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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amount)

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Department store stocks at the end of January were slightly lower than in recent months after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 123 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with a level of 124 for the preceding six months and 119 for January a year ago.

Federal Reserve district	Index numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change January 1955 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1955		1954	1955		1954		
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.		
Boston	p120	r118	114	p108	r111	102	- 3	+ 5
New York	112	113	r110	100	103	98	- 4	+ 2
Philadelphia	119	r121	r115	104	r107	r100	- 3	+ 4
Cleveland	p115	120	115	p105	105	104	- 1	0
Richmond	p139	137	r132	p125	120	r119	+ 5	+ 6
Atlanta	p145	143	142	p132	126	130	+ 5	+ 2
Chicago	118	122	117	108	111	108	- 2	0
St. Louis	127	r117	117	107	103	99	+ 3	+ 8
Minneapolis	p114	118	106	p108	107	100	+ 1	+ 7
Kansas City	133	131	r129	122	116	118	+ 6	+ 4
Dallas	p127	133	r125	p114	121	r113	- 5	+ 1
San Francisco	129	129	123	117	107	111	+ 8	+ 5
United States	p123	124	r119	p111	110	108	+ 1	+ 3

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. Percentage changes are based on unadjusted indexes.