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**H**E USED to peddle books from door to door  
And gadgets for the housewife to employ,  
He sold subscriptions, tackled any chore  
As long as there were prospects to annoy.  
But now he deals in other merchandise,  
Since talent has its price in Hollywood—  
Beauty and youth he shrewdly sells and buys  
And gets his price, as a wise salesman should.

He used to deal in neckties, socks and collars  
Economize, and count his meagre fees,  
But now he has some eighty thousand dollars  
Salted away in sound securities,  
For now he peddles flesh, forever bent  
Upon his premium of ten per cent.

*~Sydney King Russell*

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