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DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS IN MAY

(Based on retail value figures)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO

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Department store stocks at the end of May were 10 per cent above a year ago and, after seasonal adjustment, were higher than at the end of April. The adjusted index for May is 129, compared with 126 in April and 117 in May 1952.

Federal Reserve district	Indexes (1947-49 = 100)						Percentage change from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1953		1952	1953		1952		
	May	April	May	May	April	May		
Boston	p117	118	109	p120	122	112	- 2	+ 7
New York	116	114	r111	119	119	r113	0	+ 5
Philadelphia	120	r116	114	123	r126	116	- 2	+ 6
Cleveland	117	116	109	119	122	111	- 2	+ 7
Richmond	146	139	r129	150	151	r133	0	+13
Atlanta	p140	141	126	p141	148	127	- 4	+11
Chicago	123	123	114	125	128	116	- 2	+ 8
St. Louis	149	139	124	149	148	124	0	+20
Minneapolis	p118	114	106	p120	119	108	+ 1	+12
Kansas City	p141	133	124	p144	140	126	+ 3	+14
Dallas	139	138	r123	141	146	125	- 4	+13
San Francisco	142	134	128	147	141	132	+ 4	+11
United States	p129	126	r117	p132	132	120	0	+10

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes and percentage changes are based on value of stocks at end of month. For description and monthly indexes for the period January 1919 to October 1951 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1951, pp. 1463-1515. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin.