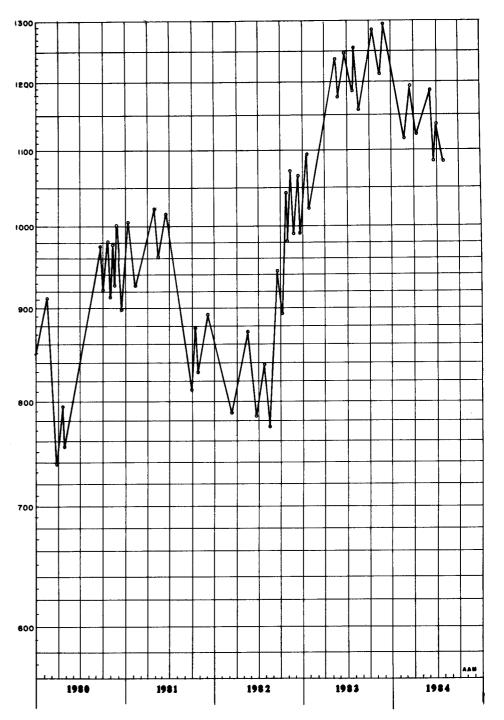
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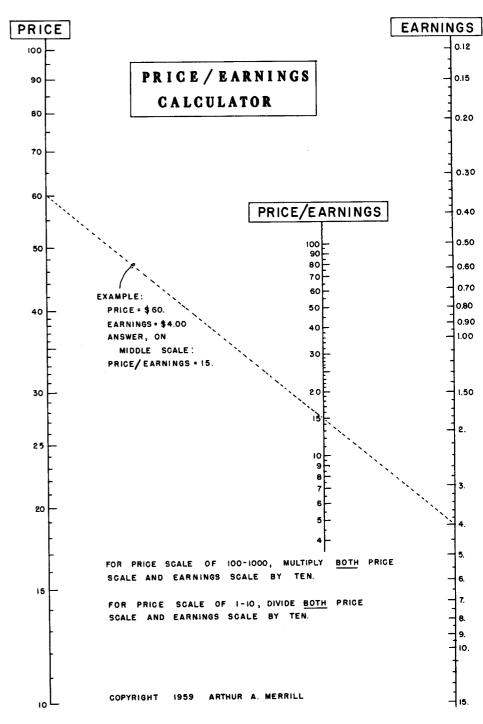
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- (2) Add "Day of the year" for the second date
- (3) Subtract "Day of the year" for the first date.
- (4) Remainder is the number of days between the two dates.

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Example: April 24,1962 to March 12, 1964

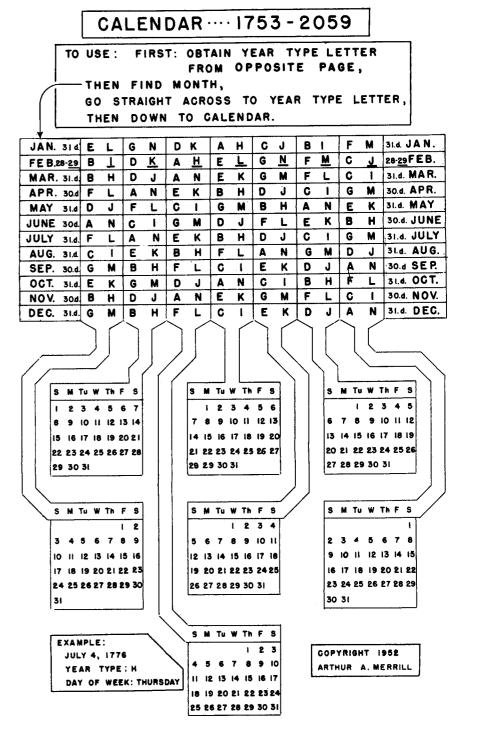
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- (2) + 12 (For March 12, 1964)
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- (3) 55 (For April 24, 1962)
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