Flibbertigibbet

By Lill Pluta

A flibbertigibbet’s a gossip, a snoop,
a tireless tattler in search of the scoop.
Looking for secrets and tidbits to share,
always on top of the who, what, and where.

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