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### A Dollar on the Conscience.

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' Fifty-five cents a yard, I believe you said?' The customer was opening her purse.

Now fifty cents a yard was the price of the goods, and so Mr. Levering had informed the lady. She misunderstood him, however.

In the community, Mr. Levering had the reputation of being a conscientious, high-minded man. He knew that he was thus estimated, and self-complacently appropriated the good opinion as clearly his due.

It came instantly to the lip of Mr. Levering to say, 'Yes, fifty-five.' The love of gain was strong in his mind, and ever ready to accede to new plans for adding dollar to dollar. But, ere the words were uttered, a disturbing perception of something wrong restrained him.

'I wish twenty yards,' said the customer, taking it for granted that fifty-five cents was the price of the goods.

Mr. Levering was still silent; though he commenced promptly to measure off the goods.

'Not dear at that price,' remarked the lady.

'I think not,' said the storekeeper, 'I bought the case of goods from which this piece was taken very low.'