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—Rebecca, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson, of Wingate, died, December 22nd, of infantile rheumatism.

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—Katz & Co. were almost flooded out of business on the night of Monday, December 26th. The snow and cold weather prior to that date resulted in the freezing up of the water pipes on the building of Joseph Bros & Co., and the water from Monday night's rain and thaw, being unable to find an outlet through the proper channel percolated through the wall into the store room of Katz & Co., literally flooding the one side, drenching all the goods and causing a damage estimated at \$1,000.

When a Kick Helps.

When one lacks the courage boldly to advance along the perilous course his intelligence counsels, he is lucky if he can and will goad some one into kicking him along it past the point where retreat is impossible.—Success.

Love.

George—Are you quite sure that you really love me? Bessie—Oh, yes; certain of it. I never knew any one that could make me so furiously angry at times!—Exchange.

Even Then.

Think twice before you speak, and even then nine times out of ten the world won't lose anything if you keep still.—Somerville Journal.

Magic in Zuni Tribe.

Priest Apparently Lifted a Jug of Water with a Feather.

"The most startling feat I ever saw," said a man who had made a study of Indians in various parts of the United States for his own edification, "was performed by the priests of the Zuni tribe in Arizona, or, as they were called, 'The Ancients of Creation.' They seat themselves in a circle on the clay floor around a jar that will hold perhaps a gallon, an ancient and sacred earthen vessel, which is filled with water. The chief priest carries in his hand two ordinary eagle feathers, which are tied together at the quill ends so that they make a fork. Behind the circle of the priests are other members of the tribe and the musicians with their drums and gourds, who join in the chants with emotion.

"The incantations continue for several hours, and when the participants and spectators are brought up to a proper pitch of excitement the priest lifts the feather tips into the water, dips the jar with them and holds it suspended for a minute or two at a height level with his face or breast. Then he lowers it slowly to the ground. This feat is repeated several times during the performance. Apparently there is nothing in the hands of the priest but the feathers, and they appear to be inserted into the mouth of the jar only two or three inches. Of course there is some trick about it, but I was never able to discover it."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Good to Have and Bad to Lose.

"A man, like a razor, must have some temper to be any good at all."
"Yes, temper is a good thing to have, but a very bad thing to lose."—Philadelphia Press.

An impudent fellow may counterfeit modesty, but a modest man can never counterfeit impudence.—Goldsmith.

Affection in Japan.

It is Deep and Lasting, but, as a Rule, Not Outspoken.

Public demonstration of affection is most repugnant to the good taste of the Japanese, and it is the absence of this which is so generally mistaken for a lack of genuine feeling. I recall one man who was so devoted to his mother (though I doubt whether he could ever have been said to have "talked about" her) that when she died, while he was abroad, his depression was so profound that my husband watched him with anxiety lest he should commit suicide. The stoical training may render more unsympathetic a coarse nature, but repression to the refined soul brings an exquisite capacity for pain scarcely conceivable by those who are free to give utterance to every emotion.

Another man said to me, "I rarely speak of my mother, for a foreigner does not understand that a Japanese mother may be just as dear to her son as his to him and by the Japanese it is not expected that one should utter one's deepest feeling." That same son fainted with grief when his mother died and when consciousness returned rose to make light of a "little dizziness," without reference to its cause. To this day, whenever he goes from home, he carries with him his mother's letters, mounted on a beautiful roll of ivory and brocade, and on the anniversary of her passing beyond his mortal ken quietly devotes a portion of the day to meditation and special thought of her. Even to his wife, despite the closest bond of love, he says not, "This is the day of my mother's death."—Outlook.

Force of Habit.

Miss Antique—Why have you always remained single? Oldbach—Simply from force of habit, I suppose. You know—you know I was born that way. —Philadelphia Record.

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