THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, AUG. 14

That \$5,000,000 toy trust will furnish conopoly's newest "something to play

M. de Plehve says Russia will "en-courage the Jews to emigrate." "En-courage" is good.

Never roll a MS to be offered to an editor, unless you roll it around a couple of 50-cent cigars.

The prudent woman will think twice before she takes up the men's sock fad and puts her foot in it.

Japan is doubtless gritty for its ze, but it should be warned in adance that Russia is not China.

Those three men up north who took bed-bug poison for whisky merely made a mistake in the kind of poison. An automobile is never so much out of place as at a horse show. Be-sides, it is liable to add injury to in-sult.

It is suspected by the police that here is a suicide club in Hoboken, oubtless there is one there if any-

Grand Duke Vladimir, the ezar nele, declares that the Russian Jews re happy. Glad they are still alive

Fathers in law make the most trouble before the marriage, but gen-erally they mind their own business afterward.

The Chicago youth who has stolen over a hundred bicycles during the past year must be crazy. At least he has wheels.

Cuba would like to borrow \$35,000. 000. Just now we don't happen to know anybody who has that much ly-ing around loose.

A London man has refused to be knighted by King Edward. Evidently he doesn't know of any rich American girl that he wants to marry.

An English judge has declared that South Dakota divorces are no good. There are plenty of other people, how-ever, who will never be happy till they get them.

It's all very well for the astronomers to tell us that the new comet is in the vicinity of Alpha Cygnus, but most of us haven't the least idea where Alpha Cygnus is.

The public men who complain about cartoons of themselves may some day be subjected to the awful condition of not having their pictures in the papers at all.

Prof. Marinski of New York finds that the strains of the bappipes are sure death to mosquitoes. Very likely: but a more humane way of killing them should be invented.

Possibly the officials ordered the Kearsarge to make that rapid trip in order that the toilling officers might get into form again after their sumptuous fare in Europe.

Englishmen have bowed courteously to the Americans who carried off the narksmanship trophy. A former gen-ration once bowed very precipitately by Yankee straight shooting.

Tesla's prediction that it will be pos-sible to send photographs by a system of wireless electrical transmissions may be regarded as one of the most brilliant things that he has done thus far.

It may be true, as an expert de-clares, that the devil lurks in soda fountains, but people are not so much afraid of the devil nowadays as they used to be in the days of Cotton Mather.

Dr. Stilles' discovery of the germ which produces laziness may be inter-esting, but it would have been a great deal more useful to have discovered the germ which produces the desire for hard work.

Who shall say that the duke of Mari-borough is not fitted for the post in the diplomatic service to which he is likely to be appointed? He showed his skill in diplomacy when he got himself engaged to Miss Consuelo Vanderbili.

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There is some talk in Russla now of expelling the Jews from that country altogether if they don't quit complaining about being oppressed. What the Russlans like is a man who will patiently let himself be fayed and pretends he likes it while the operation is not progress.

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Michigan Happenings

tramps carried nim off, took his mon away, and are holding him in capt ity. [Hunter, who was suspected kidnaping him, is in Johnstown, Pa

Assess Andrews's Pardon.
Gov. Bliss was asked Thursday for a statement regarding the rimor that he was about to pardon or parole Frank C. Andrews. His answer was given in a deliberate and p. sitive manner, and it was of a nature to put a stop to the travels of the story that Andrews's release would be effected in

The Iosco County Agricultural a

craverse City, admirs that she crawles through Mrs. Reward Barber's window and stole \$7. Much sympathy is feit for Miss Jennie Mitchell, a popular school teacher, who is dying of cancer at the Branch country house.

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