Hardware Store Logic Problem

Mr. Francis Yolancis went to the hardware store and bought 150 for $3.60. Ms. Chelsea Belsey then went to the same hardware store and bought 27648 for $6.00.

What did they buy?

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Don’t give up yet … keep thinking.

No, it’s not nuts, bolts, washers or nails …

Solution: They bought numbers … you know, the kind that you put on your mailbox or the front of your house to show your address.

Clues:

* There was no comma in the number 27648, so Ms. Belsey wasn’t buying 27, 648 of something.
* It says he “bought 150 for $3.60.” You would expect to see the words “of these” in this clue, as in “he bought 150 of these for $3.60.”
* The unit cost of these products doesn’t add up. The product would cost .024 cents apiece for 150 of them, and way less than that for 27, 648 of them.

Unit Price:

1, 5, and 0 are three numbers that cost $3.60, or $1.20 each

2, 7, 6, 4, and 8 are five numbers for $6.00 … also $1.20 each