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Differences of opinion exist about returning to the gold standard. Collins [1] does not believe that the move would help the economy, while the backers of the idea, such as Kemp [2], see the gold standard as the key to a stable economy. As Collins puts it, gold is "as beautiful as ever but no cure for what ails us" [1:19]. Most commentators agree that gold is one of the most secure investments [1:19, 2:32].

References – see the most current edition of the Chicago manual.
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