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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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The value of department store stocks was unchanged at the end of September after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The seasonally adjusted index is estimated at 143 per cent of the 1947-49 average, the same as the level of the preceding three months and three per cent greater than for September a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Sept. 1957 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1957		1956	1957		1956		
	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.		
Boston	128	125	132	132	121	136	+ 9	- 3
New York	134	134	r124	141	131	r131	+ 8	+ 8
Philadelphia	142	r141	135	149	r136	142	+10	+ 5
Cleveland	129	127	126	135	124	132	+10	+ 3
Richmond	p173	168	170	p179	171	175	+ 5	+ 2
Atlanta	170	172	167	177	168	174	+ 5	+ 2
Chicago	135	135	131	141	131	138	+ 8	+ 3
St. Louis	134	135	134	145	135	145	+ 7	0
Minneapolis	134	135	128	140	r132	134	+ 7	+ 5
Kansas City	p140	140	r147	p146	139	153	+ 5	- 5
Dallas	p164	170	r160	p174	168	r169	+ 3	+ 3
San Francisco	p153	157	148	p158	151	r153	+ 5	+ 3
United States	p143	143	139	p150	140	r146	+ 7	+ 3

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.