

## Band of Gold

Judy and I were in Paris walking down the sidewalk that runs along the Seine River. The River Seine divides the city into two halves, called the Left Bank, on the south side, and Right Bank on the north. The Seine flows westward and as early ships were floating down the river the south side was on the left, hence the name "Left Bank" has stuck.

A young girl was walking towards us and when she was almost in front of us she reached down and picked up something from the sidewalk. She looked at us in amazement and showed us that it was a gold wedding band that she had just found. She wondered out loud if it is real gold and asked me if I could see any inscription inside the band. The first thing that seemed out of place was this French girl wondering out loud in English.

I looked at the ring and saw it was inscribed 18K. The young girl then remarked that it is a very expensive ring and although she found it she has no use for it. She would let me have it for 50 euros and I could make a large profit. The ring felt like it was made out of tin and was definitely not gold so I told her I was not interested. She then said I could have it for whatever I chose to pay. I thought that the re-telling of this scam would be worth at least 2 euros, so, in order to keep the "gold" ring, I gave her 2 euros. I pocketed the ring and she was obviously not pleased with this transaction. As we walked away we could hear this French girl cursing us, in English, until we were out of earshot.



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