

## SOME LONG GREEN

### "luxuriant vegetation" [HOUN]

*While the latest strip focuses on money — which is where we'll spend a little time — as you'll see in the final panel below, it takes a little twist.*

*A twist that caused us to reconsider the topic of this fortnightly essay.*

*In our weekly podcast Trifles, on which we discuss a variety of topics in the Sherlock Holmes stories, we've talked about money a number of times:*

- There's Episode 226: "Money Woes," in which we chronicled the panicked crimes committed under the pressure of financial ruin.*
- And Episode 121: "Old Money," where we discussed the various denominations of coins used in Victorian England.*
- We talked of expense reports and billing clients in Episode 75, "The Administrative Side of Baker Street."*
- And of Holmes's professional fees in Episode 76, "Nummi in Arca, or The Fiscal Holmes."*

*But for all the talk of money, there's less talk in*

*the Canon about another green: vegetables.*

*Sherlockian society dinners have relatively little from which to choose when it comes to side dishes.*

*We can count on peas or pea soup because "the landlady babbled of green peas at 7:30," as quoted in "The Three Students."*

*So, in Season 4 when we were recording a monthly feature on food, we did something risky.*

*In keeping in the spirit of Trifles, we did an entire episode on one passing reference in "The Red-Headed League" that mentioned a vegetarian restaurant: Episode 163: "Victorian Vegetarians."*

*Meanwhile, let's hope the boys at Baker Street Elementary don't enter a vegetative state while being asked to write an essay...*

***IN 200 WORDS OR LESS, EXPLAIN THE  
PHRASE, "MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL..."***



**AND HERE I THOUGHT THE PHRASE  
WAS, "MONDAY IS THE ROOT OF  
ALL EVIL..."**



**IF IT IS EVIL, I WONDER WHY THEY  
COLLECT IT IN CHURCH EACH WEEK ?**

**ANOTHER MYSTERY OF  
LIFE...**



**ACTUALLY THE PHRASE IS, "THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL..."**

**THAT DOES CHANGE THINGS...**



**OF COURSE MY MOTHER SAYS, "IF MONEY IS THE ROOT TO ALL EVIL, WE MUST BE THE NICEST FAMILY IN THE WHOLE WORLD..."**

**WOULD BE A CLOSE RACE WITH MY FAMILY...**



AND DAD SAYS, "IT MAY BE THE ROOT, BUT  
IT STILL DOES NOT GROW ON TREES..."

I WOULD BE HAPPY IF  
IT GREW INSTEAD OF  
VEGETABLES...

