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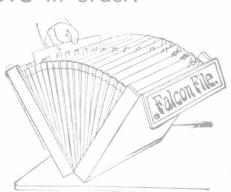
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#### GOSSIP.

A good story is told of the Venerable Archbishop of Rupert's Land, though not by any means at his expense. He was driving with a clergyman in Manitoba, whose diction is by no means as good as we trust his views are. On reaching their destination, the clergyman asked His Grace to hold the reins while he got the "alter" out of the back of the carriage. "Do you generally use a portable altar in the country districts?" asked Dr. Machray. "Oh! no, Your Grace," was the reply. "I didn't mean the haltar for the church. I meant the 'alter for the 'oss." Truly the English language "as she is spoke" is a mystery.

A rather dignified young woman entered a florist's shop on Madison avenue. A shrill voice, resembling that of an old woman, greeted her with:

"Shut the door! Don't you know it's cold?"

Much embarrassed, she looked about for the speaker, saying: "Excuse me, but the wind blew so hard I could scarcely close the door."

Then, to her great astonishment, she found she had been conversing with a parrot. Angered at the bird for deceiving her so, she turned her back to the cage and was intent upon examining some flowers. Suddenly the same voice, or what seemed to be, said to her:

"What can I do for you, miss?"

"If you hold your tongue I shall be gratified above all things," replied the young woman, turning around as she spoke, and discovering the florist's wife."

### THERE'S AYE A SOMETHING.

Ye think the warld's turned upside down An' scunner at yer ain auld toun, But gin ye tramp the country roun' There's aye a something.

There's ifs an' buts when ane wad read, That sting like some ill-natured weed; Gin ye escape, yer charmed indeed, That dreaded something.

Ye strive an' plan an' lie awake, An' think nae harm can overtake; Next morn' ye find oot yer mistake, There's aye a something.

Ye meditate an' wonder why Ilk pot o' ointment hes its fly, If in the happy by an' by There maun be something.

There's aye a thorn wi' every rose, An' wee bit grits amang the brose; An' ne'er a chiel but sadly knows There's aye a something.

Sae dinna fash yer heid, ye fool, But tak a seat in wisdom's school, An' learn this guid auld-fashioned rule There's aye a something.

Be weel content wi' what ye hae, An' dinna look sae sad an' wae; Dae what ye like, gang whaur ye may, There's aye a something.

-H. Isabel Graham.

During the reign of Emperor Napoleon I., at a dinner in Paris, the conversation turned upon the Emperor and his Government. One of the company remarked that he was a great man, but was too fond of war. When the party broke up a gentleman who was present requested to speak in private to the person who had made that observation: "Sir," said he, "I am sorry for it, but I must request you to go with me to the police." "Why?" said the other, in the greatest apparent alarm, "I have said nothing against the Emperor but what everyone must acknowledge—that he is too fond of war. There can be no harm in that." "With that I have nothing to do. You must go with me to the police." The other now began to show the strongest symptoms of fear; he entreated the police agent in the most pathetic language to have compassion on him. The other, however, stood unmoved by all his solicitation, when suddenly the man rose from his knees and hurst into a laugh, to the utter astonishment of the informer: "You think you have caught me," said he. "You are a spy of the police; so am I, and I was put over you to see whether you would do your duty."

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