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Science in surgery and electricity has advanced much in the past 30 years, but the treatment of disease by the old fashioned roots and herbs method has never been improved upon. The fact that this leader of them all—**Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound**—is to-day the largest seller of any similar medicine in the world, is proof positive of its value and superiority, for with all our enterprise and advertising we could not keep fooling the people for 30 years. Merit and merit alone is what has made Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound the standard medicine for treating diseases peculiar to women.

For 30 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been the standard remedy for female ills. No sick woman does justice to herself who will not try this famous medicine. Made exclusively from roots and herbs, and has thousands of cures to its credit.

If the slightest trouble appears which you do not understand, write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for her advice—it is free and always helpful.



TOOK THE MOST OF COURSE

Independents Win Two of Three Games With Brunswicks.

Only one series of games was bowled by the teams in the tri-city bowling league last evening, that one being between the Independents of this city and the Brunswicks of Mo. line. The local team took two out of the three games. Donahue of the Mo line team was the best performer of the evening, his score of 207 being the high mark. Reantree had the highest total for the Independents, Aldrich being his closest competitor. The scores were as follows:

INDEPENDENTS.	
Hueston	199
Reantree	188
Aldrich	154
Boesen	169

Salzmann	148	150	173
Total	849	824	871
BRUNSWICKS.			
Jasper	174	155	189
Williams	138	142	129
Walsh	125	156	156
Erickson	156	123	167
Foley	129	129	129
Donahue	181	161	207
Total	894	701	852

Duck Shooting Ends Tomorrow. Tomorrow marks the close of the shooting season for water fowl, including ducks, geese and brant, and the hunter will have only the waters which are listed as game to shoot. Snipe are reported plentiful as usual in the marshes hereabout.

All the news all the time—THE ARGUS.

FOR BIG MARATHON RACE AT CHICAGO

All Best Runners Will Compete for \$10,000 Prize at Ball Park May 20.

Chicago, April 14.—Arrangements were completed late last night for a \$10,000 Marathon sweepstakes, to be run on May 20 at the American league baseball grounds with all of the famous long distance runners of the world entered. The race will be run at night with the aid of the new acetylene system of lighting tried out by Garry Hermann at the Cincinnati ball yard and found eminently satisfactory. This date has not absolutely been fixed, but it will occur within a few days of the date mentioned, the final date hinging on arrangements with the runners.

Lou M. Houseman and James J. Callahan, who are handling the local end, received a wire from Charles J. Harvey, who is in touch with the trotters, accepting the terms. He announced that he has received promises from the following men to compete: St. Yves, Shrub, Longboat, Hayes, Maloney, Swanberg, Pat White, and Dorando Pietri.

AMUSEMENTS

The Illinois.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.
(Sixteenth Street and Second Avenue.)
April 11—Harvey Stock company, week.

April 18—Al G. Fields, matinee.
April 21—"We Are King," matinee and night.

April 25—Woodruff Comedy Company, matinee and night.

The Elite.

Eighteenth Street, North of Second Avenue.)
Elite Stock company, appearing each

evening at 8:15, with matinee Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The Family.

(Second Avenue, East of Nineteenth Street.)
Vanderbilt at 3, 8, and 9:15 p. m. One matinee Sundays and holidays.

Field's Minstrels.—The "Five Musical Marines" is the title of a big musical feature with the Al G. Field greater minstrels this season, by Quigley, Brill, Woods, Ralston and Walters. Beautiful electrical effects showing a storm at sea, with the waves dashing against the steel sides of an armored cruiser, while the music rendered by the marines adds no little to the magnificence of the scene. In addition to their work on the cornet, saxophones, xylophones, trombones and other instruments, the marines use a number of novelty instruments of their own invention. A vein of comedy is introduced by Doc Quigley as the "Lone Fisherman." Seated on a rock by the sea he divides his time between fishing for anything he can catch, old shoes, eels, old clothes while he gives his careful attention to the bottle beside him. Only Doc Quigley could get the laughs but he does it with a vengeance. The Al G. Field greater minstrels will be seen here for an engagement of two performances at the Illinois theater Sunday, April 18, matinee and evening.

SHUBERTS QUIT ASSOCIATION

Desert Theatrical Managers Organization and There Is No Protest.

New York, April 14.—The Sam S. and Lee Shubert syndicate was permitted to withdraw from the Theatrical Managers' association yesterday without the slightest hint of objection by that body. The row between the concern and the association was the principal topic at a lively meeting held in the Hotel Astor. The Shuberts' resignation was accepted and a statement setting forth the position of the association in the matter was prepared and sent to the resigning members.

SOIL RUIN IN ALL LANDS

Strong Lesson for Illinois in Crop History of Russia, England, Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Eastern United States.

(Reported by Arthur J. Bill for the Illinois Farmers' Institute.)

The following bits of significant history, bearing directly on our own soil problem, are taken from the address of Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins of the University of Illinois, at the recent annual institute:

Russia's average yield of wheat for 20 years was 8 1/2 bushels per acre; as a rule the land lies fallow every third year, and there has been at least one famine in every five-year period. Russia's soils are not inexhaustible.

There are thousands of acres of level or gently rolling lands within a hundred miles of the city of Washington that were once worth \$50 to \$75 an acre that are now abandoned for agricultural purposes. And yet there are teachers who tell us that practically all soils contain sufficient plant food for good crop yields.

Decrease in Productive Power.
I have never found a large audience of Illinois landowners which did not have a dozen or more men who could testify from their own knowledge that the average farm lands of New England, New York, Virginia and other eastern states had markedly decreased in productive power and in value, and yet there are people in Illinois who seem to think that this condition can never come upon Illinois lands.

A few acres of land in New England produce larger crops per acre than some of the great areas of the central west, but from \$2 to \$20 an acre are frequently spent for plant food on the soils of the eastern states, where crops are still grown.

The yield per acre of corn in Rhode Island and Connecticut is greater than the average yield in Illinois, but the total corn acreage of both states is less than one-tenth of the county in Illinois, and this state has more than twice the corn acreage of the six New England states and five eastern states combined.

England's Secret of Large Yields.
The average yield of wheat in England is reported as 32 bushels per acre, but five of our states including Illinois produce five times as much wheat as England. England produces about 50 million bushels but imports about 200 million bushels, half as much corn and almost a billion pounds of oil cake, besides large quantities of other provisions. In addition to the manure saved from these food stuffs the farmers of England use several hundred tons of commercial plant food annually.

Belgium, one-fifth the size of Illinois, produces 12 million bushels of wheat but imports 60 million of wheat and 20 million bushels of corn and a half a billion pounds of oil cake. Germany produces 125 million bushels of wheat but consumes 200 million bushels and imports 40 million bushels of corn, more than a billion pounds of oil cake, etc. Its principal export is two billion pounds of sugar, containing no plant food of value.

Denmark Saves Its Fertility.
Denmark produces four million bushels of wheat but imports five million bushels, besides 15 million of corn and 800 million pounds of oil cake, and exports principally 175 million pounds of

butter which contains practically no plant food.

The one reason above all others why England produces larger yields than the United States is because the English farmers use plant food liberally and persistently, and the same is true of other small European countries.

Those countries that feed practically all they raise and buy in addition large quantities of fertilizers and other food stuffs from which to produce still larger amounts of manure, can thus make their soils richer than ever before, but the great agricultural areas of the United States are being steadily depleted.

Why Illinois Yields Increase.
We must not be deceived by general statistics. The average yield of corn in Illinois has increased in the past 10 years but this does not prove that Illinois soils are growing richer. During these years the corn area of the state has increased from seven million to nine million acres, and the added two million acres are richest black soil of blue grass, or reclaimed swamp land. Meanwhile some portions of the older lands are now producing smaller crops. Improvement in seed, in cultivation and crop rotation have maintained temporarily fairly good yields but have done much to deplete the soil.

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countries the record of our race is a record of ruined land and if we repeat, in the great corn belt of America, the history of the white race in Palestine, in southern Europe, in Russia, and in the eastern part of the United States, where shall our children go for bread? Illinois cannot afford to wait 25 or 50 years before adopting definite systems of permanent soil improvement, for after the land is impoverished it is too late to invest in soil improvement. Poverty is helpless.

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