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HE 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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