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“NOTHING COMES AMISS, so money comes withal,” jests Grumio in *The Taming of the Shrew* (Act 1, scene 2). We know that the expression was common from its cameo appearance in a letter, supposedly by one Robert Langham, written in the 1570s. Some scholars, however, wish to attribute this piece of work to Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford. Oxford is the current favorite of conspiracy theorists who argue that someone other than Shakespeare wrote Shakespeare’s plays. So maybe “#8220;Shakespeare” coined the phrase after all.

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