Baloney Belly Billy

From The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky

Baloney Belly Billy
swallows anything for cash.
If you offer him a penny,
he’ll chew paper from the trash.
He’ll eat guppies for a nickel,
for a dime, he’ll eat a bug,
and a quarter will convince him
that he ought to eat a slug.
I have seen him eat a button.
I have seen him eat a bee.
I have seen him eat three beetles
for a half dollar fee.
For a dollar he will gladly
eat a lizard off a fence,
just imagine what he’d swallow
for another fifty cents.

The Challenge...

If you had a budget of 25¢ (or 50¢, $1.00, $5.00, $10.00) what could you get Baloney Belly Billy to eat? Create a list. Show that the items on your list are equal to your budget. How much would it cost you to have BBB eat everything mentioned in the poem?