

Excerpt from "The Owd Buttery Dur", or "Ab's Audit" by Ben Brierley. PLAY

"Aw're never betther puzzled i' mi life nur when aw looked o'er this wooden shop-book, an' tried to mak' eaut th' meeanin' o' th' figures ut wur on it.

Aw knew ut a o meant a shillin', an' a haue-moon six-pence. Aw knew, too, ut a lung choak stood for a penny, an' a short un for a haupenny; an' ut an x wur a farthin'. Aw could add up th' whul lot, an' knew heaw mich it coome to.

But what had th' brass bin spent on? Theere wur th' rub! Aw should ha' to co' in mi client to explain."

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