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*O*ne day when little Claire Ulam was watching some children playing ball with their father, a friend asked whether her father ever played like that with her. The answer was an emphatic "No! No! All my father does is think, think, think! Nothing but think!"

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Stan Ulam

For forty years on and off Stan Ulam was a catalyst at Los Alamos, influencing the thinking of those around him. He may be less remembered than some great minds who wrote more and focused on fewer things. But his was the kind of genius that is unforgettable to those who knew him. In this issue we have tried to capture some of what he was and what he started. We hope the contents will resonate with the playful, expansive, thinking part all of us have inside us.

