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when General "Ben" Butler was in college, it was not an uncommon thing for the boys to steal signs from over shops in the town. On one occasion "Ben" carried to his room a brand new sign which a shoemaker had just put out to indicate his place of business. The next morning the enraged aboemaker, with an officer, went to the students' hall, suspecting that the boys had been up to their old pranks again. Butler learned that the shoemaker was making a room-to-room search for the sign, and it was only a matter of time till his turn should come. So he threw the sign on the open fireplace and fell down on his knees and began praying. A loud knock soon came against the bolted door. But hearing the occupant engaged in prayer, the shoemaker and officer waited till he should have finished. Butler prayed long, with his eyes upon the sign which was being rapidly consumed. When the last trace of the sign had disappeared, he concluded his prayer, to the relief of this impatient, listeners on the outside, by saying, and seek that fre a sign; but there shall no sign be given." The officer and shoemaker the entered, but of course no seek that ent entered, but of course no seek that the entered had for the well and the was brown in Efficiently to bring her out. The story that the story is the well and the was a pile of the attention. There was a pipe in the well

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T. Vernon Smith, agent for the Southern road at Elon College, has disappeared very mysteriously and his whereabouts are now unknown. He left Elon on the early train Friday morning. The auditor of the company has been in Elon since Friday and most of his accounts have been checked and found to be correct. It is said that he raised the amount on express bills and got money in this way—from the people that he dealt with, but not from the company.

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to the hospital.

A horrible story is told by the Durham Herald in which Miss Lamond in a fit of desperation jumped into a well one night last week with suicidal intent. She fell about 50 feet into water 15 feet deep. She was not much hurt. There was a pipe in the well and she clung to it till a young man. Harry Anderson, a stranger, asked to be let down and he managed with great difficulty to bring her out. The story runs that her married sister, Mrs. Lisk, under whose care she was, abused and reproached her so that life was unbearable. This ied to the desperate act.

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Judge Boyd Up Against It.
A special from Greensboro to the Raleigh News and Observer says:

"United States District Judge Boyd is up against a proposition he had not bargained for. At the recent term of the Federal Court at Charlotte the Amoc Owen Cherry Tree crowd were convicted of using the United States mails to defraud, and sentence was deferred until next term of court, unit it was seen what they would do towards refunding some \$84,000 of ascertained funds they had cajoled out of trusting women by their famous cherry tree endless chain swindle. It seems that there were thousands of women who had not made their grievances knows, but since reading the terms of the court, and hoping to get their money back, they are now pouring out their two specimens:

"Dear Judge Boyd: Doubliess you know that I am a poor girl and I wish you also to know that that rascally crowd in the Amoc Owen cherry tree scheme stole \$12 of my hard earnings."

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