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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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INDOOR SNOW

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Indoor snowstorms are not very rare, but each individual case is likely to be described by somebody as a remarkable freak of nature. The following record of one that took place over the bier of a North Carolina Supreme Court judge, William Gaston, appears in a recent number of *The State*, published at Raleigh, and the episode is characterized by the writer as a "spooky" occurrence:

"It occurred in Raleigh one hundred years ago last January on the northwest corner of Hargett and Salisbury streets, afterwards the site of the Busbee homestead. The weather was intensely cold and there was no fire in the room where the dead judge lay. A door to this room opened into a large greenhouse which was highly heated. The door was opened and was left ajar by a negro manservant who had been alone in the room and who went into the greenhouse to get warm. When the very hot air from the greenhouse met the very cold air of the adjoining room, there was a perfectly natural result -- it snowed in the room and snowed hard. There was another perfectly natural result -- when the negro came out of the greenhouse and saw it snowing all around the coffin, he left the premises and he left fast. Who could blame him?"

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