

So They Say?

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Clued by the title, this puzzle is about identifying common proverbs. However, the drawings don't quite seem to match up. After some analysis, we notice that each drawing seems to depict the first half of one proverb and the second half of another.

These drawings can then be chained together (where the two drawings containing halves of the same proverb are connected to each other), and it becomes clear that every chain includes exactly three drawings. The sets of three are clued by the title and every sentence in the flavor text being three words.

The proverbs and drawings are:

- A bad workman blames his tools.
- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
- A fool and his money are soon parted.
- A penny saved is a penny earned.
- A picture is worth 1000 words.
- Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
- Curiosity killed the cat.
- Fortune favors the bold
- Good things come to those who wait.
- One man's trash is another man's treasure.
- People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.
- The early bird gets the worm.
- Too many cooks spoil the pot.

Group	Drawing	1 st Half	2 nd Half
1	1	Curiosity	gets the worm.
	7	The early bird	blames his tools.
	11	A bad workman	killed the cat.
2	2	One man's trash	is a penny earned.
	8	A penny saved	makes the heart grow fonder.
	15	Absence	is another man's treasure.
3	3	Too many cooks	should not throw stones.
	4	People who live in glass houses	are in the eye of the beholder.
	12	Beauty	spoil the pot.
4	5	Fortune	is worth 1000 words.
	10	A picture	is soon parted.
	13	A fool and his money	favors the bold.
5	6	A bird in the hand	keeps the doctor away.
	9	An apple a day	comes to those who wait.
	14	Good things	are worth two in the bush.

Then, clued by “trace their origin”, the numbered circles corresponding to the drawings in each chain should be connected to each other by drawing a straight line between the centers of the circles. Finally, to extract the solution, clued by “X marks treasure”, we need to look at the letters which overlap at an intersection of two or more lines. Reading these letters from top to bottom and left to right (see image) gives the solution: **COPPER EXCHANGE**.

