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Representative Springer of Illinois, is seriously ill of the grippe.

Mr. Springer has reached the 45 cent
stage of the grippe, but many of the farm-
ers are leading on, and no doubt
will reach the 50 cent stage.

It is reported that the failure of
the Knox banking system of Topeka,
Kans., has seriously crippled the new
Methodist University, the buildings
of which are now in process of con-
struction.

The green ribbon and the crownless
hoop were prominent on the 17th, St.
Patrick's Day, which is annually cele-
brated by solemn and impressive
services throughout the Catholic
world.

The United States Savings Bank
closed its doors Wednesday morning.
The liabilities will exceed \$200,000
whenever equal to or greater than
the sum.

Alligator Shooting.

We were moving further and further
all the time into the alligator country,
and they were growing thicker and
thicker. From the way they were dropping
from the banks into the water on
both sides of us, that part of the Man-
atee river would be a particularly un-
wholesome place for a swim, if they do
attack persons in the water. In some
places where the banks were six or eight
feet higher than the water the startled
alligators had no hesitation about diving
off, of course making a great splash.
They had in every instance, as Mr.
Warner had told us, the head toward
the water, ready for a spring.

"Now, when we reach a good place to
land, I'll try to kill one of these fellows,"
Mr. Warner said, "and then we can go
ashore and examine him in our leisure."
We had to watch some little time for
such an opportunity, for all places were
not good landing places, and all the
alligators were not in favorable posi-
tions for being shot. The eye and just
back of the foreleg are the only vulner-
able places, even for a rifle ball. When
a bullet struck one on the back or side
the sound was like shooting against a
rock. I had been peppering them all the
afternoon with a revolver, and with
every shot I brought down an alligator.
This was not, however, on account of
fine marksmanship, but because where-
ever it hit him, or probably if it did not
hit him at all, the shot alarmed him,
and he sprang into the water. The
small eye of the alligator is not a very
good target at fifteen or twenty paces,
and Mr. Warner made several efforts be-
fore he bagged any game. At length,
however, he struck one square in the
eye, and the alligator was dead before
he had a chance to flop himself into the
water. Not dead so quick, either, but
so discouraged that in his few moments
of tail lashing and terrible struggling
he worked himself still further away
from the water.

As soon as he lay quiet we landed,
and we was close to him as proper re-
spect, his size warranted. The brute
might be playing possum, and one
sweep of that powerful tail would break
a man's legs. He lay on his back, and
we soon became familiar enough with
him to poke him with sticks, and then
he was no doubt that he was as dead
and he would ever be. He was an inch or
face, so over seven feet long, and I think any
brave one who saw that slimy, repulsive
creature lying there would not care in
and the future to put his feet into a pair of
load, alligator boots. His jaws were large,
load, and no doubt powerful enough, to snap
a man's leg off, and he would have been
an ugly fellow to encounter in a fight.

Strange Superstition.

At a recent meeting of the Scottish
Antiquarian Society in Edinburgh Rev.
Dr. Stewart of Nether Lochaber read a
paper on fire superstitions, in which he
mentioned that a correspondent, while
in a remote glen in Wigtownshire a few
months ago, saw a child smoke rising
from a hollow. On proceeding to a bank
above he saw five women passing a sick
child through a fire. Two of the women
standing opposite each other held a
blazing hoop vertically between them,
and two others standing on either side
of the hoop were engaged in passing
the child backward and forward through
the opening of the hoop. The fifth
woman, who was the mother of the child,
stood at a little distance earnestly look-
ing on. After the child had been eight-
teen times passed and repassed through
the fiery circle it was returned to its
mother and the blazing hoop was
thrown into a pool of water close by.
The child, which was about eighteen
months old, was a weakling, and was
supposed to have come under the baleful
influence of an evil eye. The hoop had
been twisted round with a straw rope,
in which a few drops of oil were scat-
tered to make it burn all round at the
same time. The child was passed
through the hoop once for each mouth
of its age. When the child was taken
home a bunch of bog myrtle was sus-
pended over its bed.

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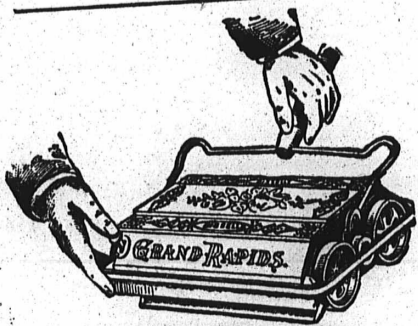
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