

The Almighty Dollar - song lyrics

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THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.

There's a certain coin in Yankeeland which Yankees all declare,
To be a little magic talisman;
A coin which causes heaps of strife and whitens lots of hair,
The self-same tricky magic talisman.
The girls are all in love with it as badly as the boys;
And if they cannot get it they kick up an awful noise;
The secret of great misery, the source of untold joys.
This simple looking magic talisman.

Chorus.

The dollar! the dollar! the almighty dollar!
The wondrous fascination in each rank and occupation,
The statesman, the parson, the workman and the scholar
Fall down and worship the almighty dollar.

The bobby and the cabby-aye, and railroad servants, too,
Are sweet upon the magic talisman;
The straight tip is the "tip" they like-yes, give them all their due,
They like to touch the magic talisman.
The red-tape customs officer will shut his watchful eyes,
Your boxes of tobacco he will always fail to criticize,
He'll act just like an angel in government disguise.
If you let him see the magic talisman.-Chorus.

A government appointment with an almost princely "screw "
Is dropped in, if you've got the talisman;
A sincere arrangement with the hours from ten to two,
Is got through a magic talisman.
And if you are a landlord, who collects a deal of rent
From poor and needy toilers who can never save a cent.
Your tenantry will vote for you to sit in parliament,
Because you hold that magic talisman.- Chorus.

The cream of good society will take you in its arms,
If you've only got the magic talisman;
If you are full of villainies, they'll count for manly charms,
If you have got the magic talisman.
They'll say a man is clever, when they know he's off his "dot,"
They swear like angels, when they know that he does not,
His whiskey blossomed "boke," they will call a beauty spot,
If he's only got the magic talisman.- Chorus.