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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)
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Department store stocks at the end of February showed a slight further increase from the level of the preceding month after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 138 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 137 for January. The value of stocks continued at a record level, 11 per cent greater than for February last year.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change February 1956 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1956		1955	1956		1955		
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.		
Boston	128	124	118	120	113	111	+ 6	+ 8
New York	124	122	r114	116	108	r107	+ 8	+ 9
Philadelphia	131	r132	117	125	r115	112	+ 9	+12
Cleveland	124	123	114	119	110	109	+ 8	+ 9
Richmond	162	160	r145	150	143	r134	+ 5	+12
Atlanta	p164	158	147	p162	146	145	+11	+12
Chicago	131	131	118	124	118	r113	+ 5	+10
St. Louis	137	138	120	130	120	114	+ 8	+14
Minneapolis	132	133	116	127	r122	111	+ 4	+14
Kansas City	p148	148	129	p143	133	r126	+ 8	+14
Dallas	p158	158	r140	p154	140	r135	+ 9	+13
San Francisco	p147	149	r128	p136	131	r119	+ 4	+15
United States	p138	137	r124	p131	122	117	+ 7	+11

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes 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.