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\tracinglostchars $[\langle number \rangle]$ parameter

If this parameter is greater than zero, TEX will record an indication in the log file of each time that it drops an output character because that character does not exist in the current font. If \tracingonline is greater than zero, this information will also appear at your terminal. Plain TEX defaults it to 1 (unlike the others).

Example:

\tracinglostchars = 1
A {\nullfont few} characters.

produces in the log:

Missing character: There is no f in font nullfont!
Missing character: There is no e in font nullfont!
Missing character: There is no w in font nullfont!