Money

**Bad week for: Money laundering, after a South Korea bank only partially reimbursed a man who ran cash through his washing machine to rid it of coronavirus. The Bank of Korea said it could pay the man only half-value for 507 50,000-won notes, each originally worth $42. *(The Week magazine, August 14, 2020)***

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**According to the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, in 2003 passengers left $303,970 in loose change at airport metal detectors. The U.S. Treasury Department appropriates the money and returns it to circulation. *(Harry Bright & Harlan Briscoe, in So, Now You Know, p. 58)***

**Money is the root of all evil, and yet it is such a useful root that we cannot get on without it any more than we can without potatoes. *(Louisa May Alcott)***

**Carroll O’Connor and Jean Stapleton sing the All in the Family show’s opening theme seated at a piano because the producers couldn’t afford an orchestra. (Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 9)**

**There are many things in life that are more important than money. And they all cost money. *(Fred Allen)***

**A man using a bank's automatic teller machine received his cash and then sneezed twice. “You must be allergic to money,” said the woman behind him. “No,” came the quick reply. “I just suffer from withdrawal symptoms.” *(Nigel Renton)***

**Money amplifies our tendency to overreact, to swing from exuberance when things are going well to deep depression when they go wrong. *(Niall Ferguson, historian)***

**First man: “Do you ever feel you wasted your time in school? I mean, what good is my philosophy major doing me now?” Second man: “No. I have benefited from my art degree.” First man: “How has that been a help in business?” Second man: “The art of making money!” *(Art & Chip Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

**Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider for everything except happiness. *(The Wall Street Journal)***

**Father: “Must you always be asking for money? It's time you learned there are things that are more important than money.” Son: “Yeah? How do you buy them?” *(Art & Chip Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

**If you carry $61 around with you, you’re exactly average for this part of the world, according to surveytakers. But averages don’t mean much. It’s also known men habitually carry about twice as much cash as women. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Bahamians use $2,500 gold coins. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A man told his wife that he had finally balanced the checkbook. Impressed, she took a look: “Let's see . . . mortgage, $800; utilities, $125; phone, $35. Hey, what's this entry ESP for $615?” “Oh,” he said, “that means, ‘Error Some Place.’” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**The word “bank” comes from the Italian banca, meaning “bench.” In fifteenth-century Venice, Jewish moneylenders were not allowed to own property, so they conducted their business on benches in the piazza. *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in Are You Kidding Me?, p. 102)***

**Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant. *(P. T. Barnum)***

**Not too long ago, a London paper offered a prize for the best definition of money. This was the winning answer: “Money is an instrument that can buy you everything but happiness, and pay your fare to every place but heaven.” (American Way)**

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**The Bible doesn’t say that money is the root of all evil. It says “the love of money is the root of all evil.” 1 Timothy 6:10 (*Dr. Jon Speller*)**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Bidding was furious when the auctioneer announced, “A gentleman in this room has lost a wallet containing $10,000. If it is returned, he will pay a reward of $2,000.” From the back of the room came the cry, “I bid $2,500!” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

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**What’s called a “billion” in the United States is called a “milliard” in Great Britain. (L. M. Boyd)**

**How much is a billion dollars? If you spent $1,000 a day ($365,000 a year), it would take you nearly 3,000 years to spend it all! *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**Frank says to Ernest: “I wouldn't mind missing out on the booming economy so much if I wasn't always there when the shells landed.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**Coming home from school my 11-year-old asked for $6 to go bowling with his class. “Six dollars?” I said. “To go bowling?” “Yes,” he replied. “That includes shipping and handling us.” *(Patricia Natale, in Reader's Digest)***

**Two women went window-shopping. One saw an item she liked and fished in her handbag for a $20 bill. After rummaging around, she said, “Darn, I don't have enough.” Her friend said, “Sorry, I can't lend you anything -- I didn't bring any money with me. How come you ran short?” “Oh, I was a soft touch for a bum this morning.” “Really? And what did your husband have to say about that?” “He said, ‘Thanks.’” *(Elizabeth Sutherland)***

**It’s always a buyer’s market – if you have the money. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**Money, like prestige, sought directly is almost never gained. It must come as a by-product of some worthwhile objective or result which is sought and achieved for its own sake. (Robert Townsend)**

**When a man says money can do anything, that settles it; he hasn’t any. (Ed Howe)**

**Money can’t buy you friends, but you get a better class of enemy. *(Spike Milligin)***

**A minister was talking to a Sunday School class about things money can’t buy. “It can’t buy laughter,” he told them. “That comes from the soul. And it can’t buy love.” Then, driving his point home, he said, “What would you do if I offered you a thousand dollars not to love your mother and father?” A moment of silence ensued while the boys and girls mulled this over and then a small voice piped up, “How much would you offer me not to love my big sister?” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**In a rural school the math teacher asked this question: “If your father sold 1,500 bushels of grain for $2.00 a bushel, what would he get?” Tommy answered quickly: “A new car.” *(Jeannette Fidell, in Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, p. 106)***

**Andrew Carnegie, one of the richest Americans ever, practically became allergic to money as he grew older. He was offended, he said, just by the sight and touch of it, and never carried any. Because he had no money with him with which to pay the fare, Carnegie was once put off a London tram. *(Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 60)***

**Money is a protection, a cloak; it can buy one quiet and some sort of dignity. *(Willa Cather)***

**Between 9000 and 6000 B.C., without any other means of monetary units, primitive people used cattle as money. (Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 166)**

It was Abraham Lincoln’s Secretary of the Treasury who decided our money should be green. Salmon P. Chase also came up with, “In God We Trust.” *(L. M. Boyd)*

**Money, like vodka, turns a man into an eccentric. *(Anton Chekhov)***

**When your children are young, your finances, furniture, and china all go broke. *(Jacqueline Schiff, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**It is frequently said that children don't know the value of money. This is only partially true. They don't know the value of your money. Their money, they know the value of. *(Judy Markey, in You Only Get Married For the First Time Once)***

**Because poor people could not afford real silk, they tried to make other cloth look silky. Women would beat on cotton with sticks to soften the fibers. Then they rubbed it against a big stone to make it shiny. The shiny cotton was called “chintz.” Because chintz was a cheaper copy of silk, calling something “chintzy” means it is cheap and not of good quality. (Noel Botham, in The Amazing Book of Useless Information, p. 142)**

**Some friends of mine took their 5-year-old grandson, Christopher, to church one Sunday. Being a member of the choir, Bettie went and took her place with the choir while Christopher and his grandpa sat in the congregation. During the service, Bettie motioned several times to Christopher to poke Grandpa and keep him awake, but there was no response from him. After church, Bettie asked Christopher why he did not do what she had asked -- especially since she had given him 50 cents. Said Christopher: “Grandpa gave me $1 to let him sleep.” *(Camp Leech, in Reminisce magazine)***

**When they closed Denver's old Stapleton Airport, the gift shop had a big clearance sale -- everything was 90% off. This was great! You could get a bottle of aspirin for $20. *(Jay Leno, Tonight Show - NBC)***

**Billy yells at his little brother: “Not again, PJ! A coin in your mouth!” Billy then says to his mother: “PJ musta heard somebody say, ‘Put your money where your mouth is.’” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Ziggy says to the bank loan officer: “I don't have any collateral, but here's a pre-approved credit card offer!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)*The son says to his father: “The college I picked out costs $22,000 a year -- that's only 6 cents per minute.” *(Randy Glasbergen cartoon)***

**Economists say a college education adds thousands of dollars to a man’s income -- which he then spends sending his son to college. *(Earl Wilson, in Publishers-Hall Syndicate)***

**I was explaining to my first-grade class that different combinations of coins can equal the same amount. To illustrate the point, I offered one boy a pencil and told him it cost 25 cents. He handed me a quarter. “That's right,” I said, “but what's another way to pay for it?” Chris thought for a moment, and then replied, “MasterCard!” *(Pat Wrobel, in Ladies' Home Journal)***

**Remember that money is the consolidation of the loving, living energy of divinity, and that the greater the realization and expression of love, the freer will be the inflow of that which is needed to carry forward the work. *(Djwhal Khul, The Tibetan Master)*  
The car dealer says to Blondie: “Why don't I figure out a nice convenient plan for you? Where you can make, say, four easy payments, of eight thousand dollars each.” *(Dean Young & Denis Lebrun, in Blondie comic strip)***

**Charlie Brown: “Good morning. Would you like to buy some cookies?” Lucy: “You're not a Girl Scout.” Charlie Brown: “Who said I was a Girl Scout? I'm not a Boy Scout, either, or a Brownie, or a soccer player, or a gymnast or anything!” Lucy: “Where'd you get the cookies?” Charlie Brown: “They were left over from my lunch.” *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**One newborn baby in the hospital nursery to another: “You know what’s cool? We’re all born with an automatic $5,000 credit limit.” *(Mick Stevens, in USA Weekend)***

**Nothing is easier than spending public money. It does not appear to belong to anybody. The temptation is overwhelming to bestow it on somebody. *(Calvin Coolidge)***

**Heart: “Hot chocolate! I can't wait to get to dance class today, Mom. Miss Lacey says she has an extra-special surprise for our winter recital! What do you think it could be?” Mom: “Maybe it's recital costumes that cost under seventy dollars. That would be a surprise verging on miraculous.” Heart: “Sheesh, Mom! You're so cheap! It's not like I never use my costumes after the recitals! Didn't I just wear that sequined American flag one to church?” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**Men make counterfeit money; in many more cases, money makes counterfeit men. *(Sydney J. Harris, American journalist)*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**I hate it when salesclerks call up to see if your credit card is good. I always feel like they're talking about me. You won't believe what he's buying now. It's some kind of yellow thing. I don't even know what it is, we've never sold one before. Get down here right away. I'll try and stall him. *(Jerry Seinfeld)***

**Herman says to the man behind the sale desk: “Which credit card do you want -- R. G. Williams, Miss S. Peters, or the Rev. J. Thomas?” *(Jim Unger, in Classic Herman comic strip)***

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**Each of the suits in a deck of cards represents the four major pillars of the economy in the Middle Ages: hearts represented the Church, spades represented the military, clubs represented agriculture, and diamonds represented the merchant class. *(Noel Botham, in The Book of Useless Information, p. 168)***

**Finance, like time, devours its own children. *(Honore de Balzac)***

**A co-worker of mine, who was a new father, was bemoaning the quantity and high cost of paper diapers that the new arrival required. “Now you know,” a more experienced father interjected, “why they call it disposable income.” *(T. A. Clark)***

**I’ve got all the money I need . . . if I die by 4 o’clock this afternoon. *(Henny Youngman)***

**As a general rule, nobody has money who ought to have it. *(Benjamin Disraeli)***

**Ziggy reads the title of the book in the window “Do What You Love – The Money Will Follow” and says to himself: “Every time I try that . . . the money can’t keep up!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Money does not buy you happiness, but lack of money certainly buys you misery. *(Daniel Kahneman, psychologist)***

**One child says to the others in the family: “If the economy doesn't get better I think Daddy might have to let a couple of us go.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Money doesn’t grow on trees, and if it did, somebody else would own the orchard. *(Lewis Grizzard)*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**The word "dollar" comes from the Czech currency thaler which was first minted in 1519. Thaler (phonetically "tarler") was mispronounced in England as "dollar." (Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 166)**

**Since its establishment by Congress in 1913, the Federal Reserve has overseen a 98% drop in the value of the U.S. dollar. In other words, today’s dollar would have been worth 2 cents in 1913. Before the Fed’s establishment, the purchasing power of the dollar remained constant for over a century. *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in That’s A Fact, Jack!, p. 126)***

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**The dollar sign is a modification of the figure eight as it appeared on the old Spanish "pieces of eight." *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It's a Weird World, p. 12)***

**Morris, a city boy, moved to the country and bought a donkey from an old farmer for $100. The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day. But the next day, the farmer drove up and said, “I have bad news. The donkey is dead.” Morris asked for his money back but the farmer said he'd already spent it. “OK. Just unload the donkey anyway, I'm going to raffle him off.” “You can't raffle off a dead donkey!” replied the farmer. “Sure I can,” Morris said. “Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.” A month later the farmer saw Morris and asked, “What happened with that dead donkey?” “I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at $2 apiece and made a profit of $998.” “Didn't anyone complain?” “Just the guy who won. So I gave him his $2 back.” *(Denver Rocky Mountain News)***

**A man went into a bar and ordered a double. He drank it straight down and ordered three more. “You know you really shouldn't be drinking so much,” the bartender said. “I know,” the man replied, “especially with what I've got.” “What do you have?" asked the bartender. “One dollar,” said the man. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**You are what you eat, so I eat only rich foods. *(Argus poster)***

**Economists are the people that the Lord put on earth to make astrologers look good. *(Pete du Pont)***

**Albert Einstein was once asked what he thought was the greatest human invention. His reply, “compound interest.” *(Moore & Company Realtor)***

**Money often costs too much. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)**

**I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something. *(Jackie Mason)***

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**Money may not be everything but it does keep you in touch with your children. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**They who are of the opinion that money will do everything may very well be suspected to do everything for money. *(George Savile, English statesman)***

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**Frank says to Ernest: “It doesn't seem fair! My take-home pay has to be taken home, but my bills already know the way.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**Betsy: “If you have $2, and you ask your father for $4, how much will you have?” Billy: “Two dollars.” Betsy: “You don't know your math.” Billy: “You don't know my father.” *(Lisa McNease, in Reader's Digest)***

**Like fire, money itself is neither good nor evil. It is neutral, it's character determined by the eye of the perceiver, the hand of the user. *(Jerrold Mundis, in Making Peace With Money)***

**The first coins issued by authority of the United States government were minted in 1787. These pennies were inscribed with the plainspoken motto, “Mind your own business.” *(Noel Botham, in The Book of Useless Information, p. 111)***

**One businessman to another: “You might say my salary goes into five figures -- my wife and four daughters.” *(Dale McFeatters, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)***

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**Money isn’t everything as long as you have enough. *(Malcolm Forbes)***

**Money isn't everything, according to those who have it. *(Malcolm Forbes, in***

***The Sayings of Chairman Malcolm)* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  
During the period when Henry Ford and Walter Chrysler were starting their companies, more than thirteen hundred automobile factories were started by promoters who were going to get rich quickly! All but a handful failed. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**One night, I went out to eat at a Chinese restaurant with my wife and our five-year-old daughter and four-year-old son. After we finished our meal, the waitress brought our check and four fortune cookies. I leaned over to help my daughter open hers. “No, Daddy, let me do it,” she said. “I might be an instant winner!” *(Steven P. Alexander)*A lady was berating her butcher for charging a dollar a pound for frankfurters. “Such a high price!” she told him. “The butcher shop on the next block charges only 75 cents!” “Why don't you buy from him, then?” he asked. “He was all out of them.” “Oh, well, then,” he replied. “When we're out of them, we only charge 50 cents a pound.” *(John W. Klase)***

**He that is of the opinion that money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**While traveling in France on business, I managed to order lunch in French, relying on my translation dictionary. The waiter seemed impressed, then smiled as he thumbed through a few pages of my book. Later, when I paid my bill, I gave him a large franc note and motioned for him to wait while I scanned my guide for a comment appropriate for the wonderful meal. He leaned over and pointed to a certain French phrase. The English translation: “Keep the change.” *(Lisa Swanson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Money is the fringe benefit of a job you like. *(Secretary's Memory Jogger)***

**If thou wouldst keep money, save money; if thou wouldst reap money, sow money. (Thomas Fuller)**

**Mom: “So you had fun at Granma and Granpa's?” Son: “Yeah! Granma hugged me so much I thought I was going to suffocate, and Granpa gave me all the loose change he had in his pocket!” Mom: “I wish I could've been there.” Son: “I wonder how much Granpa would've paid you?” *(Jerry Bittle, in Shirley & Son comic strip)***

**Fun facts about currency: The Bureau of Engraving and Printing produced $9.3 billion in 1995. In 1994, 7.2 billion pieces of U.S. currency worth $76.6 billion were shredded by the Federal Reserve. The average life span of $1 and $5 bills is 18 months, $50 and $100 bills can last eight to 10 years. Nine bills in every million are counterfeit. If found, they are turned over to the Secret Service. *(Treasury Department, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Federal Reserve Board; USA Today research by Tammi Wark)***

**Money is a singular thing. It ranks with love as man's greatest source of joy -- and with death as his greatest source of anxiety. (John Kenneth Galbraith, in Money: Whence It Came, Where It Went)**

**In my early driving days, I had the bad habit of frequently running out of gas. Once, I was stranded at the mall and called my father for help. When he arrived, I was under the hood, poking around. “I think there's something preventing the gas from reaching the carburetor,” I said. “Yeah,” he shot back. “A five dollar bill.” (Salvatore Fede)**

**About that currency in your pocket. Its paper contains germicides and fungicides and its ink contains antibacterial agents. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Mom: “Judah gave you five dollars to tell me I should go out with him again?! Of all the nerve.” Heart: “Wait, Mom! I would've anyway. See, I really do like Judah, and I'm just happy to see you finally getting over Dad and going out on a date with someone. Plus, if you show up for a second date, I get ten more bucks." *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**Money is God in action. *(Raymond Charles Barker)***

**In Roman mythology Juno Regina was supposed to be the wife of Jupiter and queen of the heavens. Juno assumed many characters and had a host of divine responsibilities. Most important of all, she was the goddess of warning. The Romans were so grateful to Juno for telling them about the dangers ahead on various occasions that the2 built a temple to her on the Capitoline Hill and when coinage was devised they set their mint in her temple, and as Juno Moneta, the goddess became guardian of the finances. Her name Moneta was derived from the Latin word moneo “warn,” and finally entered Old French as moneie, and thus eventually became our word money. *(Wilfred Funk)***

**Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time. *(Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe)***

**Very early in life, I learned that good hard cash makes a nice soft place on which to fall. *(Milton Grant, in National Enquirer)***

**Money is a good servant but a bad master. (*French proverb)***

**If money grew on trees, it might not be such a problem getting someone to rake the leaves. *(Lorene Workman, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Husband: “What have you been doing with all the grocery money I give you?” Wife: “Turn sideways and look in the mirror.” *(The American Legion Magazine)***

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**Barber: “I haven't seen you in a while, Artie.” Artie: “That's because it took three months for my last haircut to grow out.” Barber: “Then you really got your money's worth.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**Crankshaft: “Your last customer had a full head of hair, and yet you're going to charge me the same amount you charged him.” Barber: “I kind of shoot for an average, Ed. I lose money on his haircut, but I make it up on yours.” *(Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayer, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

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**A farmer came into town last Saturday night and he asked how much a hamburger was. The waiter said: “$1.50.” The farmer leaned over to his wife and whispered: “Bessie, do you realize we've got a cow home worth $65,000?” *(Robert Orben)*  
A father took his teenage daughter, who had been visiting his office, to an elegant restaurant for lunch. She ordered a hamburger. “Why not order something different or unusual?” urged her father. “But, daddy,” she said. “I never ate a twelve-dollar hamburger before!” *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**An elderly man asked his daughter and son-in-law to take him to buy a new hat. The daughter took her husband aside: “I'm worried he doesn't have enough money,” she said. “Let's ask the clerk to tell him any hat he chooses costs $15, and we'll pay the difference.” Grandpa picked out a hat and was billed $15. After he left, his son-in-law paid the other $45. “What a bargain!” Grandpa said later. “The last hat I bought there cost me $60!” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Money’s hidden cost: Yet more evidence for the universal truth that money does not buy happiness. A study by Belgian psychologists found that richer people aren’t as capable as poorer ones of savoring small pleasures, be it a piece of chocolate or the thought of completing a task or enjoying a hike. A group of volunteers from all economic strata were asked to ponder scenarios in which they traveled, took a sunny walk, or tasted a bar of chocolate. Questioned afterward, those with more money derived less pleasure from these imagined experiences. More provocatively, subjects who were shown an image of a stack of money at the start of the experiment showed an equally diminished ability to savor small pleasures. When they were given an actual piece of chocolate to eat, those who’d seen the picture of the money first gobbled down the candy 50 percent faster than their counterparts – in 32 seconds on average, compared with 45 seconds – and afterward expressed less satisfaction with it. The results suggest that above poverty level, the acquisition of money has little bearing on one’s happiness, says DiscoverMagazine.com, because wealth makes “delights that were already assessable seem less enticing.” *(The Week magazine, June 18, 2010)***

**“Well, Mary” said the farmer, finishing dinner with his wife in New York, “near as I can figure, based on the price of the ham dinner you just ate, we've got a hog back home that's worth at least $137,000.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**A lot of homeowners have discovered that trees grow on money. *(Fred Houston, in Look magazine)***

**A schoolteacher was impressing her pupils about being honest in all things. “Suppose,” she asked the class, “you were walking along Main Street and found a briefcase that contained $500,000, a half million dollars in cash! What would you do?” Little Johnny in the back row raised both his hands and the teacher called on him. “Well,” said Johnny, “if it belonged to a poor family, I would return it!” *(Railway Clerk Interchange)***

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**A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. *(Bob Hope)***

**I love to go to Washington – if only to be near my money. *(Bob Hope)***

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**Overheard: I finally figured out how government works. The Senate gets the bill from the House. The President gets the bill from the Senate. And we get the bill for everything. *(Current Comedy)***

**When I heard the sound of the ice-cream wagon’s bell and saw my front door wide open, I suspected that my 2 1/2 year-old son had run outside. As I caught up with him, I saw that he was clutching something in his hand. It was my credit card. *(Doreen Guarino, in Reader’s Digest)*  
Cashier: “Before I cash your check, do you have any ID with your name and address on it?” Mother Goose: “Just this letter from the bank for insufficient funds.” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)***

**After leaving the car repair garage, Ziggy says to himself: “They balanced my tires and imbalanced my checkbook!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**I have finally reached financial independence -- no one will lend me money. *(The American Legion magazine)*  
Successfully defending his client in a lawsuit, the attorney presented him with an invoice. “You can pay $500 now,” the lawyer said, “then $212 a month for the next 36 months.” “That sounds like buying a car.” The lawyer nodded. “I am.” *(Parts Pups)***

**There are few ways in which a man can be more innocently employed**

**than in getting money. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**Men who kiss their wives goodbye in the morning earn higher salaries than men who don’t. *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in That’s A Fact, Jack!, p. 124)***

**During the California gold rush of 1849, miners sent their laundry to Honolulu for washing and pressing. Due to the extremely high costs in California during these boom years, it was deemed more feasible to send the shirts to Hawaii for servicing. (Noel Botham, in The Amazing Book of Useless Information, p. 143)**

**There's only two kinds of people in the world -- the kind of people who think there's such a thing as enough money, and the kind of people who have money. (Fran Lebowitz, humorist)**

**Al: “Lars, can you lend me twenty?” Lars: “Possibly, unless you're talking about dollars.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

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**The 212-year-old New York Stock Exchange is merging with an all-electronic company so it can make faster trades. This way, instead of waiting hours, you'll be able to lose your money within seconds. *(Jay Leno, 2005)***

**Andre Champagne has announced a new screw-on top that keeps their $4 bottle of champagne bubbling for days. That's good news -- you wouldn't want to rush through a $4 bottle of champagne. *(Jay Leno, 2005)***

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**Wife: “Donald, when was the last time we received a letter from our son?” Husband : “Just a second, honey, I'll go look in the checkbook.” *(Die Weltwoche, Switzerland)***

**Driving together in the car, my ten-year-old son and I were listening to an inspirational cassette tape. The sermon began, “If you knew that you could not fail, what would you do with your life today?” “Easy," said my son. “I'd enter the lottery.” *(Linda H. Sleeper, in Reader's Digest)*  
\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* A woman walks into a bank and says to the lending officer, “I'd like to talk to you about a loan.” “Great!” the banker replies. “How much can you give us?" *(Joey Adams)***

**While attending Washington State University in Pullman, I had an appointment to apply for a student loan. Not knowing what to wear, I turned to my roommate for help. “I want to look poor enough to get the loan,” I said.  “No,” she replied, “you want to look rich enough to pay it back.” *(Constance L. Barr, in Reader’s Digest)***

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**Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math. *(Bumper sticker)***

**They're going to have a million-dollar lottery in Arkansas. If you win the lottery there, you get one dollar a year for the next million years. *(The Saturday Evening Post)***

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**I don’t like money actually, but it quiets my nerves. (Joe Louis, The great heavyweight boxer)**

**I could make a better living, if they'd only pay me more than they think I'm worth. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)*  
  
While visiting the Denver Mint, our guide ushered us down a narrow mezzanine overlooking large rooms where huge presses were punching out various denominations of coins into bins. When our guide noted that each bin contained more than $45,000, a woman in our group interrupted. “See, dear,” she told her husband, “they do make it faster than I can spend it.” *(Joseph K. Sfair, in Reader's Digest)***

**There is nothing so habit-forming as money. (Don Marquis)**

**Martha Stewart is under house arrest for the next five months. Her activities will be limited to doing things that will make her even richer. *(Jay Leno, 2005)***

**Money is like a sixth sense without which you cannot make a complete use of the other five. *(W. Somerset Maugham, author)***

**Money may not be everything but it does keep you in touch with your children. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The chief value of money lies in the fact that one lives in a world in which it is overestimated. *(H. L. Mencken)***

**When my daughter was home during college break, she came in for an eye exam at the optometrist's office that I manage. I gave her some paperwork to fill out, and had to laugh when I read what she had written under method of payment: “My mom.” *(Shirley Kudrna, in Reader's Digest)***

**A lot of people will also urge you to put some money in a bank, and in fact – within reason – this is very good advice. But don’t go overboard. Remember, what you are doing is giving your money to somebody else to hold on to, and I think that it is worth keeping in mind that the businessmen who run banks are so worried about holding on to things that they put little chains on all their pens. *(Miss Piggy)***

**The lady in the returns department at the department store says to Ziggy: “Yes, we advertised a money-back guarantee, but we didn't say how much money!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**The original Monopoly game, called the Landlord’s Game, was intended as a critique of capitalism. *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in Are You Kidding Me?, p. 67)***

**Dolly says to Billy: “Paper money is more expensive than jingle money.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Anyone can squander money, and anyone can hoard it. But the most difficult thing in the world is to know how to spend it. *(Emlyn Williams, writer)***

**Money is mourned with deeper sorrow than friends or kindred. *(Juvenal, Roman poet)***

**One night, a mugger jumped into the path of a well-dressed gentleman, relates Luke Swenson from Gillette, Wyoming. “Give me your money!” he demanded. “You can’t do this to me,” the man responded indignantly. “I’m a United States congressman!” “In that case,” the mugger said, “give me my money.” *(Country magazine)***

**During the college speech course I taught, I spoke about a Chinese student who, after moving to the United States, decided she wanted an English name to honor her new home. “She chose the name Patience,” I told the class, “because she wanted to be reminded to be patient. Every time someone called her name, the message was reinforced.” I asked the students what names they would select for themselves. After considering the question, one young man raised his hand and said, “Rich.” *(Joan Walden, in Reader's Digest)***

**The professor of our Introduction to Marketing class was making a point about client needs. As an example, he held up the book required for the course. “When you buy this expensive book, what are you looking for?” he asked. “Good information,” answered one student. “Clarity,” said another. These responses were followed by silence. Then someone called out, “Resale value.” *(Nick Somaiya, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The only way not to think about money is to have a great deal of it. *(Edith Wharton)***

**Why do dimes, quarters and half dollars have notched edges, while pennies and nickels do not? The U.S. Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and half dollars are notched because they used to contain silver. Pennies and nickels aren’t notched because the metals they contain are not valuable enough to shave. *(The PassTime Paper)***

**Dogbert: “From now on, I’m going to charge anybody who gives me their opinion. People are idiots. If I have to listen to their opinions, I deserve compensation.” Dilbert: “You’re forgetting that ‘from the mouth of babes . . . comes . . . something good.’” Dogbert: “That’ll cost you a buck.” *(Scott Adams, in The Dilbert Zone comic strip)***

**After looking at Ziggy's financial statement, the loan officer says to Ziggy: “I'm afraid money is out of the question, but how about a nice ball-point pen?” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Because of shortages of suitable metal for coinage, the Chinese were the first people to issue paper currency in 700 A.D. By 1455, the paper money was withdrawn in an effort to curb inflation. (Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 166)**

**If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to. *(Dorothy Parker)***

**Most of us would be glad to pay as we go, if we could only catch up on where we’ve been. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Overheard at a California elementary school: “Now remember, class, if you don't learn penmanship, when you grow up you'll have to pay cash for everything.” *(Edward T. Graney, in Reader's Digest*)**

**My husband and I had just finished tucking our four young ones into bed one evening when we heard sobbing coming from three-year-old Eric’s room. Rushing to his side, we found him crying hysterically. He had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind. Desperate to calm him, my husband palmed a penny that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to pull it from Eric’s ear. Eric was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from my husband’s hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully, “Do it again, Dad!” *(Marcia Wood, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Dolly asks: “A penny saved is a penny earned, but what can I buy with it?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**During the Middle Ages, peppercorns were accepted as money. *(Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 232)***

**One day some classmates and I at Kennesaw State College in Marietta, Ga., were lamenting the cost of long-distance phone service and debating the relative advantages of AT&T, MCI and Sprint. “I’ve found CTC to be the cheapest plan around,” offered one of my friends. “CTC?” I asked. “Who are they?” “You know,” he responded. “Call Them Collect.” *(Re Thorn, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Canada has introduced a plastic $100 bill. The polymer-based currency is said to last 2.5 times as long as paper bills and will be far harder to counterfeit. Plastic $50 bills will go into circulation in March, followed by $20, $10, and $5 bills in 2013. *(USA Today, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 2, 2011)***

**My wife asked for plastic surgery; I cut up her credit cards. *(Rodney Dangerfield)***

**Joey was only five years old but very sharp. The neighbors would play a game with him, offering him a nickel and a dime in their open palms and asking which he would rather have. Joey always chose the larger coin. “What’s the matter with you?” an older boy asked him one day. “Don’t you know that a dime is twice a good as a nickel?” “Sure,” answered Joey, “but business is business. Why should I spoil a paying proposition?” *(Henry D. Spalding, in Jewish Laffs)***

**Playing cards became the first paper currency of Canada in 1685, when the French governor used them to pay off some war debts. *(Noel Botham, in The Book of Useless Information, p. 110)***

**Money is always there but the pockets change; it is not in the same pockets after a change, and that is all there is to say about money. *(Gertrude Stein, American author)***

**There’s no money in poetry, but then there’s no poetry in money either. *(Robert Graves, English poet)***

**A letter written in a childish scrawl came to the post office addressed to “God”. A postal employee, not knowing exactly what to do with the letter, opened it and read: “Dear God, my name is Jimmy. I am six years old. My father is dead and my mother is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us $500?” The postal employee was touched. He showed the letter to his fellow workers and all decided to kick in a few dollars each and send it to the family. They were able to raise $300. A couple of weeks later they received a second letter. The boy thanked God, but ended with this request: “Next time would you please deliver the money directly to our home? If you send it through the post office they deduct $200.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The travel agent says to Ziggy: “If that's your budget, we have a plan where you stay at home and we mail you postcards!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**It might be proven that money is the root of all good. *(Ivy Conner)***

**When you ain't got no money, you gotta get an attitude. *(Richard Pryor)***

**A college public relations class was discussing the dos and don'ts of public speaking. The professor mentioned that one of the no-nos was a man jingling the change in his pocket as he speaks in front of a group, which she said was distracting. Hoping to illustrate her point, she asked for a volunteer, saying, “I need a man with coins in his pocket.” From the back of the class a young woman yelled, “Honey, so do I.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Sister says to brother while he is rummaging through Mom’s purse: “Be careful. Dad says Mom’s purse is a bottomless pit. Money goes in there and it’s never heard from again.” *(Michael Fry, in Committed comic strip)***

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**Billy asks his Dad: “Daddy, could I borrow a quarter and not pay it back?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**As a treat, I gave each of my two grandsons a coin to get a trinket from a vending machine. “You gave me the wrong quarter,” Benjamin, 5, grumped. “I wanted the toy Brandon got.” *(Kathy Durkin, in Country Woman magazine)***

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**As Dad walks toward the lemonade stand, Billy says to him: “You can quit your job, Daddy. We made 75 cents.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Money may not buy happiness, but I’d rather cry in a Jaguar than on a bus. *(Francoise Sagan, author)***

**People say that money is not the key to happiness, but I always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made. *(Joan Rivers)***

**After talking with the bank teller, Ziggy says to himself: “I just rolled over my account, and now it's playing dead!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Bank teller says to Ziggy: “Guess what, Sir! We rolled your account over and found somebody else's account underneath it!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Money is the root of all evil. In fact, the saying goes, "For the love of money is the root of all evil." That's what Paul wrote to Timothy in I Timothy 6:10. There is a difference. *(Tom Burnam, in Reader's Digest)***

**Money is the root of all good. *(Rudolf Wanderone)***

**Money is the seed of money. *(Jean Jacques Rousseau)***

**To royalty, pocket cash isn’t money so much as an accessory of dress, like a pocket handkerchief. After the death of King George IV of Great Britain, attendants found in his personal effects some 500 wallets, each having a small amount of cash. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*The Romans used to pay their legions in salt, or salarium, hence the word “salary.” *(Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 232)***

**The word “salary” comes from the Latin salarium, meaning “payment in salt.” Roman soldiers were paid partially in salt, a highly valuable commodity at the time. *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in That’s A Fact, Jack!, p. 125)***

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**Count reminiscences like money. *(Carl Sandburg, in Complete Poems)***

**Billy says to Grandma who has just given him a dollar bill: “Thanks, Grandma. Sure, I'll save it for the future. I won't spend it 'til tomorrow.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Dollars and sense should go together. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Why are many coin shaped like pigs? Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense, orange clay called pygg. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as “pygg banks”. When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled pig. *(The PassTime Paper)***

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**Money is the most important thing in the world. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Lack of money is the root of all evil. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

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**Las Vegas is the only place where money really talks – it says “Goodbye.” *(Frank Sinatra)***

**When people ask me if I have any spare change, I tell them I have it at home in my spare wallet. *(Nick Arnette)***

**Every time you spend money, you’re casting a vote for the kind of world you want. *(Anna Lappe, environmentalist)***

**Son: “Mom, can I borrow fifteen bucks?” Mom: “What for?” Son: “There's a good song on this CD.” Mom: “One song? Can't you just down-load it?” Son: “I thought you said that was stealing.” Mom: “It is stealing, but putting out a fifteen-dollar CD with one good song on it is grand theft!” *(Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman, in Zits comic strip)***

**Money still can't buy happiness: By most measures, the U.S. economy "looks pretty good," said Heather Long in The Washington Post. GDP growth is on the rise, jobs are plentiful, and inflation is stable. What's not to like? Plenty, it seems. Americans are "more glum now than they were during the Great Recession," according to the Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index. "In a surprise to the researchers," 2017 turned out to be the worst year for well-being since 2008. Twenty-one states had "statistically significant declines" in well-being compared with 2016. People are "not content in their jobs and relationships," with many blaming "politics and polarization" for feelings of "anxiety and bitterness toward work colleagues and family." Even with a growing economy, financial fears haven't dissipated. In a poll by Chapman University, half of respondents said one of their top fears is "not having enough money for the future." *(The Week magazine, April 13, 2018)***

**Today's stock market report: Helium was up, feathers were down. Paper was stationary. Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading. Knives were up sharply. Cows steered into a bull market. Pencils lost a few points. Hiking equipment was trailing. Elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline. Weights were up in heavy trading. Light switches were off. Mining equipment hit rock bottom. Diapers remain unchanged. Shipping lines stayed at an even keel. The market for raisins dried up. Coca Cola fizzled. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**First student: “Someday soon, I'm hoping to have stress caused by ‘sudden wealth syndrome.’” Second student: “Me, too!” *(Jim Berry, in Berry's World comic strip)***

**The lady goes to the counter and tells the bank teller: “I'd like to switch my checking account to one with money in it.” *(The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)***

**Wife: “Ralph, we should go to Tahiti!” Ralph: “Do I look like I'm made out of money?” Wife, observing his large body, says back to her husband: “If you were made out of money, we'd be billionaires!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

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**Money talks because there are so many people eager to listen. (Grit)**

**Money talks all right, but it never seems to talk about anything but itself! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Ziggy: “They say ‘money talks’! I guess that explains why my salary is such a joke!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Money still talks, but it has to catch its breath more often. (Parts Pups)**

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Almost any man knows how to earn money, but not one in a million knows how to spend it. *(Henry David Thoreau, American writer)*

**Grandma: “A penny for your thoughts.” Billy: “I was thinkin' I wish I had a dime.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)*  
My grandson Andrew was thrilled with the money he found under his pillow after he lost his first tooth. “Now I know what the tooth fairy looks like!” he announced. “Oh?” said his mother, thinking he must have seen her slipping the money under his pillow. Andrew held up his shiny one-dollar coin with the profile of Susan B. Anthony on it. “See! There she is!” *(Margaret Stringer, in Reader's Digest)***

**Ziggy says to the bank teller: “It's nothing personal. I just want to transfer my account to another bank because I need a new toaster!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**I always keep track of whatever I bring to a party. If I had a dollar for every piece of Tupperware I never got back . . . I'd have $13. *(Will (Eric McCormack) on Will and Grace)***

Unexpected money is a delight. The same sum is a bitterness when you expected more. *(Mark Twain)*

**Two can live as cheaply as one, but for only half as long. *(Bob Talbert, in Detroit Free Press)***

One night while I was watching a television news program with my eight-year-old son, the newscaster reporting on the stock market said, “The value of the dollar is up.” The boy turned to me and asked what that meant. The best explanation I could come up with was that you could now buy more with a dollar than you used to. My son looked thoughtful for a few moments and then asked, “Do the stores know about this?” *(Carolyn Murphy, in Reader’s Digest)*

Money is the opposite of the weather. Nobody talks about it, but everybody does something about it. *(Rebecca Johnson, in Vogue)*

**Wedding rings derive from the ancient Egyptian custom of placing ring-money (rings used as money) on the bride’s finger to indicate that she was endowed with her husband’s wealth. *(Harry Bright & Harlan Briscoe, in So, Now You Know, p. 167)***

**Spend not where you may save; spare not where you must spend. (John Ray)**

**Whoever thinks that money can't buy love has never bought a puppy. (Kay Haugaard)**

**Women like a man who is tall, dark and has some. *(Mrs. William J. Meehan, in Reader’s Digest)***

On our $1 bill, the words “Annuit Copetis” means: “He (God) Favored Our Undertakings.” *(L. M. Boyd)*

**If you worship money, you'll always feel poor. (Tom Sachs, artist)**

**My friend's Uncle Appleton was an old-time Yankee trader. One day he was haggling with a fellow while a neighbor looked on. Uncle Appleton agreed to sell a crosscut saw for a low price, and the customer left with it, saying he'd pay later. The neighbor asked Appleton why he had quit dickering so soon, since he could have gotten a higher price. “Well,” came the reply, “he probably won't pay me, and I'd rather he owed me a little than a lot.” *(Shirley White, in Reader's Digest)***

**My fourth-grade class was studying the development of the auto industry. I had emphasized the role played by Henry Ford, whose assembly lines decreased production costs. At the end of our unit, I gave a test including the question: “What did Henry Ford invent that made buying a car more affordable?” One of my brightest students wrote: “Zero-percent financing.” *(Kim Caston Davis, in Reader's Digest)***

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