



Word #7

Phrasal Verbs  
*To Pan Out*



**Charles Ponzi** (1882-1949),  
author of the so-called Ponzi scheme.



I am pretty  
satisfied  
with how  
my scheme  
**panned  
out...**

Panning out means **turning out well, being successful**. The expression dates back to the **California Gold Rush** (1850s), when migrants from all over the world would **extract gold** from placer deposits by sieving it inside a **pan**.