Figure 5.3. Gold, Silver, and Diamonds: Long-Term Price Indices 1900–2014 (in real USD)

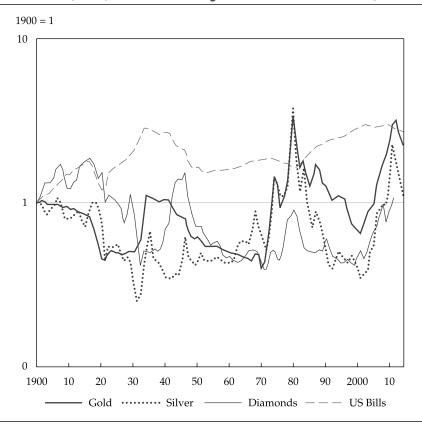


Table 5.3. Gold, Silver, and Diamonds: Return Distributions 1900–2014 (in real USD)

	Mean Returns		Dispersion of Annual Returns				
	Geometric	Arithmetic	S.D.	Lowest	Year(s)	Highest	Year(s)
Gold	0.7%	1.8%	16.2%	-33.2%	1980-81	75.8%	1979-80
Silver	0.1%	2.4%	22.7%	-54.6%	1980-81	88.4%	1978-79
Diamonds	0.0%	1.0%	13.9%	-33.3%	1946-47	42.4%	1941-42
US equities	6.5%	8.5%	20.1%	-37.6%	1931	56.3%	1933
US bonds	2.0%	2.5%	10.5%	-18.4%	1917	35.1%	1982
US bills	0.9%	1.0%	4.6%	-15.1%	1946	20.0%	1921

Note: For diamonds, the return data series ends in 2012 instead of 2014.

