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money, *n.*

Pronunciation: Brit. /'mʌni/, U.S. /'mɒni/

Inflections: Plural *moneys, monies*.

Forms: ME **menoye** (transmission error), ME **mon** (transmission error), ME **monnoy**, ME **monnoye**, ME **monoie**, ME **monoye**, ME **moonay**, ME **moone**, ME **moynay**, ME–15 **monay**, ME–15 **monaye**, ME–15 **mone**, ME–15 **monee**, ME–15 **moneie**, ME–15 **monneye**, ME–16 **money**, ME–16 **moneye**, ME–16 **monney**, ME–16 **monny**, ME–16 **mony**, ME–17 **mony**, ME–17 **money**, 15 **moiny**, 15 **moneyj**, 15 **monnye**, 15 **moony**, 15–16 **monie**, 16 **munie**, 16 **munny**; *Sc.* pre-17 **miony**, pre-17 **mona**, pre-17 **monae**, pre-17 **monay**, pre-17 **monaye**, pre-17 **mone**, pre-17 **monee**, pre-17 **money**, pre-17 **moneye**, pre-17 **moneyie**, pre-17 **moneye**, pre-17 **monny**, pre-17 **monney**, pre-17 **monnie**, pre-17 **monnij**, pre-17 **monny**, pre-17 **mony**, pre-17 **mony**, pre-17 **monne**, pre-17 **monney**, pre-17 **monny**, pre-17 **munie**, pre-17 **muneth**, pre-17 **muni**, pre-17 **munie**, pre-17 **munne**, pre-17 **munney**, pre-17 **munny**, pre-17 **muny**, pre-17 **mvny**, pre-17 **mvnye**, pre-17 **mwny**, pre-17 **mwnye**, pre-17 **money**; *Irish English* 18 **moaney**, 18 **monie**, 18 **monnie**.

Frequency (in current use):

Origin: A borrowing from French. **Etymons:** French *monai, monoie*.

Etymology: < Anglo-Norman *monai, moné, monee, moneie, monoie, mune, munei* and Old French, Middle French *monoie, monnoie, moneie, monee, monae, monaye* coin, mint (late 12th cent.; compare French *monnaie* change) < classical Latin *monēta*, originally the name of a goddess (in classical times regarded as identical with Juno) in whose temple at Rome money was coined, hence, a mint, money; further etymology uncertain, perhaps a foreign loanword, but associated (from ancient times) by popular etymology with *monēre* to warn, remind (see *MONEO n.*). Compare Old Occitan *moneda* (c1145), Spanish *moneda* (1169), Catalan *moneda* (c1250), Portuguese *moeda* (1211), Italian *moneta* (1213 or earlier). Compare *MINT n.*¹

In the plural, both *moneys* and *monies* are found in modern use; *monies* occurs especially in legal contexts (see sense 3).

The word is perhaps attested earlier as a surname, Thomas le *Mony* (1284–5), though it is unclear whether the name does show this word, and if so whether it is to be interpreted as Middle English or Anglo-Norman.

Scottish forms in final *-th, -tht* may be after an Old French form with intervocalic *-d-*.

1. Any generally accepted medium of exchange which enables a society to trade goods without the need for barter; any objects or tokens regarded as a store of value and used as a medium of exchange.

a. Coins and banknotes collectively as a medium of exchange. Later also more widely: any written, printed, or electronic record of ownership of the values represented by coins and notes which is generally accepted as equivalent to or exchangeable for these.

After the introduction of banknotes, *money* was apparently sometimes used of coins as opposed to paper money: see quot. 1777. In recent use no such distinction is made, although contextually the word may refer to one or the other.

- a1325 (►c1300) *Northern Passion* (Cambr. Gg.1.1) 160 (MED) Þei iyef him..Þrythi plates of god mone.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 26 (MED) Of guod metal hy makeþ ualse moneye.
- ?a1400 (►a1338) R. MANNYNG *Chron.* (Petyt) II. 238 (MED) Edward..wille wite certeyn who schent has his mone.
- c1400 (►c1378) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Laud 581) (1869) B. xv. 343 (MED) Þe merke of þat mone is good, ac þe metal is fieble.
- a1500 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Rawl.) (1953) 83 (MED) He asked for to haue alwoy ful his pors of mone of gold.
- a1500 (►c1477) T. NORTON *Ordinal of Alchemy* (BL Add.) (1975) 116 (MED) Fals plate þei make as thei can, Or monay to begile som good trew man.
- 1567 *Protocol Bks. T. Johnsoun* (1920) 156 The money was offered in a lynnynng clout.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) 1 Kings xxi. 2 I will giue thee the worth of it in money.
- 1651 T. HOBBS *Leviathan* I. iv. 15 Words are wise mens counters, they do but reckon by them: but they are the mony of fooles.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 3. ¶5 Behind the Throne was a prodigious Heap of Bags of Mony.
- 1777 JOHNSON *Let.* 20 Sept. (1992) III. 71 Beg Master to send me..a note of ten pounds..which I will..return..in money or Bankpaper.
- 1819 *Noble's Instr. Emigr. U.S.* 107 The best money to take to the United States, is either guineas or Spanish milled dollars;..Bank of England notes will not do.
- 1859 'G. ELIOT' *Adam Bede* I. i. ix. 180 It's no use filling your pocket full o' money if you've got a hole in the corner.
- 1864 *Chambers's Encycl.* VI. 529/2 No one hesitates in counting a £5 Bank of England note as money.
- 1880 *Fraser's Mag.* May 675 Only 3*l.* in each 100*l.* were cash—that is, coin and bank notes, true money.
- 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 18 June 2/1 In international commerce the form of money most used is a bill of exchange, and a good bill is good money.
- 1939 J. B. PRIESTLEY *Let People Sing* x. 256 Knocker brought out some money and examined it... 'A nicker, half a bar, a caser an' a hole.'
- 1969 R. C. BELL *Board & Table Games* (ed. 2) II. x. 138 Many of these casting-counters, or *jetons*, simulated coins, and cause difficulty to collectors of medieval money.
- 1990 B. BURROUGH & J. HELYAR *Barbarians at Gate* xiv. 386 Finn's plan called for First Boston to acquire RJR food businesses for a bundle of securities known as installment notes... First Boston could take those notes to a major bank and receive money for them.

b. Any other objects or materials which serve the same purpose as coins or banknotes. Cf. TOKEN *n.* 11a. Chiefly *hist.*

- ?a1425 (►c1400) *Mandeville's Trav.* (Titus C.xvi) (1919) 157 He [sc. the great Khan]..makethe no money but of lether emprinted or of papyre.
- 1553 R. EDEN tr. S. Münster *Treat. Neue India* sig. Fijj The monie which they vse, is made of a certayne paper..with y^e kinges ymage printed thereon.
- 1600 J. PORY tr. J. Leo Africanus *Geogr. Hist. Afr.* Introd. 22 Salt is the principall thing which

- runneth currant for money throughout all the emperours dominions.
- 1807 J. ROBINSON *Archæol. Græca* II. xix. 177 In cases of emergency..the Spartans were allowed the use of money made from the skins of beasts.
- 1878 L. JEWITT *Ceramic Art* II. 141 One peculiarity connected with the Pinxton China Works..is the issuing of china tokens, *i.e.*, tokens representing different values of money, made of china, and payable as money among the workpeople.
- 1997 J. WILLIAMS *Money* viii. 208 Mary Douglas spent time living among the Lele people..and in 1958 published an account of their use of cloth money in a country dominated by the coin-using Belgian colonial authorities.

2.

a. Means of payment considered as representing value or purchasing power; the power of purchase or means of exchange represented by coins, banknotes, cheques, etc. Hence: property, possessions, resources, etc., viewed as having exchangeable value or a value expressible in terms of monetary units; liquid assets, funds.

- a1325 *St. Mary of Egypt* (Corpus Cambr.) 41 in C. D'Evelyn & A. J. Mill *S. Eng. Legendary* (1956) 138 (MED) Nabbe ich..oper monieie bote mi sulue her.
- †c1387–95 CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prol.* 703 Vpon a day he gat hym moore moneye Than that the persun gat in monthes tweye.
- c1400 (†c1378) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Laud 581) (1869) B. XIII. 394 To marchaunden with monoye [*v.r.* monieie] and maken her eschaunges.
- ?a1475 *Ludus Coventriae* 252 (MED) Mony makyth schapman.
- 1529 T. MORE *Supplic. Soulys* II. f. xxxiii Then were he very cruell in that he delyueryth theym not wythout mony.
- 1584 W. AVERELL *Dyall for Dainty Darlings* sig. Cii There was..a certaine Knight, who..thought that such a masse of money, as he possessed, would counterpayse the simplicitie of his stocke, and beare out the base ignobillitie of his byrth.
- 1613 J. CHAMBERLAIN in R. F. Williams *Birch's Court & Times James I* (1848) (modernized text) I. 264 But you had not need meet with many such poor moths as Master Pory, who must have both meat and money.
- 1651 T. HOBBS *Leviathan* II. xxii. 122 Sometimes..Justice cannot be had without mony.
- 1753 J. HANWAY *Hist. Acct. Brit. Trade Caspian Sea* II. I. iii. 15 They have introduced the custom of giving money to servants.
- 1776 A. SMITH *Inq. Wealth of Nations* II. IV. i. 2 Wealth and money..are in common language considered as in every respect synonymous.
- 1838 *Congress. Globe* June 470/2 App. The amount of money..is a very high and heaping price.
- 1879 J. A. FROUDE *Cæsar* xviii. 301 He already owed half a million of money.
- 1890 *Murray's Mag.* June 764 He'll come into a lot of money some fine day.
- 1929 M. LIEF *Hangover* xviii. 281 That damn fool took all his money out of the savings bank and put it in some crappy oil stock in Wall Street.
- 1962 L. NAMIER *Crossroads of Power* xvi. 178 The result..can be summed up by saying that his fortune in money was at least £35,000 better than he found it.

1987 W. RAEPER *George MacDonal*d xi. 103 Money was still short..and would become shorter as Louisa was expecting another baby.

b. With demonstrative or possessive adjective, or *the*. A monetary amount or sum applied to a particular purpose or in the possession of a particular person.

- c1390 CHAUCER *Shipman's Tale* 1478 Ye knowe..Of chapmen, that hir moneye is hir plow.
- a1400 (†a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) 16475 Here i yeld yow yur mone, ges me a-gain mi war.
- 1463 in S. Tymms *Wills & Inventories Bury St. Edmunds* (1850) 27 This mony not to be delyuerid to noon of hem.
- 1524 in W. Fraser *Douglas Bk.* (1885) IV. 91 The monye 3e gaif the Qweyne that sche has spendyt it.
- 1588 R. GREENE *Perimedes* sig. e4 Whether shall we estimate the mony that king Pyrrhus sent to Fabbritius, or els the continencie of Fabritius which made deniall of the same.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Comedy of Errors* (1623) IV. i. 63 The monie that you owe me for the Chaine.
- 1684 J. BUNYAN *Pilgrim's Progress 2nd Pt.* 203 Then said one of them, I will pay you when I take my Mony .
- 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl. to Stella* vii You lose all your money at cards, sirrah Stella.
- 1776 *Trial Maha Rajah Nundocomar for Forgery* 68/1 You have for a long time had my money; it shall remain no longer with you.
- 1810 *Sporting Mag.* **36** 160 The whole of the money must be made good that night week.
- 1891 R. KIPLING *Light that Failed* iii. 36 Come back when your money's spent.
- 1954 I. MURDOCH *Under Net* iv. 61 You pay your money..and you get an absolutely momentary pleasure with no nonsense about it.
- 1988 *Bella* 4 Apr. 7/5 I asked her for the money back, but she laughed and told me that there was nothing I could do.

c. *spec.* Money treated as a marketable commodity that can be bought, borrowed, etc.

- a1687 W. PETTY *Polit. Arithm.* (1691) vi. 100 It is certain that mony which payeth those Rents, and driveth on Trade, must have increased also.
- 1691 D. NORTH *Disc. Trade* Pref. sig. B2 Money is a Merchandize, whereof there may be a glut, as well as a scarcity.
- 1776 A. SMITH *Inq. Wealth of Nations* II. IV. i. 13 It is not any scarcity of gold and silver, but the difficulty which such people find in borrowing, and which their creditors find in getting payment, that occasions the general complaint of the scarcity of money.
- 1797 E. BURKE *Lett. Peace Regic. France* iii, in *Sel. Wks.* III. 208 The value of money must be judged, like every thing else, from it's rate at market.
- 1878 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 721/1 In mercantile phraseology the value of money means the interest charged for the use of loanable capital. Thus, when the market rate of interest is high money is said to be dear, when it is low money is regarded as cheap.

- 1972 *Daily Tel.* 4 Nov. 28/4 By lending those funds on mortgage, the [building] societies, which are mutual and non profit-making, pass on the benefit of the short-term cost of money to long-term borrowers.
- 1992 *Independent* 8 Apr. 29/4 Cheap money and rampant speculation pushed the Nikkei up to nearly 39,000.

d. Wealth, *esp.* inherited wealth; a person or class possessing wealth.

Cf. also NEW MONEY *n.*, OLD MONEY *adj.* and *n.*

- 1848 *Amer. Whig Rev.* Apr. 392/1 The stronger an article smells of money, the more distinction its use will confer.
- 1891 T. HARDY *Tess* I. v. 68 Everything on this snug property was bright, thriving, and well kept... Everything looked like money.
- 1925 E. J. P. BENN *Confessions of Capitalist* i. 21 Women over- or under-dressed, oozing money, and giving from their conversation no trace of education or of finer feeling.
- 1987 R. GUY *And I heard Bird Sing* vii. 66 Because he was white, looked like money, and claimed rights to property. That put him on the right side of the law.
- 1992 *News of World* 15 Nov. (Suppl.) 44/3 Wearing a thick gold chain round his neck..and a diamond and gold ring on his finger, he reeked of money.

e. Chiefly *Horse Racing* and *Gambling* (orig. *U.S.*). With preceding ordinal number: the prize or prize money associated with finishing in the placing denoted by the number in a competitive event; this placing itself. Cf. *in the money* at Phrases 1b(b). Cf. also *place money n.* at PLACE *n.*¹ Compounds 2, SHOW *n.*¹ 9.

- 1877 *Spirit of Times* 24 Nov. 440/1 It seems to be the opinion of our party that he sold us all out in the interest of Barker & Co. I am informed he collected second money and 'lit out' for Brighton.
- 1894 *14th Rep. Vermont State Board Agric.* 96 He trotted in seventeen races..; won nine first moneys.
- 1935 W. FAULKNER *Pylon* 44 This guy Shumann that took second money this afternoon, that come up from fourth in a crate that all the guys..said couldn't even show.
- 1968 *Globe & Mail (Toronto)* 15 Jan. 17/9 Hill Tracer..took second money by a neck.
- 1999 *Racing Post* (Electronic ed.) 23 Jan. He's in good form although, realistically, we're probably talking about third or fourth money.

f. Wages, salary; a person's pay or remuneration; profit.

- 1887 W. D. PARISH & W. F. SHAW *Dict. Kentish Dial.* 103 He's getting good money, I reckon.
- 1920 E. O'NEILL *Beyond Horizon* II. i. 85 If that's the case, you can go to the devil... You'll get your money tomorrow when I get back from town.
- 1963 H. GARNER in R. Weaver *Canad. Short Stories* (1968) 2nd Ser. 45 Nobody really liked working

for Malloy-Harrison, but the money was better than most places.

1987 *Grimsbj Evening Tel.* 30 Nov. 14 Manager Shaughan Farrow is very sorry to see him go... 'He's been offered more money.'

3. In *pl.* (now chiefly in legal and quasi-legal parlance). Sums or quantities of money. Also (occasionally) with *sing.* concord: a sum or quantity of money (now *rare*, perhaps *obs.*).

The use of the plural for the singular was formerly attributed to Jewish speakers (see esp. quotes. 1600, 1794, and 1819); cf. *MONISH n.*

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) 2 Macc. iii. 6 Tolde to hym the tresorie in Jerusalem for to be ful with moneys [L. *pecuniis*] vnnounbreable.
- 1593 *Acct. Bk. W. Morton* f. 69 Reseuet..iii scor ane stane of tolone ane pound les, of moneyes is sum I^c honderis xxxiiii lib. 4s.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Merchant of Venice* I. iii. 115 You come to me, and you say, Shylocke, we would haue moneyes .
- 1625 BACON *Ess.* (new ed.) 246 No Man will Lend his Moneyes farre off, nor put them into Vnknown Hands.
- 1632 W. LITHGOW *Total Disc. Trav.* IV. 140 [He] furnished him with great moneys, and other necessaries.
- 1739 tr. C. Rollin *Anc. Hist.* (ed. 2) VIII. 220 To make him a present of the monies arising from that sale.
- 1794 R. CUMBERLAND *Jew* II. ii. 24 Why truly, monies is a good thing.
- 1819 SCOTT *Ivanhoe* I. x*. 208 'O,' said the Jew, 'you are come to pay monies... And from whom dost thou bring it?'
- 1822 BYRON *Werner* II. ii But to steal The moneys of a slumbering man!
- 1865 *Morning Star* 3 Feb. 3/5 A young woman, was charged..with stealing from the person of Robert Tharston,..7s. 6d., his moneys.
- 1871 R. ELLIS tr. Catullus *Poems* xxix. 22 Is not all his act To swallow monies, empty purses heap on heap?
- 1927 A. H. MCNEILE *Introd. New Test.* 132 Schmirdel objects that it would have been quite irrational to convey monies from South Galatia to Jerusalem by way of Macedonia.
- 1959 *Times Rev. Industry* Mar. 4/3 There is an ambivalence in the claims on promotional moneys, for the furtherance of distribution on the one hand and for the extension of advertising on the other.
- 1990 J. MCGAHERN *Amongst Women* 55 He..started to tot up all the monies he presently held against the expenses he had.

4. A particular coin; a coinage (now *rare*). Also (more fully **money of account**): a denomination or unit of value used in records and for accounting purposes, sometimes representing a particular (current or obsolete) coin or other means of payment.

- a1475 (b?a1430) LYDGATE tr. G. Deguileville *Pilgrimage Life Man* (Vitell.) 17614 Thys hand in frenshe..Ys callyd 'Poitevyneresse' ffor yt forgeth..A monye callyd Poytevyn.
- 1481 *Myrrour of Worlde* (Caxton) III. xiv. 165 The monoyes were establisshed first; for as moche as they had not of alle thinges necessarye to gydre.
- 1588 J. READ tr. F. Arcaeus *Compend. Method* f. 69 I made an orifice with the Trepan, to the greatnes of a siluer mony called a Roiall.
- 1617 F. MORYSON *Itinerary* I. 285 Now I will set downe the divers moneys of Germany with the severall values of them.
- a1637 B. JONSON *Timber* 1927 in *Wks.* (1640) III Custome is the most certaine Mistresse of Language, as the publicke stampe makes the current money.
- a1641 T. MUN *England's Treasure* (1664) 4 He ought to know the Measures, Weights, and Monies of all forraign Countries.
- 1648 C. WALKER *Relations & Observ.* II. 169 Francis Allen a poor Goldsmith... In honour of whom Clipped moneys are now called (Allens).
- 1691 J. LOCKE *Money* in *Wks.* (1727) II. 72 I have spoke of Silver Coin alone, because that makes the Money of Account.
- 1749 T. NUGENT *Grand Tour* II. 104 At Cologne, the most remarkable money is the Rixdollar.
- 1837 *Penny Cycl.* VIII. 328/1 Constantine I. introduced the milliarenis, worth somewhere about a shilling of our money.
- 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XV. 322/1 The denominations..of the different moneys current among the chief nations of antiquity.
- 1845 J. LINGARD *Hist. & Antiq. Anglo-Saxon Church* (ed. 3) II. App. O. 433 From the coinage we now proceed to monies of account.
- 1885 *Athenæum* 30 May 690/1 The reasons for these changes in coinage, the intentions of those who issued moneys..are often almost unknown.
- 1936 *Encycl. Islam* III. 1162/3 The modern Persian riyāl is a money of account: originally (1930) 20 riyāls = £1 stg. but by the system finally adopted in 1933, 100 dinars = 1 riyāl = 1 pahlavi = £1 stg.
- 1997 J. WILLIAMS *Money* iv. 105 Monetary standards were expressed in terms of the *toman*, derived from the Mongol word meaning 10,000, which was a money of account originally indicating 10,000 dinars.

5. One of the four suits used in some packs of tarot cards, bearing a representation of one or more coins, and corresponding to the suit of pentacles in others (and diamonds in packs of ordinary playing cards).

Also called *coins*.

The suit is also found in packs of playing cards traditionally used in Italy, Spain, and Spanish-speaking countries.

- 1593 A. MUNDAY *Def. Contraries* 49 The inuenter of the Italian Cardes..put the Deniers or monyes, and the Bastons or clubs in combate together.
- 1848 W. A. CHATTO *Facts Hist. Playing Cards* iv. 191 The earliest writers who mention Tarocchi as a kind of cards, always speak of them as consisting of four suits,—Swords, Cups, Batons, and Money.

- 1912 M. K. VAN RENNELAER *Prophetical, Educ. & Playing Cards* i. 54 A gazelle under a palm tree is placed on the knave of Money.
- 1966 S. MANN *Collecting Playing Cards* i. i. 45 The ace of money..shows a single-headed, crowned eagle... The king of money holds an axe.
- 1989 *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 565/2 The Lesser Arcana [in Tarot] comprises four suits of 14 cards each: Bastoni (Batons or Clubs)..; Coppes (cups, later hearts)..; Spade (swords)..; and Denari (money, later diamonds), symbolizing business undertakings, journeys, and messages.

6. U.S. colloq. (chiefly in African-American usage). A friend. Usually as a form of address, esp. to a male friend. Also more fully **money dog**, **money grip**.

- 1982 in 'Grandmaster Flash & Furious Five' *Message* (MS transcript of song) Yo, whassup, money?
- 1989 'BIZ MARKIE' *Biz never Sleeps* (song) in *www.ohhla.com* (O.E.D. Archive) So I hurried out and left, she said, 'Please stay' I said, 'Sorry money grip, I don't go that way'.
- 1994 G. SMITHERMAN *Black Talk* 162 Money, a form of address for any male, as in 'Yo, Money! Sup?'
- 1995 L. SLAVSKY et al. *A 2 Z* 69/1 Money, money dog, money grip, friend: Yo, money dog, let's break out!
- 2000 P. BEATTY *Tuff* i. 13 Naw, money, I'm serious.

PHRASES

P1. With prepositions.

a. Phrases with *for money*, *for—money*, etc.

(a) for money: in return or exchange for money.

value for money: see VALUE *n.* Phrases 8.

- ?a1400 (▶a1338) R. MANNYNG *Chron.* (Petyt) II. 246 Þei wer out of þe tour delyuerd for mone.
- ?c1430 (▶c1400) WYCLIF *Eng. Wks.* (1880) 241 (*MED*) Prelatis..fauouren hem in synne for moneye.
- a1513 H. BRADSHAW *Lyfe St. Werburge* (1521) I. xvi. sig. f.i There was habundaunce Of all maner pleasures, to be had for monye.
- 1674 C. COTTON *Compl. Gamester* (1680) 99 This Art of Memory is a sport at which men may play for money.
- 1744 R. NORTH & M. NORTH *Life Sir D. North & Rev. J. North* 181 It is certain the Pamphlet is..utterly sunk, and a Copy not to be had for Money.
- 1788 A. SEWARD *Lett.* (1811) II. 6 Reviewers may be venal without directly marting out their decisions for money.
- 1863 W. C. BALDWIN *Afr. Hunting* vii. 301 Slaughter oxen or cows, and milch cows, are not to be had for money.
- 1979 J. COOPER *Class* (1980) ii. 55 A lot of confusion is caused by the word 'nanny'. To the upper and middle classes it means someone who looks after children for money.
- 2000 *Sunday Times* 23 July I. 25/6 Veterans who were willing to betray former comrades for money.

(b) colloq. for my money: — (is the best) in my opinion or judgement; — is my choice or favourite, — is what I would like.

- 1548 H. LATIMER *Notable Serm.* sig. D.vi^v Amonge al the packe of them that haue cure, the Deuil shal go for my money.
- 1566 E. H. tr. Erasmus *One Dialogue* sig. B2^v This behauiour doth well beseme Frenchmen peradventure, how be it the fashions of Duche lande shall go for my mony when all is done.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Much Ado about Nothing* II. iii. 59 Well a horne for my mony when alls done.
- 1616 W. HAUGHTON (*title*) English-men for my money.
- 1668 DRYDEN *Sr Martin Mar-all* v. 62 They may talk what they will of Oxford for an University, but Cambridge for my Money.
- 1700 T. BROWN *Amusem. Serious & Comical* 43 Let what will happen on't, give me for my Money the Female Sollicitor.
- 1767 I. BICKERSTAFF *Love in City* II. vii Ay Colonel, it's well enough for a mouthful of air of a Sunday—but London for my money—I see nothing in Europe like it.
- 1825 H. J. FINN *Montgomery* I. i 'Pon my conscience then its you that's the lad for my money.
- 1842 S. LOVER *Handy Andy* X You're right..Murphy is the very man for our money.
- 1899 S. W. MITCHELL *Autobiogr. Quack* 47 At once it occurred to me that 'Lach.' was the medicine for my money.
- 1932 D. L. SAYERS *Have his Carcase* xi. 138 Peter's the man for my money. He won't see a hardworking man lose a job for want of a good news story.
- 1954 J. SYMONS *Narrowing Circle* xiv. 59 For my money, Marian was responsible..for the trouble we'd had.
- 1988 *High Life* (Brit. Airways) Apr. 12 The historic stockyards have been turned into a tourist draw which, for my money, is far more appealing than Southfork.

(c) for love or money: see LOVE *n.*¹ Phrases 1d.

(d) to take eggs for money: see EGG *n.* 4.

(e) to have a run for one's money: see RUN *n.*² Phrases 9.

(f) for the money: at the price paid. Cf. *at the money* at Phrases 1b(a).

- 1895 *Argosy* Sept. 587/2 It is, beyond all doubt, the best magazine for the money..in the United States.
- 1924 D. H. LAWRENCE in M. Magnus *Mem. Foreign Legion* Introd. 12 Oh no, not at all bad for the money.
- 1946 M. MEZZROW & B. WOLFE *Really Blues* vii. 93 To us a muggle wasn't any more dangerous or habit-forming than..the five-cent Coke and the ice-cream cone, only it gave you more kicks for the

money.

- 1998 *What Hi-Fi?* May 161/5 (*list*) Classic speakers but some more recent wonder-boxes offer more fulfilment for the money.

(g) to be (only) in it for the money: to be doing something for personal gain alone.

- 1967 F. ZAPPA (*title of record*) We're only in it for the money.
 1975 *Forbes* (Nexis) 15 Nov. 39 Some companies are in it for the money, but only some.
 1986 *Times* 7 Feb. 11/8 She discovers that Doyle's ideals are not what they seem: he is in it for the money.
 1999 *Guardian* (Electronic ed.) 11 Sept. The post-war hard men..all scraped modest livings through mountaineering but they weren't in it for the money.

b. Phrases with *at* (also *in, on*) *the money*, etc.

(a) *at the money*: at the price; = *for the money* at Phrases 1a(f). Now rare.

- 1850 DICKENS *David Copperfield* 602 Sometimes, we go at half-price to the pit of the theatre—the very smell of which is cheap..at the money.
 1860 'G. ELIOT' *Mill on Floss* I. i. iii. 31 A good education is cheap at the money.
 1882 *Daily Tel.* 30 Jan. 3/6 Khamseen, who cost 570 guineas at Mr. Vyner's sale, is reckoned a bargain..at the money.
 1902 T. W. H. CROSLAND *To Bookseller* in *Outlook Odes* 68 He..told me that I could not expect Kelmscott Press and tree-calf At the money.

(b) *in the money*: finishing among the winners in a competitive event, esp. a horse race (cf. sense 2e); (more generally) (in the position of) possessing adequate or substantial money or wealth; wealthy, successful.

- 1902 'D. DIX' *Fables of Elite* 48 It is True that when the Spurt is over I am generally in the Money.
 1926 L. HUGHES *Let.* 20 Jan. in L. Hughes & C. Van Vechten *Remember me to Harlem* (2001) 36 Her only comment on the art of the Blues was that they had put her 'in de money'.
 1928 *Morning Post* 20 Oct. 6/1 One of them is to-day a full champion, the other three all winners, and 'in the money', as the fanciers say, whenever shown.
 1946 L. BROMFIELD *World we live In* 325 Being in the money at the moment, I said that of course I'd lend her any reasonable amount.
 1969 T. PARKER *Twisting Lane* 200 She said we could stay there rent free until I was in the money again.
 1993 *Business Week* 25 Oct. 8/1 Now that Ivan Boesky is back in the money, what's he doing with it? Studying foreign languages.

(c) colloq. (chiefly *N. Amer.*). **on the money**: accurately, precisely; in just the right place, time, or manner. Usually with intensifying adverb, as **right on the money**, **dead on the money**.

- a1944 B. STILES *Serenade to Big Bird* (1947) v. 36 I checked the oil pressure and tuned the RPM on the money.
- 1962 *New Yorker* 10 Nov. 145 You've got to be right on the money when you set it [sc. an aeroplane] down.
- 1972 *Sat. Rev. (U.S.)* 4 Nov. 28 Peter Klappert's article 'Let Them Eat Wonderbread' on a political double talk from a poet's vantage point was right on the money.
- 1991 *Spy (N.Y.)* Mar. 20/2 Paul Rudnick's 'Presumed Innocence'..was yet another dead-on-the-money SPY article.
- 1994 *Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch* 23 Dec. A1/5 Computer forecast models..have been consistently right on the money for this slow-moving storm.

P2. In other phrases.

a.

(a) to make money: to acquire or earn money. Also: to get money by the sale of; to make a profit (*from, out of*).

to be made of money: see MAKE *v.*¹ 6c.

- 1457 W. WORCESTER in *Paston Lett. & Papers* (2004) II. 172 He..resseyvyth but chaffre and waare for hys cornys and wollys, &c. and then most abyde a long day to make money.
- c1470 in C. L. Kingsford *Stonor Lett. & Papers* (1919) I. 108 (*MED*) I wull make money off my oxyn to kepe with my promys.
- 1546 O. JOHNSON *Let.* 2 July in H. Ellis *Orig. Lett. Eng. Hist.* (1827) 2nd Ser. II. 175 Besids the monney that I shal make of the said wares.
- 1588 R. PARKE tr. J. G. de Mendoza *Hist. Kingdome of China* 45 Then may the husband afterwarde sell his wife for a slave, and make money of her for the dowrie he gaue her.
- 1632 R. SHERWOOD *Dict.* in R. Cotgrave *Dict. French & Eng. Tongues* (new ed.) To make money of, *vendre*.
- 1671 R. HEAD & F. KIRKMAN *Eng. Rogue* III. xiii. 170 I have nothing to give you, for I have no mony, being now going to Market with this Corn to make money of it.
- a1730 *Gideon Guthrie* (1900) 10 Alexander suggested to his father that if he would allow him he could make money by his skill in musick.
- 1798 M. WOLLSTONECRAFT *Wrongs of Woman* I. v. 126 He had been a keeper at a house of the same description, and conceived that he could make money much more readily in his old occupation.
- 1828 W. M'DOWALL *Poems* 25 When Buonaparte in splendour shone, 'Twas then I made the money.
- 1860 'G. ELIOT' *Mill on Floss* II. v. ii. 225 He took the liberty of asking if Mr Tom had ever thought of making money by trading a bit on his own account.
- 1901 *Spectator* 20 July 82/1 The War Office ought not to make money out of, any more than they should subsidise, the rifle clubs.
- 1975 *Maclean's* Feb. 14/1 Some agents make money from 'finder's fees'.

1995 *Atlantic Monthly* June 6/2 He is a poet, a memoirist, and a publisher of books that not only receive critical acclaim but also make money.

(b) everybody's (also every man's, occasionally one's)

money: (a) what everybody prefers (or can afford) to buy (now *arch.*);

(b) (chiefly in negative context) what everybody would find worth its price, that which is to everybody's liking (now *rare*).

1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. XII. i. 381 The ointment of Saffron, confected at Soli in Cilicia, imported for a good while and caried the praise alone: but soone after, that of Rhodes was every mans money.

1625 BACON *Ess.* (new ed.) 208 When a Mans Stocke is come to that, that he can expect the Prime of Markets, and ouercome those Bargaines, which for their greatnesse are few Mens Money.

1653 T. GATAKER *Vindic. Annot. Jer. 10.2* 29 The whole work..consists of two great volumes, and the price consequently correspondent, not every mans money, and in fewer hands therefore.

1712 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 482. ¶1 Such a Discourse is of general Use, and every married Man's Money.

1851 H. MAYHEW *London Labour* I. 91/1 I sell dry fruit, sir, in February and March, because I must be doing something, and green fruit's not my money then.

1851 H. MAYHEW *London Labour* I. 139/1 Mignonette's everybody's money. Dahlias didn't go off so well.

1923 J. MANCHON *Le Slang* 196 *You ain't everybody's money*, vous ne pouvez pas plaire à tout le monde.

1933 'G. ORWELL' *Let.* c10 Dec. in *Coll. Ess.* (1968) I. 128 As to the actual writing in *Ulysses*, it isn't everybody's money, but personally I think it is superb in places.

(c) to throw (one's) money about and variants: to spend money extravagantly or wastefully; **to have money to throw about:** to be very rich; to be in a position to spend extravagantly; **to throw good money after bad** and variants: to incur a further loss in trying to make good a previous one; **to throw money at:** to attempt to solve (a problem, etc.) by reckless expenditure rather than by a more efficient or prudent approach.

1662 G. TORRIANO *2nd Alphabet Proverbial Phrases* 197/1 The English say, To send good Mony after bad, to lose the Substance, for the Shaddow.

1690 W. FITZHUGH *Let.* 8 Aug. in R. B. Davis *William Fitzhugh & his Chesapeake World* (1963) 294 More money would be spent on prosecuting than he would be able to answer, & consequently good money thrown after bad.

1697 J. VANBRUGH *Relapse* v. 102 I change my Husband again, I shan't have so much Money to throw about.

1754 S. FIELDING *Cry* III. IV. viii. 42 I could not believe that he was so far beside his senses, as to throw away money on superfluities.

- 1792 J. BELKNAP *Foresters* xii 149 Why should I keep on throwing away good money after bad; I am damnably in debt now.
- 1823 H. LUTTRELL *Crockford-House* ii. 93 Mighty Man of cards and dice, Take a real friend's advice... Don't, or I shall think you mad, Throw good money after bad.
- 1840 F. M. TROLLOPE *Michael Armstrong* III. i. 5 People as have money to throw about..are not to be put off with a short word.
- 1862 *Continental Monthly* Nov. 552 His father before him hadn't always this same ridiculous way of throwing the money he earned about like dust.
- 1870 *Appletons' Jrnl.* 5 Mar. 262 He is very liberal and hospitable, and ready to throw his money about in bucketfuls.
- 1892 R. L. STEVENSON & L. OSBOURNE *Wrecker* i. 16 Take a pride to keep your books posted, and never throw good money after bad.
- ?1904 H. V. ESMOND *Billy's little Love Affair* II. 52 I'll wait. No good throwing good money after a bad husband, is it?
- 1949 D. SMITH *I capture Castle* (U.K. ed.) ix. 135 If people want to throw their money about... Five guineas is more than I can save in a year.
- 1951 'N. SHUTE' *Round Bend* i. 3 I hadn't got any money to chuck around.
- 1972 *N.Y. Times* 15 Dec. 46/4 President Nixon is employing a quite misleading phrase when he states that 'throwing money at social problems does not solve them'.
- 1992 *Time* 6 Jan. 31/1 'No, we don't throw money around like the networks' says Turner about CNN's relatively tightfisted operation.
- 1993 *Business Central Europe* June 37/2 Of all the suggested cures, privatisation is the one most likely to make management accountable and stop it throwing good money after bad.
- 1993 *N.Y. Times Mag.* 28 Nov. 60/1 The group's very existence was based on the belief that AIDS could be cured quickly if only enough money and effort were thrown at it.

(d) money burns (a hole) (in) one's pocket: see BURN *v.*¹ 3c.

(e)

money out of pocket *adj.* and *n.* (*a*) *adj.* having incurred expenses without reimbursement (now more usually simply *out of pocket*); (*b*) *n.* expenses paid for personally in the course of executing a commission, etc.

- 1705 *Boston News-let.* 2 Apr. 2/2 The Undertaker is money out of Pocket, & has not sufficient to defray the necessary Charge.
- 1836 DICKENS *Pickwick Papers* (1837) x. 99 'Expensive affair,' said Mr. Jingle. 'Money out of pocket —posting, nine pounds; licence, three.'
- 1867 TROLLOPE *Last Chron. Barset* II. liv. 108 A man with my family can't allow himself to be money out of pocket in that way.
- 1878 H. BESSEMER *Let.* in *Times* 1 Nov. 6/3 I was reminded when pressing for mere money out of pocket, that I had done all the work voluntarily and of my own accord.
- 1894 *N.E.D.* at *Expense* The charges, costs, items of outlay, incurred by a person in the execution of any

commission; 'money out of pocket'.

- 1976 *Jrnl. Econ. Hist.* **36** 134 Annuities to widowed mothers, dowries for sisters, a year's income for brothers,..all represented money out of pocket.
- 2000 *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis) (Electronic ed.) 13 May A1 Once the consumer pays a set amount of money out of pocket..a traditional insurance plan kicks in and picks up additional costs.

(f) to turn money away and variants: to turn down a chance of making or acquiring money.

In later use frequently as a result of being unable to meet demand.

- 1722 tr. Cervantes *Little Gypsy* in *Select Coll. Novels* V. 19 Take Bribes, Master Judge, take Bribes, never be squeamish,..nor turn Money away when it is offer'd.
- 1788 *Harris's List Covent-Garden Ladies* 105 If any of our readers wishes to try a tune with her, he must pay for it; but she is not at all exorbitant in her demands, seldom wishing to turn money away.
- 1840 M. GRAHAM *Florence Graham* iv. 38 It is but seldom I trow we have so much to do, that we need turn money away, because we don't like the looks of the customers.
- 1906 *Smart Set* Aug. 146/2 'There's not an order in the house,' said the manager. 'We've turned money away!'
- 1929 J. B. PRIESTLEY *Good Compan.* II. iii. 329 Turning money away, my dear; capacity to the roof, ol' man.
- 2007 *Wall St. Jrnl.* (Electronic ed.) 28 June The world continues to be awash in 'liquidity', the buzz word for lots of money at low prices. Private equity firms have to turn money away.

(g) your money or your life: a formula attributed to highwaymen, etc., used as a threat to force a person to hand over money. Now *hist.* or *allusively*.

- 1798 A. PLUMPTRE tr. A. von Kotzebue *Natural Son* III. ii. 50 (*The Baron moves onward, Frederick rushes wildly with his drawn sword upon the Baron and collars him.*) Your money or your life!
- 1838 D. JERROLD *Men of Char.* (1851) 320 The highway laconism of 'your money or your life!'
- 1841 F. A. BURNEY *Jrnl.* 23 Feb. (1926) 321 Mr. Dixon attempted expostulation, upon which the Highwayman drew out a Pistol,..exclaiming, with an oath, 'Your money or your life!'
- 1864 J. PAYN *Lost Sir Massingberd* II. xiii. 212 A pistol, was protruded into the carriage. 'Your money or your life!..,' said a rough voice.
- 1915 J. HASTINGS *Encycl. Relig. & Ethics* VIII. 339/2 Wingate suggests as an epitome of Mahdism the sentence 'Your money or your life.'
- 1992 M. JEFFERSON *Criminal Law* (BNC) 318 Getting property by threatening immediate force (e.g., 'your money or your life') may be both blackmail and robbery.

(h) the best that money can buy and variants: the very best available.

- 1837 *N. Amer. Rev.* Oct. 510 The present tale rebukes the folly of sacrificing, to the acquisition of money, the enjoyment of all the best things that money can buy.
- 1847 THACKERAY *Vanity Fair* (1848) vi. 55 He went to Bond Street, and bought the best hat and spencer that money could buy.
- 1897 'M. TWAIN' *Following Equator* xi. 129 He will..feed you and slake you and smoke you with the best that money can buy.
- 1955 *Times* 4 June 7/4 There are women who would not exchange a familiar pram with a quirk in its steering for the best new one that money could buy.
- 1993 *Tatler* July 84/1 My son can do anything he wants. I'll give him the best education money can buy.

(i) there is money in—: money (or profit) can be made out of—.

Cf. *there's gold in them there (frequently thar) hills* at THERE *adv.* 2c(c).

- 1859 'G. ELIOT' *Adam Bede* II. IV. xxxiv. 359 Never mind your being poorish as yet; there's money in your head-piece as there's money i' the sown field, but it must ha' time.
- 1878 P. MERRITT & G. CONQUEST *Velvet & Rags* 6 Ah! I shall leave this life and play for higher game—espouse the Carlist cause; there's money in it.
- 1887 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 1 Mar. 14/1 There is undoubtedly money in guns.
- 1927 F. F. VAN DE WATER *Family Flivvers to Frisco* iii. 52 There is money in well-run tourist parks.
- 1965 E. GUNDREY *Foot in Door* xxxiii. 189 There's money in them thar pills—but very little else.
- 1985 J. WINTERSON *Oranges are not Only Fruit* 14 There was no money in vermin any more.

†**(j) colloq. to be good (bad, etc.) money**: to be a good (bad, etc.) investment; to be financially rewarding. *Obs. rare*.

- 1861 H. MAYHEW *London Labour* (new ed.) III. 103/2 I reckon Astley's is the worst money for any man.
- 1861 H. MAYHEW *London Labour* (new ed.) III. 130/1 Richardson's used..to be more money, but now it's as bad as the rest of 'em.

(k) to put one's money on: see PUT *v.* Phrases 7.

(l) to have money to burn: see BURN *v.*¹ 8d.

(m) orig. N. Amer. to put (also get) one's money where one's mouth is: to produce, bet, or pay out money to support one's statements or opinions; to do something that demonstrates one's assertion.

- 1913 *N.-Y. Tribune* 24 Aug. 4/6 The Texas Senator..challenged him to produce his figures... 'Put your money where your mouth is,' retorted Senator Sheppard.

- 1921 *Jonesboro (Arkansas) Daily Tribune* 26 Apr. 2 (*adv.*) Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is!.. Here's a chance for *you* to do something. Forty Dollars will Take One Pupil Through High School Next Year.
- 1942 Z. N. HURSTON in *Amer. Mercury* July 87 'Put your money where your mouth is!' he challenged.
- 1951 *Amer. Speech* 26 99/1 *Get your money where your mouth is*, a phrase [in poker] which means, 'put up or shut up'.
- 1970 *Globe & Mail (Toronto)* 26 Sept. 7/3 Eventually it got to the point when he suggested that maybe I was the guy who should take it on. Sort of put your money where your mouth is.
- 1994 R. GUNESSEKERA *Reef* (1998) 150 'Banker, banker, let's have the chips.' 'Money first. Put your money where your mouth is.'

(n) colloq. (perhaps orig. *Mil.*). **money for jam (also for old rope, etc.):** a profitable return for little or no trouble; a very easy job; a person or thing easy to profit from, beat, etc.

- 1919 *Athenæum* 8 Aug. 727/2 The great use of jam in the Army..originated a number of phrases, such as 'money for jam' (money for nothing).
- 1927 T. E. LAWRENCE *Let.* 22 Sept. (1938) 540 Recently I made nearly ten pounds out of reviewing eleven books. Money for jam, as the airman says.
- 1936 'J. CURTIS' *Gilt Kid* xiii. 134 He would spin her a fanny about the marriage laws, tie the poor kid up. It ought to be money for old rope.
- 1984 D. LESSING *Diaries of Dane Somers* I. 182 'And you are of course going to be properly paid for it?' 'Adequately. Money for jam.'
- 1999 *New Yorker* 31 May 89/1 You would think that being paid fifteen pounds an hour to read Joseph Conrad's 'Victory' to a blind Italian boy is, well, money for old rope.

(o) Chiefly U.S. colloq. (to be) money in the bank: (to be) a guaranteed success, a reliable good performer, esp. in sport or the entertainment industry.

- 1939 *Zanesville (Ohio) Times Recorder* 3 Jan. 11/2 Money in the bank, dearie, money in the bank. That's what diamonds are.
- 1948 P. MARTIN *Hollywood without Make-up* 59 Whatever a producer has to pay, he is lucky if he can lure Lillian Hellman, Charley MacArthur or Robert E. Sherwood out from New York. They are all money in the bank.
- 1990 D. DIMAGGIO & B. GILBERT *Real Grass, Real Heroes* xiii. 175 In 1941 Mickey Owen was money in the bank behind the plate as the Dodgers took the field to try to square up the Series.
- 1999 *Sports Illustr.* (Electronic ed.) 4 Oct. Since rejoining the fin de siècle Fins, Martin has been money in the bank, averaging a team-high 22.2 yards per catch.

b. Stock Market. at the money: (designating a call or put option) with a striking price equal to the price of the underlying security. **in (also**

out of) the money: (designating a call option) with a striking price below or above (respectively) the price of the underlying security; also of a put option, with the meanings reversed.

- 1979 C. E. CLEETON *Strategies for Options Trader* i. 3 When the striking price of a call option is less than the price of the underlying stock, the premium is said to be *in the money*... When the stock price is below the striking price, the call option is said to be *out of the money*... When the stock price equals the striking price, the option is said to be *at the money*. Similar terms are applied to put options, the price relations being the reverse.
- 1988 *Nymex Energy Options* 11 NYMEX lists at least seven strike prices at..\$1 intervals with the middle strike price—the at-the-money strike price—equal to or near the previous day's closing futures price.
- 1996 *Daily Yomiuri* 29 Apr. 13/5 Although the longer-dated, deeper-in-the-money option owned collateralizes the one sold short, this is a risk arbitrage because the 1997 option can't be exercised early to satisfy the obligation if the May put is in the money at expiration.

P3. Proverbs.

a. (the love, covetousness, desire, etc., of) money is the root of all evil [in allusion to 1 Timothy 6:10; compare quot. 1611] .

- †c1449 R. PECOCK *Repressor* (1860) 555 Loue to money..is worthi to be forborn..as Poul seith, it is 'the roote of al yuel'.
- 1564 T. BECON *New Catech. in Catech. & Other Pieces* (1844) 122 The covetousness of money is the root of all evil.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) 1 Tim. vi. 10 The loue of money is the root of all euill.
- 1777 C. TUFTS *Let.* 18 Sept. in L. H. Butterfield et al. *Adams Family Corr.* (1963) II. 345 We may truly assent to what indeed many have been loth to believe Viz. That Money is the Root of all Evil.
- 1858 TROLLOPE *Dr. Thorne* I. xii. 253 'But, doctor, you'll take the money.'..'Quite impossible,'..said the doctor,..valiantly rejecting the root of all evil.
- 1978 W. L. DEANDREA *Killed in Ratings* ii. 18 They've got these funny little sayings... Here's one. 'Money is the root of all evil..but that's one evil I'm rooting for.'

b. money makes (also †gets, etc.) money.

- 1572 T. WILSON *Disc. Vsurye* 54^v Mony getteth money, and..I may in right demaund for myne owne beehoofe the encrease that commethe of it.
- 1689 R. MILWARD *Selden's Table-talk* 57 'Tis a vain thing to say, Money begets not Money; for that no doubt it does.
- 1776 A. SMITH *Inq. Wealth of Nations* I. i. ix. 114 Money, says the proverb, makes money. When you have got a little, it is often easy to get more.
- 1861 'F. G. TRAFFORD' *City & Suburb* xiv Money makes money, it is said.
- 1937 S. SCOTT *Crazy Murder Show* i. 16 They say money makes money. So it is with work.
- 1988 C. H. SAWYER *J. Alfred Prufrock Murders* v. 66 Maybe she made some clever investments? But

no, she would have had to have money to begin with—it takes money to make money, my husband always said.

c. money makes the mare (also †horse) to go and variants. Also money makes the world (also wheels) go round (also around).

- [a1500 in R. L. Greene *Early Eng. Carols* (1935) 262 (MED) Ther joly palfreys Yt [sc. money] makyght to lepe and prounce.]
- 1573 J. SANFORD tr. L. Guicciardini *Hours Recreat.* (1576) 213 Money makes the horsse to goe.
- 1659 J. HOWELL *Prov. Eng. Toun* 6/2 in *Lex. Tetraglotton* (1660) Money makes the grey Mare to go.
- 1698 *Money Masters All Things* 3 [Money] Makes the old Wife trot, and makes the Mare to go.
- 1748 S. RICHARDSON *Clarissa* IV. xxxii. 187 The House of Commons..has the giving of money: And *Money makes the mare to go.*
- 1792 J. WOLCOT *More Money* iv 'Tis money makes the old mare trot.
- c1858 S. S. STEELE *Crock of Gold* II. ii, in *America's Lost Plays* (1941) XIV. 196 Acton A. Yes, Peter, money!.. The old saying's true—'Money makes the mare go.'
- 1929 E. HOPE *Alice in Delighted States* xxvi. 287 Money..makes the world go 'round.
- 1966 E. S. GARDNER *Case of Worried Waitress* iii. 27 It takes money to make the wheels go around.
- 1978 *Countryman* Spring 193 Never cock your snoop at money, my lass, 'cos it's money that makes the mare to go.
- 1994 *Chat* 5 Feb. 34/1 Money makes the world go round—but we all know that it's never there when you need it.

d. a fool and his money are soon parted.

- [1573 T. TUSSER *Fiue Hundreth Points Good Husbandry* f. 8^v A foole & his money, be soone at debate: which after with sorow, repents him to late.]
- 1587 J. BRIDGES *Def. Govt. Church of Eng.* xv. 1294 If they pay a penie or two pence more for the reddinesse of them..let them looke to that, a foole and his money is soone parted.
- 1645 J. HOWELL *Epistolæ Ho-elianæ* v. xxxix. 43 A foole and his money is soon parted.
- 1771 T. SMOLLETT *Humphry Clinker* I. 174 She tossed her nose in disdain, saying, she supposed her brother had taken him into favour..: that a fool and his money were soon parted.
- 1898 G. B. SHAW *Arms & Man* II. III. 57 A twenty leva bill! Sergius gave me that, out of pure swagger. A fool and his money are soon parted.
- 1939 F. THOMPSON *Lark Rise* xi. 205 Copper-plate maxims: 'A fool and his money are soon parted,' 'Waste not, Want not.'
- 1983 M. GRIMES *Anodyne Necklace* ii. 13 Great wads of money had exchanged hands, passing from those of the fools who would be parted from it to the estate agents always ready to grab it.

e. money is the sinews (also nerve or nerves) of war and variants [compare Cicero *Philippicae* 5. 5 'nervos belli, pecuniam

infinitam'] . Now *rare*.

- c1590 G. HARVEY *Marginalia* (1913) 101 Moony, and sowldiours ar ye sinews, and marrow of warr: [ye] ueri strength of strength.
- 1605 BACON *Of Aduancem. Learning* II. sig. Ddd1^v But that opinion I may condemne with like reson as Macchiauell doth that other: that monies were the sinews of the warres.
- 1638 T. HERBERT *Some Yeares Trav.* (rev. ed.) 86 Not that he wanted (the nerves of war) mony.
- 1660 T. M. Walker's *Hist. Independency* IV. 65 The Army could not subsist without money (which is the Nerve of War).
- 1726 tr. J. Cavalier *Mem. Wars Cevennes* I. 109 Money, which is the Nerve and Sinew of War.
- 1999 *Re: Bible Fight in Saskatchewan* in *can.motss* (Usenet newsgroup) 18 July It has not dawned on too many people that money is the sinews of war.

f. time is money: see TIME *n.*, *int.*, and *conj.* Phrases 6h.

g. money is power.

- [1741 N. AMES *Almanack for 1741* [4] Laws bear Name, but Money has the Power.]
- 1789 F. AMES *Let.* 16 May in *Wks.* (1854) I. 39 That money is power, a permanent revenue is permanent power, and the credit which it would give was a safeguard to the government.
- 1818 M. EDGEWORTH *Let.* 13 Oct. (1971) 115 Now he had money 'and money is power'.
- 1853 T. T. LYNCH *Lect. Self-improvem.* v. 113 Money is power—power for bread and power for tinsel.
- 1930 G. B. MEANS *Strange Death of President Harding* IV. 72 One can do nothing—be nothing, without money, not even in the White House. Money is power.
- 1989 J. MATTINSON & C. CLULOW *Marriage Inside Out* (BNC) 112 Money is power, and for this reason employment continues to call the tune.

h. you pays your money and you takes your choice: the choice is entirely your own responsibility.

The nonstandard grammar of *pays* and *takes* in the usual form of this saying is perhaps in imitation of the speech of showmen, stallholders, etc., but standard grammar is also found.

- [1845 C. LEVER *Let.* in L. Stevenson *Dr. Quicksilver* (1939) ix. 149 You have paid your money, and you may take your choice.]
- 1846 *Punch* 3 Jan. 17 (*caption*) 'Which is the Prime Minister?'.. 'You pays your money, and you takes your choice.'
- 1884 'M. TWAIN' *Adventures Huckleberry Finn* xxviii. 249 Here's your two sets o'heirs to old Peter Wilks—and you pays your money and you takes your choice!
- 1892 R. KIPLING *Lett. of Trav.* (1920) 87 You pay your money and, more or less, you take your choice.
- 1904 V. S. LEAN *Collectanea* IV. 205 You pays your money and you takes your choice. You pays your money and what you sees is A cow or a donkey just as you pleases.
- 1965 *Times* 14 July 8/4 In the Government today were known supporters of C.N.D. Why? Because the

Prime Minister put them there. Why? Because he shared their views? Because it was expedient to do so? Because he was practising some duplicity? Why? 'You pays your money and you takes your choice.'

1984 'C. AIRD' *Harm's Way* xvi 'Penny plain or twopence coloured?' he said. 'You pays your money and you takes your choice.'

1997 *Face* June 134/2 You pays your money, takes your choice, and you select your brand.

i. money isn't everything.

1852 H. B. STOWE *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (U.K. ed.) viii Trade an't everything, and money an't everything.

1927 E. O'NEILL *Marco Millions* I. iii. 44 Money isn't everything, not always.

1959 P. H. JOHNSON *Unspeakable Skipton* (1961) 114 Well, he's not marrying the Greek. Emrys put a stop to that, said money wasn't everything.

1975 J. I. M. STEWART *Young Pattullo* xv. 316 If one owns property one can always have a little money follow one around. But we all know that money isn't everything.

1993 *N.Y. Times Mag.* 28 Nov. 29/2 Money isn't everything. There's compost, ice cream and beer, available free to employees at, respectively, Rodale Press,..Ben & Jerry's and the Miller Brewing Company.

j. money talks: money has greater significance than mere words; wealth brings with it power and influence.

[1681 A. BEHN *2nd Pt. Rover* III. i. 43 Money speaks sense in a Language all Nations understand.]

1880 G. H. JESSOP & J. B. POLK *Gentleman from Nevada* 1. 5 I ain't going to lay down no such hand as this—here money talks—one hundred dollars, I've the best hand at the table.

1905 'O. HENRY' in *N.Y. World Mag.* 12 Nov. 8/1 Money talks. But you may think that the conversation of a little old ten-dollar bill in New York would be nothing more than a whisper.

1956 A. WILSON *Anglo-Saxon Attitudes* II. ii. 277 Yeah, he's on the Market... You know the sort of stuff. Money talks and so on.

1997 *Earth Matters* Winter 17/1 Money talks. If a developer asks an architect to build the cheapest, largest, quickest, it's quite difficult for them to say 'I won't touch this'.

COMPOUNDS

C1.

a. General attrib.

money bond *n.*

1837 T. CARLYLE *French Revol.* I. III. viii. 154 Rich if Court-titles and Money-bonds can enrich him.

1959 EARL JOWITT & C. WALSH *Dict. Eng. Law* II. 1372/1 *Post-obit*, a money bond conditioned for payment at or after the death of some person other than the giver of the bond.

1992 *Financial Times* 22 Feb. 3/8 Bonds to be offered in exchange for existing loans include new money bonds with a maturity of 17 years.

money controversy *n.*

1597 T. BEARD *Theatre Gods Judgements* II. xlii. 427 If there were any money controuersies to be decided.

1874 J. E. P. DOYLE *Plymouth Church & its Pastor* 551 I had the sole management of the money controversy between Tilton and Bowen.

1969 *Jrnl. Econ. Lit.* 7 39/1 The inside-outside money controversy.

2000 *Boston Globe* (Nexis) 13 Feb. (Sports section) D4 The money controversy had exploded, Crenshaw ripped into four particular players, and the event seemed headed for disaster.

money-debt *n.*

1627 W. HAWKINS *Apollo Shroving* II. iii. 30 She does not arrest me for money debt.

1711 M. HENRY *Forgiveness of Sin* in *Wks.* (1853) II. 319/2 Our Saviour in his parables alludes to money-debts.

1861 'G. ELIOT' *Silas Marner* xx. 348 There's debts we can't pay like money debts, by paying extra for the years that have slipped by.

1890 SIR G. F. DUCKETT *Visit. Eng. Cluniac Found.* 31 He found the house with a money-debt of 935 marks.

money drawer *n.*

1754 S. RICHARDSON *Hist. Sir Charles Grandison* VII. (Index) 383 Two keys to their money-drawer.

1819 J. H. VAUX *New Vocab. Flash Lang.* in *Memoirs* II. at *Lob* A till or money-drawer.

1880 W. NEWTON *Serm. for Boys & Girls* (1881) 372 She had lost the key of her money-drawer.

1967 A. CARTER *Magic Toyshop* vii. 155 Notes spilled out of the money drawer.

money-fear *n.*

1927 D. H. LAWRENCE *Let.* 18 Dec. (1962) II. 1027 They must first overthrow in themselves the money-fear and money-lust.

money fine *n.*

a1628 F. GREVILLE *Treat. Monarchy* VIII, in *Remains* (1670) 92 Subject to no other justice lie, Then (as for Dogs) a senceless Money fine.

1656 in E. B. O'Callaghan *Laws & Ordinances of New Netherland, 1638–1674* (1868) 284 They shall not allow any Civil cases to remain open and undecided..but shall be bound to dispose thereof by

judgment or settlement, the money fine inclusive.

- 1875 W. STUBBS *Constit. Hist.* (ed. 2) I. iii. 47 Such are the proportions of the wer-gild and the money-fines.
- 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 289/2 A code of laws issued by him which..contains a list of money fines for various crimes.

money flow *n.*

- 1927 *Q. Jrnl. Econ.* **42** 93 The present large incomes..are not from..a permanent money-flow from newly accumulated sources of wealth.
- 1953 C. F. HOCKETT in S. Saporta & J. R. Bastian *Psycholinguistics* (1961) 64/1 Money-flow (at least in one direction) is *income*.
- 1992 P. JONES & J. CULLIS *Public Finance & Public Choice* (BNC) 345 The tax of income that is not a money flow would be politically unpopular as it would have to be paid from the working partner's income.

money god *n.*

- 1590 SPENSER *Faerie Queene* II. VII. sig. S6^v Suffise it then, thou Money God (qd. hee) That all thine ydle offers I refuse.
- 1853 B. P. SHILLABER *Man in 'Bus* in *Rhymes with Reason & without* 58 The money-god's altar had risen on high.
- 1873 M. A. QUINTON (*title*) The money god; or, the Empire and the papacy.

money hunger *n.*

- 1882 W. CARLETON *Farm Ballads* (rev. ed.) 113 Eyes made by money-hunger keen.
- 1892 R. L. STEVENSON & L. OSBOURNE *Wrecker* vii. 120 Far from the money-hunger of the West.
- 1965 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 25 Nov. 1047 (*advt.*) A young manhood of scheming and money-hunger in Chicago.
- 2000 *San Francisco Examiner* (Nexis) 22 Aug. B9 Money hunger is plaguing my generation.

money-lust *n.*

- 1838 E. B. BROWNING *Seraphim* I, in *Poet. Wks.* (1897) 93 Have I the apple at my lips? The money-lust within?
- 1842 *Ladies' Repository* Feb. 63/2 A very money lust possesses his soul.
- 1930 E. POUND *Draft of XXX Cantos* xiv. 61 The perverts, who have set money-lust Before the pleasures of the senses.
- 1993 *19th-Cent. Lit.* **48** 306 It is of course the money-lust that is made to carry the burden of evil.

† **money-means** *n.* *Obs.*

1612 S. ROWLANDS *Knaue of Harts* sig. D4^v A Knight..Intreates his Father..Some mony-means, to help him, he would make.

† **money-miser** *n.* *Obs.*

1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secretorie* I. sig. F3 A wretched ending, of such money misers.

† **money-mulct** *n.* *Obs.*

1650 J. TRAPP *Clavis to Bible* (Exod. xx. 17) 66 Violence offered to a woman..if shee were not quick [with childe], it was onely a monie-mulct.

money payment *n.*

1799 *Hull Advertiser* 15 June 1/2 The house is..subject to a money payment in lieu of tithes.

1866 J. E. T. ROGERS *Hist. Agric. & Prices* I. iii. 62 Time out of mind the services of the villains had been commutable for money payments.

1999 *Pract. Family Hist.* Oct. 7/1 By 1836, the government had decided that money payments should be substituted for all remaining payments in kind—the commutation of tithes.

money price *n.*

1674 in H. W. Richardson *York Deeds (Maine)* (1888) III. f. 23 The sayd Davess & Penwill to pay y^e sayd Bray Three pounds fiue shillings., to bee payd as followeth, to say one quarter money price, the other three quarters in price Current, to say fish, provission, & Barbadoes goods, & English goods.

1776 A. SMITH *Inq. Wealth of Nations* I. i. v. 56 Six shillings and eight-pence..in the time of Edward I. I consider as the same money price with a pound sterling in the present times.

1861 H. S. MAINE *Anc. Law* v. 157 The husband..pays a money-price to her relations for the tutelage which they surrender to him.

1994 *Economist* 24 Dec. 96/3 People do not..confuse changes in money prices with changes in real prices.

money sack *n.*

1603 J. DAVIES *Microcosmos* 153 The Money-Sacke, best kept the Land from sack.

1793 C. SMITH *Old Manor House* III. ix. 219 She prefers the nephew with his knap-sack to the uncle with his money-sack.

- 1899 'M. TWAIN' in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 36/2 Millions and millions of people were discussing the stranger and his money-sack.
- 1997 B. O'CONNOR *Tell her you love Her* 123 His yellow money sacks,...because he didn't notice Hussein now fisting out fist-loads of cash, deflated slowly.

money-safe *n.*

- 1799 *Hull Advertiser* 6 Oct. 3/3 Charged..with having broken open..the money-safe within the said dwelling-house.
- 1871 *Appletons' Jrnl.* 5 Aug. 145 He held his candle within the empty money-safe.
- 1898 *Cent. Mag.* July 424/2 Midshipman W. B. Sinclair, Jr...was placed in charge of a boat containing the steamer's money safe.
- 1972 *Amer. Q.* **24** 535 The nation, which once memorialized Colonel Shaw, now memorializes a money-safe which survived the Hiroshima blast.

money slave *n.*

- 1929 D. H. LAWRENCE *Pansies* 116 He can't help being a slave, a wage-slave, A money-slave.
- 1999 *Business Week* 15 Feb. 6/2 Capitalism may make him a money slave, but it can be fun too.

money system *n.*

- 1821 T. JEFFERSON *Autobiogr.* in *Writings* (1984) 48 I insert here the Notes and Reply, as shewing the different views on which the adoption of our money system hung.
- 1929 D. H. LAWRENCE *Pansies* 109 Why don't we do something about the money system?
- 1991 D. DABYDEEN *Intended* (1992) 181 Kurtz should have..paid for his sex instead of wanting it on the cheap with blacks who didn't know how much to charge because they didn't have a money system.

money-till *n.*

- 1857 O. W. WIGHT *Quinland* I. II. ii. 289 If the stars were extinguished, it would not disturb him, unless his money-till were upset.
- 1937 C. M. ARENSBERG *Irish Countryman* 175 His or her remittances would eventually reach his money-till.

money transaction *n.*

- 1766 G. COLMAN & D. GARRICK *Clandestine Marriage* II. 33 If I can make it advantageous to him as a money-transaction,...he will certainly come into it.
- 1858 LD. ST. LEONARDS *Handy Bk. Prop. Law* xviii. 133 Looking at this as a simple money transaction.
- 1914 J. JOYCE *Dubliners* 87 In the end he had got mixed up in some shady affair, some money

transaction.

2000 *Omaha (Nebraska) World-Herald* (Nexis) 25 Aug. 1 Adams County investigator Glenn Kemp said authorities have found no money transactions and no records of cell-phone calls.

money valuation *n.*

1845 H. H. WILSON *Hist. Brit. India 1805–35* I. vii. 445 The money valuation of the estimated produce of the land in cultivation.

1848 J. S. MILL *Princ. Polit. Econ.* I. Prel. Rem. 5 He accepted these [goods] at a money valuation.

1992 P. JONES & J. CULLIS *Public Finance & Public Choice* (BNC) Taxation of sales is also common, in the form of specific (so much per physical unit of measurement) or ad valorem (percentage of money valuation) taxes on goods and services.

money wages *n.*

1817 T. R. MALTHUS *Ess. Princ. Population* (ed. 5) I. I. ii. 31 An increased number of labourers receiving the same money-wages will necessarily, by their competition, increase the money-price of corn.

1955 *Times* 6 June 10/3 Many of the gains that labour has been getting through new contracts are not so much increases in money wages as in so-called 'fringe' benefits—such as larger pensions and welfare payments.

1992 A. LELJONHUFVUD in A. Vercelli & N. Dimitri *Macroecon.* ii. 22 The inelasticity of price expectations reduces the amplitude of fluctuations in money prices and money wages.

b. Objective.

(a)

money borrower *n.*

1766 O. GOLDSMITH *Vicar of Wakefield* I. iii. 25 Though he was a money-borrower.

1839 DICKENS *Nicholas Nickleby* lvi Ten thousand mean and paltry lies, told—not by the money-lender, oh no! but by the money-borrowers.

1948 G. CROWTHER *Outl. Money* (ed. 2) ii. 23 He has become a money-borrower as well as a money-lender.

1999 *Time* (Nexis) 27 Dec. 130 They can be constant money borrowers, black sheep, pathological liars, white-collar criminals or..murderous felons.

money-earner *n.*

1902 *Internat. Jrnl. Ethics* 12 189 The disparity between money earners and direct owners of industrial product was..lessened.

1997 *Independent* 29 July 3/8 A company which patents a test for a gene sequence—say, for a gene causing breast cancer—has a huge potential money-earner.

money-getter *n.*

- 1809 L. HUNT in *Examiner* 10 Dec. 787/2 An unfeeling money-getter is a savage, who absolutely lives in society without imbibing any of its spirit.
- 1903 W. D. HOWELLS *Lett. Home* xlix. 297 These money-getters, though they are bewildered by the difference of some other man, are never abashed by it.
- 2000 *Commercial Appeal* (Memphis, Tennessee) (Nexis) 2 Aug. B1 State Sen. Tom Leatherwood..was the top money-getter from outside donors, raising \$49,000.

money-hoarder *n.*

- 1650 J. TRAPP *Clavis to Bible* (Gen. xxiii. 16) 183 It may well be said of Money-hoarders, they have no Quick-silver, no currant money.
- 1841 DICKENS *Barnaby Rudge* xxix. 97 To the money-hoarder..the whole great universe above glitters with sterling coin.
- 2000 *Sun* (Edmonton) (Nexis) 6 Nov. 1 Federal political wannabes should look at the concerns of the poor before they look to gain votes from the greedy money-hoarders.

money-holder *n.*

- 1788 G. WASHINGTON *Let.* 31 Aug. in *Papers* (1956) XIII. 556 I am much obliged by the information you give respecting the credit of different Nations among the Dutch Money-holders.
- 1870 W. R. HOLLOWAY *Indianapolis* xi. 103 The money holder had to take the opinion of a broker or banker for what he was worth.
- 1993 *Jrnl. Money, Credit, & Banking* 25 605 While moneyholders and lenders are made better off, borrowers are made worse off with high monetary uncertainty.

money loaner *n.*

- 1860 G. W. HAWES *Ohio State Gazetteer for 1860-61* 601 Sowles D. W., Broker and Money Loaner, South side Scioto.
- 1903 W. E. CURTIS *True A. Lincoln* 131 He advocated a law prohibiting money-loaners from charging exorbitant rates of interest.
- 1996 *Ottawa Citizen* (Nexis) 4 Feb. A4 Everybody seems to wind up at Eddy's. Carpenters, politicians, money loaners, hookers.

money-lover *n.*

- 1747 S. RICHARDSON *Clarissa* I. xxii. 215 A noted whore-monger is to be chosen before a man who is a money-lover.
- 1832 A. GRANT *Let.* 26 Jan. in *Mem. & Corr.* (1844) III. 214 He is no money-lover, and is kind-hearted.

- 1905 *Contemp. Rev.* Apr. 556 The timocratic man who seeks honour may easily degenerate to the mere money lover.
- 1982 A. BARR & P. YORK *Official Sloane Ranger Handbk.* 77/2 Traditionally, Harrovians include the flashy, and money-lovers.

money-raiser *n.*

- 1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Aug. 1/3 This remarkable man began his career as a money-raiser fifteen years ago with an £8,000 collection.
- 1955 W. DEAN in H. Van Thal *Fanfare for E. Newman* v. 61 *Don Giovanni* in Trianon's version and Nicolai's *Merry Wives of Windsor* had to be put on as money-raisers.
- 1995 *N.Y. Rev. Bks.* 2 Nov. 4/3 He has, so far as we know, courted no string-pullers or money-raisers in the Republican establishment.

money-spender *n.*

- 1720 E. WARD *Delights of Bottle* IV. 44 The Vint'ner must himself surrender To ev'ry crossgrain'd Money-spender.
- 1896 *Overland Monthly* Jan. 13 A retreat for the money-maker rather than for the money-spender or the 'summer-girl'.
- 1920 *Edinb. Rev.* July 163 Meleager was always a money spender rather than a money maker.
- 1953 *Amer. Q.* 5 323 As a money-spender he displayed more generosity and fine taste than good judgment.

money-winner *n.*

- 1864 *Christian Recorder* (Electronic text) 13 Feb. The next is the money winners.
- 1888 R. L. STEVENSON in *Scribner's Mag.* Jan. 125 He sets to belaboring his brains after a story, for that is his readiest money-winner.
- 1992 *N.Y. Times* 27 Dec. VIII. 7/6 The Ladies Professional Golf Association's leading money-winner.

(b)

money-breeding *n.* and *adj.*

- 1796 M. ROBINSON *Angelina* I. 71 The blustering,..money-breeding savage, her father.
- 1864 DICKENS *Our Mutual Friend* (1865) I. II. v. 206 Your concentrated Fox is seldom comparable to your concentrated Ass in money-breeding.

money earning *n.* and *adj.*

- 1872 *Jrnl. Statist. Soc.* 35 304 The number of telegrams given in the preceding table represent the

money-earning telegrams.

- 1896 *Argosy* Mar. 519/2 Think of the money earning possibilities of women guides and chaperons on wheels.
- 1912 J. LONDON *Let.* 7 Sept. (1966) 364 My long stuff is pretty good at money-earning.
- 1996 *Daily Yomiuri* 29 Apr. 18/4 Annika Sorenstam of Sweden, who led both the U.S. and European LPGA money earnings list last season, shot a 69 and shared fifth place.

money getting *n.* and *adj.*

- 1653 I. WALTON *Compl. Angler* i. 5 Money-getting -men.
- 1836 J. H. NEWMAN *Parochial Serm.* (ed. 2) II. xxviii. 395 A life of money-getting is a life of care.
- 1871 B. JOWETT in tr. Plato *Dialogues* I. 182 Socrates makes a playful allusion to his money-getting habits.
- 1977 B. M. BOYLE in S. Kostof *Architect* 316 They [sc. successful architects] are in reality fully as keen and of as large capacity in the business of money getting as any other constituency in American affairs.

money-grasping *adj.*

- 1789 'P. PINDAR' *Expostulatory Odes* iii. 11 Perdition catch the money-grasping wretch.
- 1869 H. GREELEY *Recoll. Busy Life* 522 The lazy, sensual, luxury-loving, money-grasping million enjoy nothing more keenly.
- 1940 *Jrnl. Higher Educ.* 11 472/1 Uncle Sam is represented in caricatures by Latin Americans and by Europeans as money-grasping, hard, defiant, and hypocritical.
- 2000 *Sunday Tel.* (Nexis) 22 Oct. 15 The author's careerism..is rooted in his mercantile childhood milieu—a failed-businessman father, two aggressively money-grasping older brothers.

money-loving *adj.*

- 1703 N. ROWE *Fair Penitent* I. i. 2 Sour, unrelenting, Money-loving Villains.
- 1866 S. B. JAMES *Duty & Doctr.* (ed. 2) 49 A pushing, eager, pleasure-loving, world-loving, money-loving age!
- 1991 *Elle* (U.S. ed.) July 12/3 I see plays or movies that depict Asian women as weak, whorish, money-loving, and cold.

† money-meditating *adj.* *Obs. rare*

- 1749 H. FIELDING *Tom Jones* IV. xi. ix. 179 Not so travels the Money-meditating Tradesman.

money-raising *n.* and *adj.*

- 1650 *Mercurius Pragmaticus (for King Charls II)* No. 53 sig. Ggg2v For the news from Ireland so doth puzzle the Saints that they have quite forgot their prayers, and fly to their old straine of Money-raising.
- 1847 *U.S. Mag. & Democratic Rev.* Oct. 316 Henry began the comparatively modern system of money-raising, getting what he could from Parliament..and obtaining the rest by a thousand extraordinary and tyrannical expedients.
- 1916 *Amer. Jrnal. Sociol.* **22** 15 In money-raising campaigns extraordinary zeal can be developed by fostering rivalry among soliciting 'teams'.
- 1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 29 Mar. 105/3 The huge success of money-raising efforts.
- 1991 *Canada Lutheran* Nov. 16/3 Craft and bake sales, drama nights, raffles, and other money-raising activities.

money-saving *n.* and *adj.*

- 1824 J. G. C. BRAINARD *Let. found in Ruins Fort Braddock* ii. 9 These degenerate and money-saving times.
- 1840 R. H. DANA *Two Years before Mast* xviii. 168 The Americans are a time and money saving people.
- 1993 A. DACYCZYN *Tightwad Gaz.* iv. 172/2 Is this nitpicky money-saving idea worth your time?

money-spending *n.* and *adj.*

- 1609 *Pasquils Iestes* (new ed.) sig. F2^v An idle headed fellow,..determining, after a litle money spending, to returne home with a budget full of newes.
- 1822 T. MCCULLOCH *Stepsure Lett.* (1960) 134 Our country people are a time and money-spending race.
- 1900 J. LONDON *Let.* 1 Mar. (1966) 97 The habit of money spending.
- 1992 *Economist* 22 Aug. 14/1 A cascade of criticism of the new 'council tax' threatens to send ministers into a money-spending panic.

money-taking *n.* and *adj.*

- 1681 A. BEHN *2nd Pt. Rover* IV. ii. 55 What difference then between a money-taking Mistriss and her that gives her Love.
- 1845 R. S. SURTEES *Hillingdon Hall* I. xvi. 270 With..cash-box, and other paraphernalia or [*sic*] money-taking before him.
- 1909 *Daily Chron.* 5 Jan. 3/5 One needs a certain amount of business training and some knowledge of finance properly to enjoy 'Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford', for the hero's money-making, or rather money-taking, schemes are just the least bit in the world intricate.
- 2000 *Bangkok Post* (Electronic ed.) 24 June Angry responses from the politician's die-hard fans, and accusations of 'political manoeuvring' and 'money-taking'.

(c)

money-conscious *adj.*

- 1933 *Punch* 5 July 25/1 We learn to eat at least a twelve-month before we learn to talk; not till several years after that do we become money-conscious.
- 1963 *Times* 1 May 15/4 The parties being money-conscious to the highest degree.
- 1996 S. LAVERY et al. *Hamlyn Encycl. Complementary Health* 96/1 She will..ask if you are a perfectionist, a rebel, money-conscious, or fashion-conscious.

money-directed *adj.*

- 1970 T. HILTON *Pre-Raphaelites* vi. 171 The destructiveness of capitalist society, its callous and money-directed disregard of culture.

c. Adverbial and instrumental.**(a)****money-bloated** *adj.*

- 1833 G. H. CALVERT *Vol. from Life H. Barclay* vii. 124 Any thing is more bearable than the self-complacence of a money-bloated upstart,—a would-be exclusive.
- 2002 *www.msnbc.com* 22 Jan. (O.E.D. Archive) There are no best-sellers for him, no money-bloated deals with Hollywood.

† **money-distressed** *adj. Obs. rare*

- 1858 THACKERAY *Henry Esmond* (ed. 3) xiv. 143 Few fond women feel money-distressed.

money-mad *adj.*

- 1768 *Woman of Honor* III. 219 That money-mad avarice.
- 1929 D. H. LAWRENCE *Pansies* 79 Fear of my money-mad fellow-men.
- 1994 *Amer. Spectator* Jan. 36/2 Hollywood is still hyper-competitive, money mad, and meritocratic to the extent of frenzy.

money-minded *adj.*

- 1588 W. KEMPE *Educ. Children* sig. C3 One of these money minded parents.
- 1957 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 20 Dec. 769/4 The insistence of the more money-minded directors on its premature exploration.
- 1992 *Free China Rev.* May 7/2 Everyone is so money-minded these days.

† **money mouthed** *adj.* *Obs. rare*

1604 R. PRICKET *Honors Fame* (1881) 4 Some golden mony mouthed eloquence, that vseth a detractors Oratory.

(b)**money-mindedness** *n.*

1927 *Amer. Jrnl. Sociol.* **32** 957 To turn to tests of particular attitudes..we may mention those by Shuttleworth.., of money-mindedness [etc.].

1960 *20th Cent.* May 399 Now money-mindedness plays an increasing part in men's attitudes.

1995 *South China Morning Post (Hong Kong)* (Nexis) 29 Jan. (Mag. section) 7 Visiting Europeans marvelled at the money-mindedness of [New York's] inhabitants.

C2.**money act** *n.* now *rare* a legislative act dealing with financial matters.

1729 B. FRANKLIN *Paper Currency* in *Writings* (1905) II. 148 The Money-Acts in every part [are] punctually enforced.

1847 *Littell's Living Age* 4 Dec. 474/2 The money act of 1844 is repealed by anticipation.

money advice *n.* professional advice on financial problems; debt counselling; frequently *attrib.*

1980 *Consumers & Credit* (BNC) 74 A successful money advice service on the Birmingham lines..has been set up within the New Cross CAB in London.

1985 *Listener* 14 Mar. 5/3 He began to receive help from a Birmingham money advice centre, who not only gave him sympathy but practical help.

1998 *Community Care* 30 Apr. 9/2 Gary Vaux, Hertfordshire Council's head of money advice, believes that none of the options on the drawing board—such as tax credits, vouchers or allowances—address the problem at its root.

money affairs *n.* financial concerns, monetary transactions.

1702 R. STEELE *Funeral* II. 17 Your Lordship will send for Him when you are at Leisure to look upon Money-affairs.

1859 T. P. BUNTING *Life J. Bunting* I. xii. 231 His somewhat complicated money-affairs were transacted by the Book-Steward.

1919 'K. MANSFIELD' *Let.* 12 Dec. (1993) III. 157 You tell me I have..quenched your hopes even of getting your money affairs straight.

1979 *MLN* **94** 1021 Winchester..and its environs are magical in their ability to carry him [sc. Keats]

away to a charmed world far removed from the quotidian press of his money affairs.

money bank *n.* (a) = BANK *n.*³ 1a, 2a (now *arch.* and *rare*); a source of revenue; (b) *N. Amer.* = MONEY BOX *n.*

1628 F. GREVILLE *Life of Sidney* (1652) xvii. 230 That provident Lady..made his credit swell through all the mony-banks of Europe.

1865 W. WHITMAN *Drum-taps* 13 Nor market nor depot are we, nor money-bank in the city.

1875 *Scribner's Monthly* Mar. 631/2 The children's money banks had begun to rattle bravely with the pennies that were to go toward their holiday fund.

1988 *Newsday* (Nassau ed.) (Nexis) 9 June II. 19 The super sophisticates of CBS, who drove 'Hee Haw' out of the moneybank that is network prime time.

1992 *Canad. Living* 1 Dec. 189 (*advt.*) Includes full-size patterns and instructions for acrobatic clown, elephant floor cushion, clown money bank.

† **money-banker** *n.* *Obs.* = *money-dealer n.*

1677 A. YARRANTON *England's Improvem.* 18 All persons that have designs to get considerable Sums of Moneys into their hands for intended designs, or hazardous adventures, apply themselves to the Money-Bankers.

† **money batterer** *n.* *Obs. rare* a person who clips (CLIP *v.*² 4a) or sweats (SWEAT *v.* 15) coins.

?1518 *Cocke Lorelles Bote* sig. B.vj^v Players, purse cutters money baterers Golde washers.

† **money-bawd** *n.* *derogatory Obs.* a usurer.

1631 B. JONSON *Staple of Newes* Intermean II. 9 in *Wks.* II Old Couetousnesse,..the Money-bawd, who is a flesh-bawd too, they say.

money broker *n.* = *money-dealer n.*; *spec.* a broker who acts as intermediary between lenders and borrowers in the money market.

1616 B. JONSON in W. Browne *Britannia's Pastorals* II. Ded. sig. A5^v Or, like our Money-Brokers, take vp names On credit, and are cossen'd.

1833 J. HOLLAND *Treat. Manuf. Metal* II. v. 113 Mr. Rothschild, the eminent capitalist and money-broker.

1934 F. E. ARMSTRONG *Bk. Stock Exchange* vi. 108 When no 'takers' can be found someone has to provide the cash, and firms known as money brokers frequently agree to 'take in' the securities purely as a money-lending proposition.

1991 *Financial Times* 20 Mar. 32/7 In the UK market, each stock lending transaction is carried out through three parties—the lending institution, the borrower and a money broker.

money-broking *adj.* and *n.* (*a*) *adj.* of, relating to, or characteristic of a money-broker; (*b*) *n.* the activity of a money-broker.

1816 SCOTT *Old Mortality* viii, in *Tales of My Landlord* 1st Ser. II. 202 She's better where she is, so long as there is a respectable, sponible, money-broking heritor.

1973 *Daily Tel.* 26 Apr. 20 Additional money-broking capacity was necessary to cope with the business that might flow to London from Europe following Britain's entry to the E.E.C.

1996 *China Post* (Taipei, Taiwan) 14 June (Focus on U.K. section) 27/7 In money broking, the Taiwan authorities only allow broking in foreign currencies.

money bug *n.* *U.S. slang* (now *rare*) a person having great wealth or financial power.

1898 *People* 20 Mar. 4/4 The happiness or the misery of 3 millions of people wholly dependent on the whims and caprices of, say, half a dozen 'money bugs', as they are called in the States.

1922 *Public Opinion* 11 Aug. 132/2 The profiteering class, money bugs as the Americans call them.

money capital *n.* capital in the form of money; cf. CAPITAL *adj.* 2.

1791 T. PAINE *Rights of Man* iv High taxes..lessen the money-capital of a nation.

1858 D. E. E. BRAMAN *Information Texas* 62 It is a business which quickly converts the unclaimed and exhaustless herbage of the wide-spread prairie-commons into money capital.

1991 *Dissent* Winter 61/1 Money capital is the key productive force—the vital fluid that makes the economy work.

money-catcher *n.* now *rare* a person who seeks to obtain money (cf. CATCH *v.* 6b, 38).

1599 J. WEEVER *Epigrammes* sig. C4 A Money-catcher may be Stratus name.

1702 C. MATHER *Magnalia Christi* vii. v. 35/2 The Disciples of this Money-catcher became so Exceeding Fierce.

1874 B. P. SHILLABER *Lines in Pleasant Places* 293 A money-catcher in a velvet cap.

money-catching *n.* and *adj.* (*a*) *n.* the action of seeking to obtain money; (*b*) *adj.* that seeks to obtain money; that attracts money.

1684 H. N. (*title*) The pleasant art of money-catching.

1828 R. MONTGOMERY *Age Reviewed* (ed. 2) II. 209 (*note*) The present play-scribblers that bray round

the two Patent Houses, have only one object in view—money-catching.

- 1901 *Atlantic Monthly* Oct. 500/1 I have seen him play Shylock, sometimes as a fierce money-catching old-clothes dealer of Jewry.
- 1990 *Guardian* (Nexis) 25 May 29/2 The need always to come up with money-catching projects will affect the intellectual standard of research.

money chest *n.* (a) a chest in which money is stored (now *hist.*); (b) *fig.* financial resources.

- 1683 *Dutch Rogue* 186 She brought in a great Iron money-chest fill'd with stones and other ponderous materials, which he supposed to be money.
- 1836 E. B. PUSEY in H. P. Liddon et al. *Life E. B. Pusey* (1893) I. xvii. 393 To put a canker into the money-chests of the Protestant landlords.
- 1918 *Amer. Hist. Rev.* 24 33 The money-chest of the revolutionary executive was notoriously hollow.
- 1999 *Times Union* (Albany, N.Y.) (Nexis) 17 Sept. D1 There are..several historic pieces throughout the room, including..a money chest once belonging to Philip S. Van Rensselaer.

money claim *n.* chiefly *Law* a claim to recover a debt; the right to make such a claim.

- 1844 E. BULWER-LYTTON *Sketches from Life* I. p. xxvii A shameful money claim, of which I did not dream, starting up after five years, on behalf of an acquaintance—not a large amount, by any means, but it is the third I have had.
- 1926 D. H. ROBERTSON *Banking Policy & Price Level* 45 He hands his money-claim over to another person, who uses it for the provision of Capital.
- 1987 L. BROWN *Law for Haulier* (BNC) 149 An entirely new form of money claim, called a 'statutory demand' (which does not have to be based upon a judgment) may revolutionize debt-collecting and litigation procedures.

money clause *n.* a clause (in a Parliamentary or similar bill) dealing with money.

- 1844 LD. BROUGHAM *Brit. Constit.* viii. 115 The assent of the Lords to a money-clause is just as necessary as to any other part of a Bill.
- 1867 J. A. FERRIS *Financial Econ. U.S. Illustr.* 318 We must turn to the money clause to ascertain whether Congress had authority to make them 'lawful money'.
- 1990 *Guardian* (Nexis) 11 June 8/6 The combination of the distinct society and the money clauses will give Quebec a formal degree of autonomy.

money clip *n.* a clip for holding banknotes together.

- 1972 *Times* 13 Oct. 14/4 A money clip, in the shape of a buckle.

1992 *N.Y. Times* 21 July B9/2 A \$250 fine is tip money to these guys. They have it in their money clip.

† **money-clipper** *n.* [< MONEY *n.* + CLIPPER *n.*¹ 2a] *Obs. rare* a person who fraudulently pares the edges of coins.

1759 B. MARTIN *Nat. Hist. Eng.* I. 68 A notorious shelter for Robbers and Money-clippers.

† **money clipping** *n.* *Obs. rare* the action of fraudulently paring the edges of coins.

1570 J. FOXE *Actes & Monumentes* (rev. ed.) I. 425/2 About whiche tyme also,..Iewes for money clipping were put to execution.

1683 R. DIXON *Canidia* IX. 85 Money clipping and coyning.

† **money-codger** *n.* *Obs. rare* a miser.

1818 *Blackwood's Edinb. Mag.* 3 402 Musty, frousy, stingy, money-codger.

money coffer *n.* (a) a box or chest in which money is kept (now *rare*); (b) *fig.* financial resources.

1525–6 in H. Littlehales *Medieval Rec. London City Church* (1905) 331 For..mendyng of the lock of the money cofur within the plate chest.

1868 R. BROWNING *Ring & Bk.* II. v. 115 I..did wake..To find..rifled vesture-chest, And ransacked money-coffer.

1996 *St. Petersburg (Florida) Times* (Nexis) 5 May 15 A We ran out of sandbags because apparently our battalion's money coffer has gone dry.

money coiner *n.* a person who mints money; *esp.* a person who makes counterfeit coin.

1742 N. DUBOIS & G. LEONI tr. A. Palladio *Antiq. Rome* xxxvi, in tr. A. Palladio *Architecture* (ed. 3) II. 78 The *Mensarii* had the inspection over Money-Coiners, and Bankers.

1866 *Catholic World* Aug. 693/2 Tomorrow we will know whether this wretch is a money-coiner or a magician.

1998 *Evening Herald* (Plymouth) (Nexis) 26 Sept. (Weekend Suppl.) 33 English coin was meant to be high standard silver but 'evil' money coiners added more and more copper until nobody would accept the English silver penny.

money cowrie *n.* the cowrie *Cypraea moneta*, formerly used as

money (see COWRIE *n.* 1a).

- 1826 S. STUTCHBURY *Jrnl.* 26 May in *Sci. in Sea of Commerce* (1996) 86 In the shallow water, immense quantity of Money cowry was observed.
- 1936 F. S. RUSSELL & C. M. YONGE *Seas* (ed. 2) xvi. 349 The Money cowry..has been extensively used in almost every part of the world for purposes of exchange, the shells varying in value according to their size.
- 1983 *Carfel Philippine Shell News* Nov. 6 (title) Ancient money cowries.

† **money creature** *n.* *Obs. rare* a person who will do anything for money, *spec.* a slave-dealer, a pimp.

- 1605 J. MARSTON *Dutch Courtezan* I. sig. A4 The common bosome of a money Creature, one that sels humane flesh.

money crop *n.* *U.S.* a crop that is grown mainly for selling and not for the grower's consumption, as cotton or tobacco; a cash crop.

- 1867 *De Bow's Rev.* Dec. 565 If it be supposed that cotton is made on a small farm..it would be a money crop and clear profit.
- 1904 T. WATSON *Bethany* 5 They never failed to make it their object to produce on the farm the necessary supplies, tobacco or cotton being merely the surplus crop, the money crop.
- 1994 *Jrnl. Southern Hist.* 60 60 They had become increasingly committed to cotton as the principal money crop.

money-dealer *n.* a person who deals in money by exchange, banking, lending, etc.

- 1785 E. BURKE *Speech Nabob Arcot's Debts* in *Wks.* (1815) IV. 278 When a money dealer, becomes security for any native prince, the course is, for the native prince to countersecure the money dealer, by making over to him in mortgage a portion of his territory.
- 1848 J. S. MILL *Princ. Polit. Econ.* II. III. xxiii. §3. 183 In speculative times, money-dealers..are inclined to extend their business by stretching their credit.
- 1985 R. DAVIES *What's bred in Bone* (1986) I. 14 Oh, they're unimpeachable so far as money-dealers go.

money dealing *n.* the action of dealing in money; (also, in *pl.*) communication or association with someone about money.

- 1772 R. CUMBERLAND *Fashionable Lover* v. 53 These are all the money dealings you have had with Lord Abberville?
- 1791 R. JEPHSON *Two Strings to your Bow* II. 40 Commerce and money-dealing have been my business.

- 1866 A. CRUMP *Pract. Treat. Banking* i. 1 Some authorities assert that the Lombard merchants commenced the business of money-dealing.
- 1894 E. C. SOMERVILLE & 'M. ROSS' *Real Charlotte* I. x. 136 Others of them had money dealings with her of a complicated kind.
- 1991 M. PAWLET et al. *UK Financial Inst. & Markets* (BNC) 153 The money dealing departments of commercial and eligible banks and Accepting Houses.

money-digger *n.* *U.S.* a treasure hunter, *esp.* one who believes buried treasure can be located by divination or other mystical means.

In quot. 1769 a nickname.

- 1769 *N.Y. Gaz.* 27 Feb. 3/3 A Negro Man named Jacob,..formerly known in this City, by the name of the Fu-Fu Negro, or Money-Digger.
- 1820 B. SILLIMAN *Remarks Tour Hartford & Quebec* 121 Even to this hour..new pits are excavated by the insatiable money diggers.
- 1870 J. DE MILLE *Boys of Grand Pré School* x. 148 We haven't any mineral rod, nor any magic ceremonies. We're merely a plain, hard-working crowd; not of money-diggers, but of archæologists.
- 1998 *New Republic* (Electronic ed.) 23 Feb. Smith and many of his contemporaries became avid money-diggers.

money-doubler *n.* (in Nigeria) a confidence trickster who claims to be able to double a person's money.

- 1976 *Daily Times* (Lagos) 5 Aug. 15/2 The money doubler was said to have swindled the bank official by promptly making away with the cash.
- 1987 A. TUTUOLA *Pauper Brawler Slanderer* xvi. 77 He told the women all over the town that he was a money-doubler and that he was able to double their money for them.

money draft *n.* (also **money draught**) a written order for the payment of money addressed to a person holding funds available for this purpose.

- 1758 *Let. to Mayor wherein Discouragem. of Seamen are Examined* 19 These assigned Tickets would be equal to Money-draughts upon any responsible Banker.
- 1980 *Amer. Banker* (Nexis) 16 Sept. 2 An experiment has begun in Campbell County to allow the payment of fines through a Western Union money draft.

† **money-dropper** *n.* *Obs.* a confidence trickster who drops a piece of money and then pretends to have found it, in order to accost and gain the confidence of the intended victim; also in extended use.

- 1737 *Gentleman's Mag.* Oct. 617/1 In Former times, even Ministers of State were not ashamed to turn Money-droppers.
- 1748 T. SMOLLETT *Roderick Random* I. xv. 115 A rascally money-dropper, who made it his business to decoy strangers in that manner, to one of his own haunts.

† **money-dropping** *n.* *Obs.* a kind of confidence trick; cf. *money-dropper n.*

- 1737 *Gentleman's Mag.* Oct. 617/1 Amongst all the indirect Means of getting Money, none hath been more practised amongst Us than what is called Money-dropping.

money economy *n.* an economy based on the use of money rather than barter as a means of exchange.

- 1888 *Jrnl. Royal Statist. Soc.* 51 809 Now this system is being replaced by a money economy.
- 1942 L. B. NAMIER *Conflicts* 50 It is not easy to translate into exact figures this barter business, which is..contrasted with the money-economy and transactions of the Western Powers.
- 1992 B. COOTE *Trade Trap* xii. 159 Most of Bangladesh's huge population of 115 million people..relies on agriculture or fishing for a livelihood, often operating outside the money economy.

money flower *n.* [so called from its round, flat seed pods] now *rare* the plant honesty, *Lunaria annua*; cf. MONEY PLANT *n.* (a).

- 1578 H. LYTE tr. R. Dodoens *Nieuwe Herball* II. vi. 154 The Brabanders..do call it Penninckbloemen, that is to say, Penny floure, or mony floure.
- 1659 R. LOVELL *Παμβοτανολογια* 308 Mony-flower. *Bulbonach*... It groweth in woods and gardens... Fl: in Aprill, the next year after sowen... N. *Lunaria*. *Viola lunaris & latifolia* Dod.
- 1952 A. G. L. HELLYER *Sanders' Encycl. Gardening* (ed. 22) 288 *L[unaria] annua* (syn. *L. biennis*), 'Honesty', 'Money Flower', 'Satin Flower'.
- 1993 C. LLOYD *Flower Garden* 15/2 The different colour forms of honesty or money flower, *Lunaria annua*, I try to assign to special locations, so that they do not interbreed.

money fund *n.* (a) = FUND *n.* 2a; (b) *Finance* an investment fund run to resemble a standard bank account, intended to offer a steady rate of interest on relatively low-risk investments.

- 1860 *Sci. Amer.* 18 Aug. 116/2 A money fund for ordinary expenses, and for the trial of experiments.
- 1982 H. WIESNER *Which? Bk. Saving & Investing* xx. 191 A few deposit-taking institutions also offer other forms of accounts—for example, savings schemes, money funds (where the fund is managed and invested in the money market).
- 1998 *Herald* (Glasgow) (Electronic ed.) 3 Oct. I would like to know more about cash unit trusts or

money funds and whether investing in them would be a good idea for me or not.

† **money-gentleman** *n.* *Obs. rare* a person who is a gentleman by birth but who nevertheless works as a financier.

1665 S. PEPYS *Diary* 7 Apr. (1972) VI. 75 Unless the King can get some noblemen or rich money-gentlemen to lend him money.

money-gold *n.* now *rare* gold coin.

1841 *N.Z. Jrnal*. No. 32. 92 Natives talk about money-gold.

1842 *Let. Settlers in Wellington, Nelson & New Plymouth* (1843) 137 We can get them [sc. pigs] from the natives for blankets, or for 'money gold' as they call it, which we call sovereigns.

1925 J. GREGORY *Bab of Backwoods* xxiii. 283 Gold that had..been dull bits of ore dug from rocky hillsides; that men had taken and made into money-gold.

money-grabber *n.* a covetous or rapacious person.

1892 F. E. W. HARPER *Iola Leroy* xv. 133 They..looked upon us as a lot of money-grabbers, who would be willing to purchase peace at any price.

1933 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 27 Apr. 283/3 A money-grabber, notorious in a money-grabbing age.

1956 *People* 13 May 8/1 Other tenants of slum houses..are victims of a growing army of money-grabbers the law can't touch.

1997 N. KELLY *Continuing Adventures of Gurdy O'Grady* in S. Champion & D. Scannell *Shenanigans* (1999) xviii. 294 There are money-grabbers and leeches and worms, and all of them will use you.

money-grabbing *adj.* (of a person) that covets money, that habitually appropriates money; (of a thing) characterized by the desire for or appropriation of money.

1888 *Catholic World* Jan. 447 One finds the wealthy land-owner, the aristocrat, the money-grabbing official.

1920 D. H. LAWRENCE *Touch & Go* 9 We say it is a mere material struggle, a money-grabbing affair.

1994 *Summit Bank* Third Quarter 1/1 Money-grabbing con artists have come up with a slimy bag of new tricks.

money-hunter *n.* a person who seeks to obtain money; (*spec.* in early use) † = *money-digger n.* (*obs.*).

1729 B. FRANKLIN in *Amer. Weekly Mercury* 20 Mar. 2/2 Astrologers..are often consulted about the critical Times for Digging, the Methods of laying the Spirit, and the like Whimseys, which renders

- them very necessary to and very much caress'd by the poor deluded Money-hunters.
- 1853 E. C. GASKELL *Let.* Sept. (1966) 244 These people..bring up their sons with only just enough learning to qualify them for over-lookers during their father's lifetime and greedy grasping money-hunters after his death.
- 1987 *St. Petersburg (Florida) Times* (Nexis) 10 July E2 What's particularly attractive to federal money hunters about this, the report indicates, is that it raises big money fast.

money hunting *adj.* and *n.* (*a*) *adj.* that seeks to obtain money; (*b*) the action of a money-hunter.

- 1825 C. LAMB in *London Mag.* Mar. 370 The plodding, money-hunting tribe.
- 1832 J. HALL *Legends of West* 65 If you do but quit money-hunting, I am satisfied.
- 1859 *Weekly Globe* (Toronto) 16 Dec. in *Jrnl. Negro Hist.* 6 (1921) 177 The money-hunting, cotton-worshipping world.
- 1942 W. FAULKNER *Go down, Moses & Other Stories* 103 And when a man that old takes up money-hunting, it's like when he takes up gambling or whisky or women.
- 1994 *Denver Post* (Nexis) 30 Apr. C1 The software package has sold more to brokers than individual companies, which often hire specialists to do their money hunting.

money illusion *n.* orig. *U.S.* the view, which disregards the effect of inflation, that money has a fixed value in terms of its purchasing power.

- 1928 I. FISHER *Money Illusion* (1929) i. 4 The 'Money Illusion', the failure to perceive that the dollar, or any other unit of money, expands or shrinks in value.
- 1975 *Times* 30 June 12/8 Money illusion is, as in Germany, dying..as people spend indexed wages rather than save.
- 1994 *Economist* 24 Dec. 96/3 One of the core assumptions of much current macroeconomic theory is that people do not suffer from 'money illusion'—that is, they do not confuse changes in money prices with changes in real prices.

† **money-jobber** *n.* *Obs.* a dealer in money or coin.

- 1692 J. LOCKE *Some Considerations Lowering Interest* 102 That..the dextrous and combining Money jobbers not have too great and unbounded a Power, to Prey upon..Ignorance or Necessity.
- 1762 D. MALLETT *Poems on Several Occasions* 41 The full-fed herd of money-jobbers, Jews, Christians, rogues alike and robbers!
- 1798 BP. R. WATSON *Addr. People Great Brit.* 5 Money-jobbers, who deal in large speculations on credit.

† **money-jobbing** *n.* and *adj.* *Obs.* (*a*) *n.* the work or employment of a money-jobber; (*b*) *adj.* that deals in money or coin.

- 1757 M. POSTLETHWAYT *Great Britain's True Syst.* i. 21 Men's Heads are busied with the Arts of Money-
Jobbing between the Exchange and the Exchequer.
- 1790 E. BURKE *Refl. Revol. in France* 277 By this means the spirit of money-jobbing and speculation
goes into the mass of land itself.
- 1812 R. CUMBERLAND tr. Aristophanes *Clouds* 86 Ye money-jobbing caitiffs, userers, sharks!

money king *n.* U.S. a person of great wealth; a finance magnate.

- 1838 D. D. BARNARD *Speeches & Rep.* 106 To see him [*sc.* the President] sit as a great money king over
the nation.
- 1900 *Congress. Rec.* 7 Feb. 1610/1 Where ought control of the currency to rest?.. At present the banks
and the money kings wield this power.
- 1998 *World in 1998* (Economist Publ.) 65/1 The first 'money kings' were the Rothschilds as they
emerged after the Napoleonic wars.

money launderer *n.* a person who engages in money laundering.

- 1979 *Washington Post* (Nexis) 14 Aug. C5 He would have proved that [he]..acted as a money launderer'
for an office supply firm heavily involved in the GSA bribery scandal.
- 1994 *Crit. Intelligence* Aug. 6/3 So far two prefectional governors, several mayors, a couple of
prominent politicians and an endless bunch of flunkies and money launderers have been arrested.

money laundering *n.* the process of concealing the origins of money
obtained illegally by passing it through a complex sequence of banking
transfers or commercial transactions (*cf.* LAUNDER *v.* 1b); frequently
attrib.

- 1974 *N.Y. Times* 9 July 27/1 Nixon has publicly said he asked his top White House aides..to intervene in
a Federal Bureau of Investigation inquiry into 'money-laundering' operations in Mexico City.
- 1994 *Accountancy* Sept. 34/2 Some find it hard to believe that the aura of secrecy that shrouds the
islands doesn't hide money laundering or other shady dealings.

money letter *n.* now *rare* a letter containing money.

- 1838 E. STIRLING *Grace Darling* II. iv, in B. Webster *Acting National Drama* (1840) VI. 25 He'll be
opening a money-letter by mistake, and get himself transported.
- 1887 *Overland Monthly* Apr. 371/2 He one day suddenly disappeared and could not be traced; the
reason becoming speedily explained through the loss of a money letter.

money-loser *n.* (*a*) a person who incurs a financial loss; (*b*) an

unprofitable business venture.

- 1872 *Scribner's Monthly* Apr. 715/1 Thank heavens he was no money loser.
- 1886 *Overland Monthly* Jan. 25 We worship the money getters and despise the money losers.
- 1928 *Weekly Dispatch* 6 May 15 About 30 [musical comedies] prove to be money-losers.
- 1989 *Forbes* 20 Mar. 129/1 Within a year, he had cut \$25 million out of annual expenses by trimming the work force and dumping moneylosers like group medical policies.

money-losing *adj.* that incurs or is characterized by a financial loss.

- 1844 *U.S. Mag. & Democratic Rev.* Apr. 444/1 These brave exploits of the New Yorkers are..almost forgotten by their descendants in this money-losing and money-getting age.
- 1870 J. K. MEDBERY *Men & Myst. Wall St.* 200 It is the greatest money-making and money-losing spot on the globe.
- 1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 16 Feb. 87/2 All your life you have heard that farming is a money-losing proposition.
- 1990 F. DANNEN *Hit Men* (1991) i. 6 In 1972 he took over CBS Records' money-losing English label and steered it into the black.

money man *n.* †(a) a lover of money (*nonce-use*); (b) a financier or backer; a financial expert.

- 1585 ABP. E. SANDYS *Serm.* i. 5 As before he exhorted vs to come and buie freely, without monie; because God is no monie man.
- 1614 T. ADAMS in C. H. Spurgeon *Treasury of David* (1870) I. Ps. x. 9 A money-man may not be damnified, but he may be damned.
- 1662 S. PEPYS *Diary* 18 Sept. (1970) III. 200 To dinner to Sheriffe Maynells, the great money-man.
- 1845 W. J. LINTON *Bob Thin* 6 The money-men who 'sow the wind', And 'bills of rights' by taxes paid.
- 1928 *Collier's* 5 May 36/3 Dat fool gal datin' wid me and wawkin' off wid dat money man.
- 1994 *Courier-Mail* (Brisbane) 14 Dec. 9/6 A major money-man for Bill Clinton..was convicted for 'social distribution' of cocaine in 1986.

money management *n.* the management of financial affairs.

- 1935 *Rev. Econ. Statistics* 17 20/1 The widely conflicting schools of money management and economic planning.
- 1993 *Money* Apr. 11/1 (*advt.*) Maybe it's time you took advantage of the money management skill of America's largest stock fund manager.

money manager *n.* a person employed to look after the financial affairs of a company or of individuals.

- 1874 *Appletons' Jrnl.* 19 Sept. 371/3 A few glimpses at an historic money-manager ought not to be uninviting.
- 1955 *Jrnl. Finance* **10** 121 It is the task of the money manager to ensure that his firm has sufficient funds to operate.
- 1993 *Wall St. Jrnl.* (European ed.) 19 Aug. 1/6 As stock prices climb steadily higher, the debate among Wall Street's savviest and best-paid analysts and money managers over where the market goes from here is becoming more heated.

money mart *n.* a place where financial transactions take place.

- a1625 J. FLETCHER *Demetrius & Enanthe* (1951) III. ii. 49 Thou shalt know..I am no Ward: No stale Stuff, for your money-Marts.
- 1870 J. K. MEDBERY *Men & Myst. Wall St.* 1 Great money marts have arisen and expanded into paramount importance.
- 1895 E. RADFORD *Suburban* in *Old & New* II. 79 The Devil's din Of London's damned money mart.
- 1977 *Washington Post* (Nexis) 14 Apr. D3 Ordinarily I tend to go against a 'hot' [baseball] team in the money mart.
- 1998 *Ottawa Sun* (Nexis) 23 Sept. 14 The long, grim decline of the dollar in the world money mart.

† **money-master** *n.* *Obs.* a person who possesses large funds for doing business; a banker, a moneylender.

- 1577 in *Parish Docs. York* (1948) 135 I called him a moneymaister And further saied that with him..money maye do all thinges.
- 1604 T. MIDDLETON *Blacke Bk.* in *Wks.* (1885) VIII. 28 An hoary money-master..his only recreation was but to hop about the Burse.
- 1630 tr. G. Botero *Relations Famous Kingdomes World* (rev. ed.) 339 They are great Bankers and mony Masters.
- a1652 R. BROME *Damoiselle* II. i. sig. C4^v, in *Five New Playes* (1653) How I love a hard-bound Money-master.

money merchant *n.* a trader in money, a money-dealer or moneylender.

- 1595 H. CHETTLER *Piers Plainnes Prentiship* 23 To this money merchant we come.
- 1647 J. TRAPP *Comm. Evangelists & Acts* (Matt. xxi. 12) Christ is everyday casting out of his Church all these money merchants.
- 1829 D. W. JERROLD *Bride of Ludgate* II. i. 39 But come, your wings, or the money-merchant will return.
- 1977 *Washington Post* (Nexis) 13 Jan. (District Weekly section) DC1 I don't owe a thing to the money merchants.
- 2000 *Bangkok Post* (Nexis) 4 Apr. The UN co-ordinator..told the conference that squeezing the drug

lords and money merchants in the Caribbean creates other problems.

moneypaper *n.* now *rare* a banknote, a promissory note.

- 1756 B. FRANKLIN *Let.* 21 Mar. in *Papers* (1963) VI. 426 I received the Money he sent me, on the Post Office, and Money-Paper Accounts.
- 1783 J. WOODFORDE *Diary* 4 Sept. (1926) II. 93 He sent inclosed in his Letter some Continental [*sc.* American] Money Paper valued there at 10 Shillings.
- 1932 W. FAULKNER *Light in August* xvi. 359 The letter..was from Memphis and it had a post-office moneypaper in it, and that was all... And then in November another moneypaper came, without any letter or anything.

money player *n.* (*a*) *N. Amer.* a person who performs particularly well when competitive pressure is intense (originally in gambling, when the stakes are high); (*b*) a professional, as opposed to an amateur.

- 1922 *Baseball Cycl.* 114/2 If you want to know what a money player is, ask a man who has been in a flock of world's series.
- 1935 A. J. POLLOCK *Underworld Speaks* 77/1 Money player, the tougher the game, this particular gambler excels on account of having lots of nerve.
- 1936 J. T. MCINTYRE *Steps going Down* xli. 394 He does nice work with a cue... For a money player and in a pinch; give me Toomey.
- 1939 *New Yorker* 26 Aug. 62/2 As a holder of the British Open, United States Open, and P.G.A. championships, Barnes was the greatest money player in the game.
- 1944 *Gen* 11 Mar. 30 It is one of the die-hard notions that no money-player is fit to lead an England team.
- 1989 *New Yorker* 11 Dec. 45/3 Farrell was always a money player.., and she beat the odds more often than any comparable performer you can name.
- 2000 *N.Y. Times* 9 May D4/2 The guys who are out there on the [basketball] court are definitely money players. Larry is a proven big-time player, as we saw last series.

money politics *n.* [after Japanese *kinken seiji*, lit. 'money-power politics' (1937) < *kin-* gold, money + *-ken* power + *seiji* politics] (originally in Japan) a political situation or system in which a politician will promote the interests of a particular interest group in return for financial support.

- 1975 *Newsweek* (Nexis) 7 July 16 A classic, and certainly legal, set of maneuvers in modern money politics.
- 1995 *Atlantic Monthly* Aug. 102/2 Investors not only fund extortionately priced TV campaigns, which drive the money politics of this era to its wretched excess, but also confer legitimacy and an aura of soundness.

2005 *Daily Yomiuri* 29 July 3/2 The party [sc. the LDP] is increasingly concerned that it could again face strong public criticism over shady money politics.

money pot *n.* (a) an earthenware money box from which coins can be taken only by breaking the vessel; (b) a place in which money accumulates, a large sum of money.

1681 N. GREW *Musæum Regalis Societatis* IV. §iv. 381 A Roman Money-Pot..fashion'd almost like a Pint Jug without a Neck. Closed at the top, and having a Notch on one side, as in a Christmas-Box.

1872 W. E. WEBB *Buffalo Land* 193 Some future quarry~man might blast out an oyster-knife and money pot of quaint coins.

1946 *New Yorker* 11 May 35/1 All through his time on the edge of the money pots of lower and the fleshpots of upper Manhattan, he remained a devout, abstemious, rigid young man.

1989 A. LORENZ *Fighting Chance* iv. 117 Vast money pots developed during the bull market, and as one observer noted: 'I think they grew faster than their capacity to manage themselves.'

money power *n.* (a) the power to coin money, regulate its use, etc.; (b) the power or influence exercised by money or by wealthy people, institutions, etc.

1829 *H. R. Doc. 21st U.S. Congress 1 Sess.* No. 6. 12 The application of the money power of the Government to regulate the unequal action.

1840 J. S. MILL in *Edinb. Rev.* Oct. 11 The additions to the 'money-power' of the higher ranks, consist of the riches of the *novi homines* who are continually aggregated to that class from among the merchants and manufacturers.

1959 *Ann. Reg.* 1958 90 The United Party was pictured as being..dominated by jingoes and in the hands of the money-power.

1998 *Indianapolis Star* 24 May D2/1 Money power can't fabricate an equal to the illustrious Indianapolis track.

money purchase *n. attrib.* designating or relating to a pension scheme in which the value of the pension received depends on the value of the contributions made and the returns made on their investment, rather than on the person's final salary and length of service.

1958 *Jrnl. Educ. Sociol.* **31** 296 There is need for this extra protection against possible inflation in a 'money-purchase' annuity plan based on past wage levels.

1991 *Which?* Aug. 463/1 The kind of benefits and pension you get depends on the type of scheme. There are two main types: final salary schemes, and money purchase schemes.

1996 L. GOUGH *Choosing Pension* vi. 90 They are final salary schemes, but your contributions are invested on a money purchase basis, which means you have your own personal fund.

money purse *n.* (a) a purse (now *arch.* and *rare*); (b) *fig.* financial resources.

- 1759 *Newport (Rhode Island) Mercury* 26 June 4/3 Imported in the last Ships from London and Bristol..Brass Kettles and Skillets.., Money-purses, &c.
- 1878 B. F. TAYLOR *Between Gates* 273 We stood under fig-trees hung with money-purses filled with seeds.
- 1966 A. R. SCAMMELL *My Newfoundland* 33 I kept mine [*sc.* a dollar bill] for weeks in my little money-purse (we never called them purses).
- 2000 *Corpus Christi Caller–Times* (Nexis) 18 Aug. A14 The underlying factor has always been about who controls the money purse, trade and territory.

money-quake *n.* now *rare* a major financial crash.

- 1841 H. SMITH *Moneyed Man* III. iii. 67 A money-quake, whose explosion should hurl all their fortunes into the air.
- 1852 G. C. MUNDY *Our Antipodes* I. iii. 102 At the time of the general money-quake, he fell like the rest—failing for an immense sum.

money rent *n.* now *hist.* rent paid in money.

- 1633 W. LITHGOW *Scotlands Welcome* sig. C2 Let my Tythes, be brought to money rent, For Thee, from Land-Lord, and the poore Tennent.
- 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* iv. 340 Much the greater part of the lands of France are not let at a money-rent, but at one-half or one-third produce.
- 1848 J. S. MILL *Princ. Polit. Econ.* I. II. viii. 366 An attempt to introduce..a system of money rents and capitalist farmers.
- 1992 E. ACTON *Rethinking Russ. Revol.* (BNC) 50 The payments the peasantry made for access to noble land, whether in the form of share-cropping, labour rent or money rent, constituted a massive burden upon the rural economy.

† **money scrivener** *n.* *Obs.* a person whose business it was to raise loans on security, invest money for interest, etc., on behalf of clients.

- 1677 A. YARRANTON *England's Improvem.* 8 Let a Gentleman..come to a Money Scrivener, and desire Four thousand pounds to be lent him on all his Land.
- a1784 JOHNSON in J. Boswell *Life Johnson* (1816) III. 20 Jack Ellis, a money scrivener behind the Royal Exchange.
- 1825 *N.Y. Literary Gaz.* 10 Sept. 1/2 Frequenters of the post-office,..a bill acceptor, a money scrivener, a *travelling* trader, [etc.].
- 1863 *N. Amer. Rev.* Apr. 315 Thomas Gray..was the son of a money-scrivener in Cornhill.

money sense *n.* (a) the financial meaning; (b) good sense regarding money, soundness of judgement in financial matters.

- 1843 T. CARLYLE *Past & Present* I. i. 2 All are likely to be brought low with it, and made 'poor' enough, in the money-sense or a far fataller one.
- 1865 D. G. ROSSETTI *Let.* 14 Sept. (1965) II. 571 This might have been..executed..more profitably in a money-sense than what I did do.
- 1963 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 25 Jan. 62/3 Their hairdressing or their money-sense.
- 2000 *Deseret (Salt Lake City) News* (Nexis) 20 Aug. MO6 'Money Sense for Kids!', by Hollis Page Harman... An easy-to-read reference.

money shark *n.* orig. *U.S.* an avaricious money-dealer; a usurer, an extortioner.

- 1844 *Congress. Globe* 28th Congr. 2 Sess. App. 37/2 Banks..managed..by a set of irresponsible money sharks.
- 1972 G. F. NEWMAN *You Nice Bastard* 347 Moneyshark, unlicenced money-lender (operating at especially high rates of interest).
- 2000 *Washington Times* 2 Mar. M22 A very bad man, the local money shark.

money shop *n.* a shop where money can be obtained; *spec.* an establishment which performs some of the functions of a bank, and specializes in arranging loans.

- 1816 SCOTT *Let.* 23 July (1932) I. 502 You had better be looking out & inquiring after some money-shop as we shall have enough of bills.
- 1836 J. F. DAVIS *Chinese* II. xxi. 415 The money-shop is paid by a liberal allowance for waste in melting and reducing the silver.
- 1972 *Guardian* 9 June 11 The new 'money shop' branches which are sprouting up in the High Streets... Money shops are not really banks at all... 'Loan shop'..is still the best shorthand description.
- 1980 *Consumers & Credit* (National Consumer Council) (BNC) 20 *Finance company personal loan*. Rather like a bank personal loan..but often not specifying a particular purchase and arranged by post (or through 'money shop') with finance company.

money shot *n.* *U.S. colloq.* (a) *Sport* a shot on which the outcome of a match, etc., depends; a very important shot; cf. Compounds 3; (b) a provocative, sensational, or memorable sequence in a film, on which the film's commercial performance is perceived to depend; *spec.* (in a pornographic film) one showing ejaculation (= *come shot n.* at COME *n.*¹ Compounds); (also in extended use) a crucial or pivotal moment, event, or factor, esp. in another art form, as a novel.

- 1928 *Dunkirk* (N.Y.) *Evening Observer* 6 Aug. 15/2 Bobby Jones [*sc.* a golfer] admits he gets scared when he has to make a money shot.
- 1961 A. PALMER *Golf Bk.* 38 In low-scoring, high-money tournaments, your drive becomes the money shot.
- 1977 S. ZIPLOW *Filmmaker's Guide to Pornography* 34 There are those who believe that the come shot, or, as some refer to it, the 'money shot', is the most important element in the movie.
- 1990 *Vanity Fair* (N.Y.) June 56/2 That glimpse of molar through the hole in Otto's cheek is the novel's money shot.
- 1991 *Washington Post* 4 June E7/1 In Kareem's waning years, when Magic [Johnson] was taking all the money shots.
- 2003 *Film Comment* May 17/1 The images were of the so-called money shots from well-known movies like *Gone with the Wind* or *The Sound of Music*.

† **money-spelled** *adj.* Obs. ensnared, as if spellbound, by bribery or the lure of money.

- 1613 T. ADAMS *White Deuil* 41 A mercenarie tongue and a money-spel'd conscience.

money standard *n.* (*a*) = STANDARD *n.* 11*b*; (*b*) the level of money paid; (*c*) a standard measure of money supply.

- 1757 J. HARRIS *Ess. Money & Coins* 84 In these parts of the world, silver is, and time immemorial hath been, the money standard.
- 1850 THACKERAY *Let.* 8 Jan. (1945) II. 632 The rewards of the profession are not to be measured by the money-standard.
- 1914 *Amer. Econ. Rev.* 4 857 Usually the money-standard is chosen.
- 1979 *Business Week* (Industr. ed.) (Nexis) 29 Jan. 22 The money stock (M[3] is used in Britain as the basic money standard) rose by a mere 0.75% in December.

money stock *n.* (originally) a stock of money, financial resources; (now) *spec.* = *money supply n.*

- 1743 H. FIELDING *Journey from this World* I. xix, in *Misc.* II. 160 Our Money Stock we spend as fast as we acquire it.
- 1850 R. W. EMERSON *Napoleon* in *Representative Men* vi. 220 The labor of hands long ago still in the grave..is now entombed in money stocks, or in land and buildings owned by idle capitalists.
- 1992 D. HEYMANN in A. Vercelli & N. Dimitri *Macroeconomics* xii. 237 The price level is then derived by 'inverting' the portfolio balance condition, as a function of the money stock and expected inflation.

money-sucker *n.* *depreciative* a person who or thing which drains away one's supply of money.

- 1653 J. ROGERS *Sagrir* 56 The Lawyers are such Money-suckers, and Purse-soakers.
- 1849 E. STIRLING *White Slave* II. ii. 28 I'm no money-sucker, missa. I'm Miss Elinore's own maid.
- 1904 *Mining Reporter* 3 Nov. 464/2 It is a snare and a delusion, a money sucker, a bait and a barbed hook to catch the gudgeon and the tenderfoot.
- 1969 H. S. THOMPSON *Let.* 10 July in *Fear & Loathing in Amer.* (2000) 197 Running up bills on airlines and other exotic money-suckers, such as hotels, car rentals, etc.
- 2008 *Chicago Tribune* (Midwest ed.) 4 Jan. I. 6/1 Fitness may be the most popular New Year's moneysucker, but resolution expenses fall into other categories as well.

money-sucking *adj.* *depreciative* that drains away one's supply of money; (of a person) extortionist, grasping, avaricious.

- 1836 *Metropolitan* Aug. 432 Those money-sucking leeches, who, dipping their pens in gall, will abuse Mr. Jenkins, and praise Mr. Wilkins.
- 1921 J. GALSWORTHY *To Let* II. v. 162 A lot of slow-fly money-sucking officials.
- 2008 *Indianapolis Star* (State ed.) 13 July (USA Weekend section) 4/3 But what if the balance on your loan is much greater than the car's worth on the resale market? You're 'upside down', and you want to make this money-sucking situation right.

money supply *n.* *Econ.* the total amount of money in a country's economy, as measured by various different criteria; cf. *M* *n.* 12.

- 1871 W. ELDER *Questions of Day* 125 Since the epoch of modern improvement in industrial production we find that prices..fall immensely in the face of a vast increase of the money supply.
- 1989 D. A. HAY *Economics Today* vi. 241 Preferably control of the money supply would be removed from government since governments are tempted to finance expenditure by monetary expansion, rather than by..raising taxes.

money-taker *n.* †(*a*) a person who takes bribes (*obs.*); (*b*) a person appointed to receive payments of money, esp. the money for admission to a place of entertainment.

- c1616 R. C. *Times' Whistle* (1871) iv. 1442 Sayth master mony-taker, greasd i' th' fist, 'And if thou comst in danger, for a noble I'll stand thy friend.'
- 1825 W. HONE *Every-day Bk.* (1826) I. 1185 I paid my penny to the money-taker.
- 1976 *Wandsworth Boro' News* 30 July 19/1 (*adv.*) Moneytaker..required.
- 2000 *DSN Retailing Today* (Nexis) 10 July 16 This leveraged asset would allow retailers to redefine the role of the traditional sales associate, from being a money-taker and merchandise-packer into more of a consultative role.

money teller *n.* †(*a*) a person who counts money (*obs.*); (*b*) =

automatic teller n. at **AUTOMATIC** *adj.* and *n.* Special uses (*rare*).

- 1594 R. ASHLEY tr. L. le Roy *Interchangeable Course* 29 b Money-tellers, and changers.
 1978 *Washington Post* (Nexis) 24 Dec. H1 It would cost \$50,000 or less to install a remote money teller there.

† **money-thirster** *n.* *Obs.* a person who craves money.

- 1611 J. SPEED *Hist. Great Brit.* IX. ix. 524/1 The Legate himselfe, whom they termed an Vsurer, Symonist, Rent-raker, Money-thirster.
 1651 J. FRENCH *Art Distillation To Rdr.* sig. *3^v Did you never heare of a vapouring fellow..that..was..caught aside by money-thirsters?

money token *n.* anything serving the same purpose as a coin; *esp.* = **TOKEN** *n.* 11a.

- 1871 B. JOWETT tr. Plato *Dialogues* II. 193 They will need a market-place, and a money-token for purposes of exchange.
 1896 I. M. SCOTT *Hard Times* 571/2 On this pittance as a redemption basis, is reared a money-token structure exceeding in magnitude a billion of dollars.
 1986 *Summary of World Broadcasts Pt. 1: U.S.S.R.* (B.B.C) (Nexis) 22 Mar. SU/8214/A3/1 The extremists have opened a consulate of the so-called state of Khalistan in the British Isles... Moreover, they have set things up for issuing passports and money tokens for this mythical country.

money trader *n.* a moneylender; a currency trader.

- 1711 SWIFT *Examiner* No. 44. ¶1 The Money-Traders, who could never hope to make their Markets so well..under any other Administration.
 1912 *Catholic Encycl.* XV. 235/2 Aristotle disapproved of the money trader's profit; and the ruinous rates at which money was lent explain his severity.
 1987 W. GREIDER *Secrets of Temple* I. iv. 125 The Fed Funds rate, which money traders watched as their key barometer,..moved like a Yo-Yo.

money trail *n.* orig. and chiefly *N. Amer.* a series of financial transactions investigated to reveal evidence of personal or institutional policy, practice, or wrongdoing; cf. *paper trail n.* at **PAPER** *n.* and *adj.*
 Compounds 2.

- 1912 *N.Y. Times Mag.* 1 Sept. 4/1 Once a big thief or a big grafter has put his money into a bank, or into property, he has left a trail... There is only one way for a thief to hide his money trail. If his loot is cash and he puts it in a hole in the ground, he may be safe.

- 1980 H. L. BRETTON *Power of Money* p. xvii The money trail provides the most reliable, most direct, path to the nerve centers in government and politics.
- 2005 *Wall St. Jrnl.* (Electronic ed.) 30 Sept. C5 Seeing a pile of cash growing on one side of [the] world and a crater of debt developing on the other supports the notion that a wealth transfer is taking place. But uncovering the actual money trail isn't so easy.

money transfer *n.* chiefly *U.S.* = WIRE TRANSFER *n.*

- 1873 *Janesville (Wisconsin) Gaz.* 10 Oct. 1/4 The increase in the business of money transfers.
- 1993 *Herald Sun* (Melbourne) (Nexis) 22 Dec. He..then travelled to London and on to Rome where he received \$4000 a month by money transfer.
- 2004 D. PORTER & D. PRINCE *Frommer's London 2005* 31 In most countries, you can pick up a money transfer even if you don't have valid identification.

money value *n.* the value of something in terms of money.

- 1848 E. C. GASKELL *Mary Barton* I. xii. 225 Last, and really least in comforting power..., came the consciousness of the money-value of the sovereign she yet held in her hand.
- 1858 R. W. EMERSON *Eloquence in Atlantic Monthly* Sept. 391/1 In old countries, a high money-value is set on the services of men who have achieved a personal distinction.
- 1990 A. WEBSTER *Introd. Sociol. of Development* (ed. 2) 29 GNP refers to the total money value of goods and services that are exchanged within a nation.

C3. attrib. *U.S. colloq.* (chiefly *Sport*). Designating a person who or thing which (regularly) wins or brings in a lot of money; successful. Hence in extended use: decisive in the outcome of something; crucial. Cf. *in the money* at Phrases 1b(b), *money player n.*, *money shot n.* at Compounds 2.

- 1910 *N.Y. Evening Jrnl.* 3 Feb. 12/3 He faces his man with the left out, tantalizes and jabs with it, but the money hook is the right.
- 1934 M. H. WESEEN *Dict. Amer. Slang* 260 Money position, the winner of a contest, especially a horse race.
- 1949 *Daily News* (N.Y.) 3 Oct. 3/5 Pee Wee Reese..Duke Snider..and Luis Olmo..came through with money hits to break the tie.
- 1950 *New Yorker* 30 Sept. 48/3 Mr. Parker is one of those money actors who can pitch their way out of trouble.
- 1974 *Everett* (Washington) *Herald* 16 Oct. 1 C We are a money team. That's why we've been in the World series for the last three years.
- 1998 *Chicago Tribune* 27 Aug. IV. 1/3 Sosa has been the Cubs' money man all year, while Kerry Wood has been the Cubs' money pitcher.

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'**moneywise** *adv.* in terms of money, as far as money is concerned.

1828 T. E. HOOK *Sayings & Doings* 3rd Ser. II. i. 173 He disbursed in fact ten times more of his worldly substance *in kind*, than would, if he had properly disposed of it, moneywise, have secured him all the privileges he desired.

1859 W. D. HOWELLS *Let.* 26 Oct. in *Sel. Lett.* (1979) I. 47 I can't help you moneywise.

1958 *Times* 5 Sept. 11/5 An ill-disciplined, over-paid, frustrated youth, whose life chances have been vastly improved moneywise without commensurate social adjustment.

1994 *N.Y. Times* 4 Mar. A24/2 I would have had to find another apartment that moneywise would have been a struggle, or move in with one of my children.

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