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Then the young man, who had only a *paolo*<sup>35</sup> in his purse, touched it, saying:--

"Luna mia, bella Luna,  
Mia sempre bella Luna!"

"Moon, Moon, beautiful Moon,  
Ever be my lovely Moon!"

And so the young man, wishing to make money, bought and sold and made money,  
which he doubled every month.

But it came to pass that after a time, during one month he could sell nothing, so made  
nothing. So by night he said to the Moon--

"Luna mia, Luna bella!  
Che io amo più di altra stella!  
Dimmi perche e fatato  
Che io gnente (niente) ho guadagnato?"

"Moon, O Moon, whom I by far  
Love beyond another star,  
Tell me why it was ordained  
That I this month have nothing gained?"

Then there appeared to him a little shining elf, who said:--

"Tu non devi aspettare  
Altro che l'aiutare,  
Quando fai ben lavorare."

"Money will not come to thee,  
Nor any help or aid can'st see,  
Unless you work industriously."

Then added:--

Io non daro mai denaro  
Ma l'aiuto, mio caro!"

"Money I ne'er give, 'tis clear,  
Only help to thee, my dear!"

Then the youth understood that the Moon, like God and Fortune, does the most for  
those who do the most for themselves.

"Come l'appetito viene mangiando,  
E viene il guadagno lavorando e risparmiando."

<sup>35</sup> Fivepence Roman money.













