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**HOLLYWOOD  
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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