Shelley you jest: Poems from anagrams

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In Week 1208 you asked us to requery the letters of some anagrams that had been solved wrong in previous rounds. Money Earned was a name and wrote a Sawyer story, but it was also the name of a movie. Every year we re-examine the week and see if, over the years, the names might work better in a different context—the week we quadruple check the names and see if, perhaps we missed something. We had almost forgotten about the Sawyer story, and it was a very popular one. You may remember that the Sawyer story was about a young man who worked in a sawmill. He met a girl at the school in town and they fell in love. They got married and started a family together. The Sawyer story also served as a commentary on the effects of industrialization on society. It was written by Mark Twain and published in 1896. The story is about a young man named Tom Sawyer who grows up in a small town in the Midwest. He is a carefree child who loves to play pranks and explore the countryside. One day, he meets Huckleberry Finn, another young boy who is also rebellious and independent. The two boysolan to become great friends and go on many adventures together. They run away from home and spend their time fighting pirates and exploring the Mississippi River. The story is about their journey and their friendship, and it is a classic work of American literature. It has been translated into many languages and has been adapted into films and stage productions. The Sawyer story is a wonderful example of how anagrams can be used to create a compelling narrative. It is a story that has stood the test of time and continues to be enjoyed by readers of all ages.