

THE LOST DOLLAR.

By *Von Ludwig*.

I lost a dollar bill one day ; it wasn't much,
 It wouldn't even pay the rate on one small [debt ;
 And yet it made me so dodgasted sore,
 I dreamed about it for a week or more,
 And if I went to buy a tie or collar,
 I'd think what more I could have had,
 Had I not lost that dollar.

I cut my smoking down, reduced my drinks,
 And padded my accounts with skill,
 Hoping to catch up with that lost bill.

No matter how I'd scratch and scrape,
 Figure it as I would in any shape,
 I still remained behind that cussed piastre.
 It loomed up disproportionate like huge [disaster,

Until one day after a plenteous dinner,
 Feeling quite satisfied, like any sinner,
 I fell to think of discounts and commissions,
 And laid the ghost of that lost buck,
 By charging it to Foreign Missions.

The virtue of the act gave me relief,
 Balanced my cash and stayed my grief,
 Now every date whereat I write
 A charge to Foreign Missions,
 I fear — that I've been *out* that night.

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