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**Capillary rise between exible walls**<sup>1</sup> JOSÉ BICO,  
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port experimental work on capillary rise of a liquid in a cell formed by  
parallel plates, one of which is flexible. We show that above a critical  
width, the cell collapses under the negative capillary pressure in the  
liquid. This collapse allows the liquid to rise virtually without limit be-  
tween the plates. The height of the rising front is found to increase with  
time as  $t^{1/3}$ , a characteristic of capillary imbibition in a wedge.

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