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The evening concert had many features common to that of the afternoon. Miss Lieblich sang with even greater acceptance than in the earlier concert her songs being David's "Thou brilliant bird," in which she had the support of the magnificently played flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky, an (encore) a Russian folk song, "Nightingale," by Alabielf. In each of these the songstress's trills and bravura singing was highly meritorious. In the higher register she has some wonderfully fine and sweet notes, her D in Alt being remarkable. Miss Maud Powell's grandly presented movements from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and her encore, Vieux temps Fantasia, "St. Patrick's Day," were in the opinion of many the finest items of the day and evening. Her pearly harmonies and perfect doubling stopping were charming. Mr. Pryor's beauty of tone in his own composition, "Love's enchantment," and his clever manipulation of his instrument brought him another penalty. His encore was "In cellar cool," the lower notes of which were of wonderful quality. In fact, a double encore was demanded and given, the inevitable "Honeyuckle and the Bee," the refrain of which was whistled by the bandmen. The band gave Berlioz's overture, "Carne val Romainet," with its alternate suavity and volcanic effects; Sousa's suite, "Looking upward," with wide variety—the dash in the Light of the Polar Star section, and the muted brass; the effective glockenspiel, and the almost human clarinet and the Southern Cross section, and the realism in the Mars and Venus section. In the last mentioned number a wonderfully fine piece of work by the drummers provoked an outburst of applause in the middle of the number. Its effect was that of a party of drummers marching up, say, from the Parish Church to the Albert Hall, proceeding quarter of a mile away and returning. "Passing of Ragtime" again came in as an encore, with "Washington Post" as a double. Rubinstein's Portrait, "Rampant Ostrich" had little to commend it, but the encore, "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle," appealed to the audience through the medium of "Soldiers of the Queen," "Minsirel Boy," "Blue Bells of Scotland," and "Rule Britannia." Mascagni's "Dance Scotic" was followed by a double encore, "Philo-sophic Maid" and "Bundle of Mischief," whistled by bandmen and vocal phrases again giving a spice of novelty. The "Imperial Edward" march was again played, but with variation on the afternoon performance. The trombonists stood when they played the opening phrase of the National Anthem and later, when the audience had clamoured its appreciation, the trumpeters and trombonists marched to the front, and in their stoutest blast blew a dozen bars of unison. Kolling's "Chase of the Lion" must be supposed to be descriptive. There is a great deal of roaring from the brass instruments, sufficient to have terrified an entire menagerie; a big bang and all was over, but the National Anthem.

Sousa and his Band, with the lady vocalist and violinist, leave Sheffield this morning for Windsor, having been commanded to appear before the King and Queen this evening. His Majesty has said that as many American melodies as possible may be included in the programme. Mr. Sousa has sent a list of twenty pieces from which His Majesty will make their choice. Manchester was to have been the centre of the band to-day, and £500 worth of tickets had been sold before the Royal commission reached Mr. Sousa. Next Tuesday a Vice-Royal performance will be given at Dublin Castle, and during the week Belfast and Scottish cities will be

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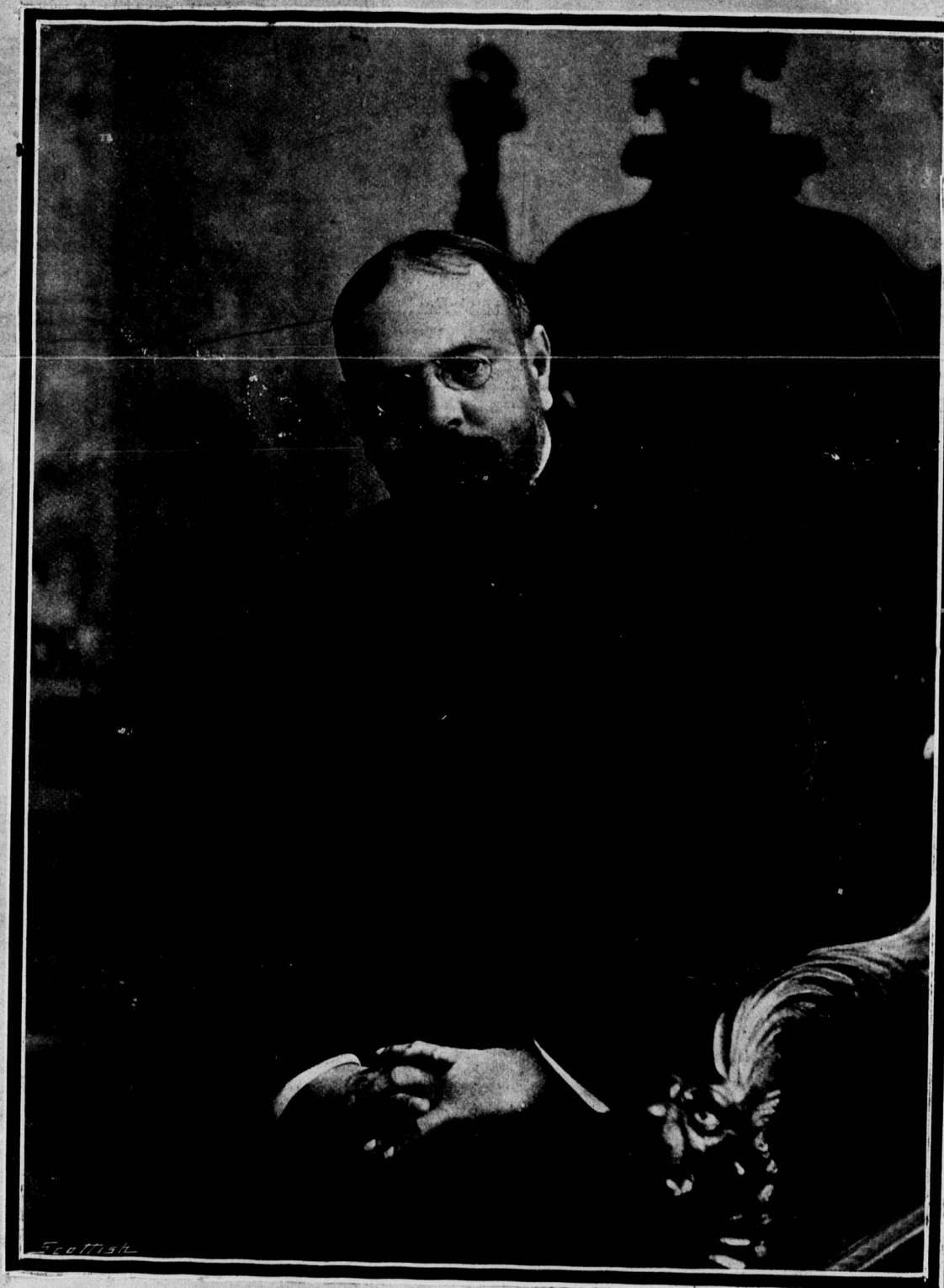
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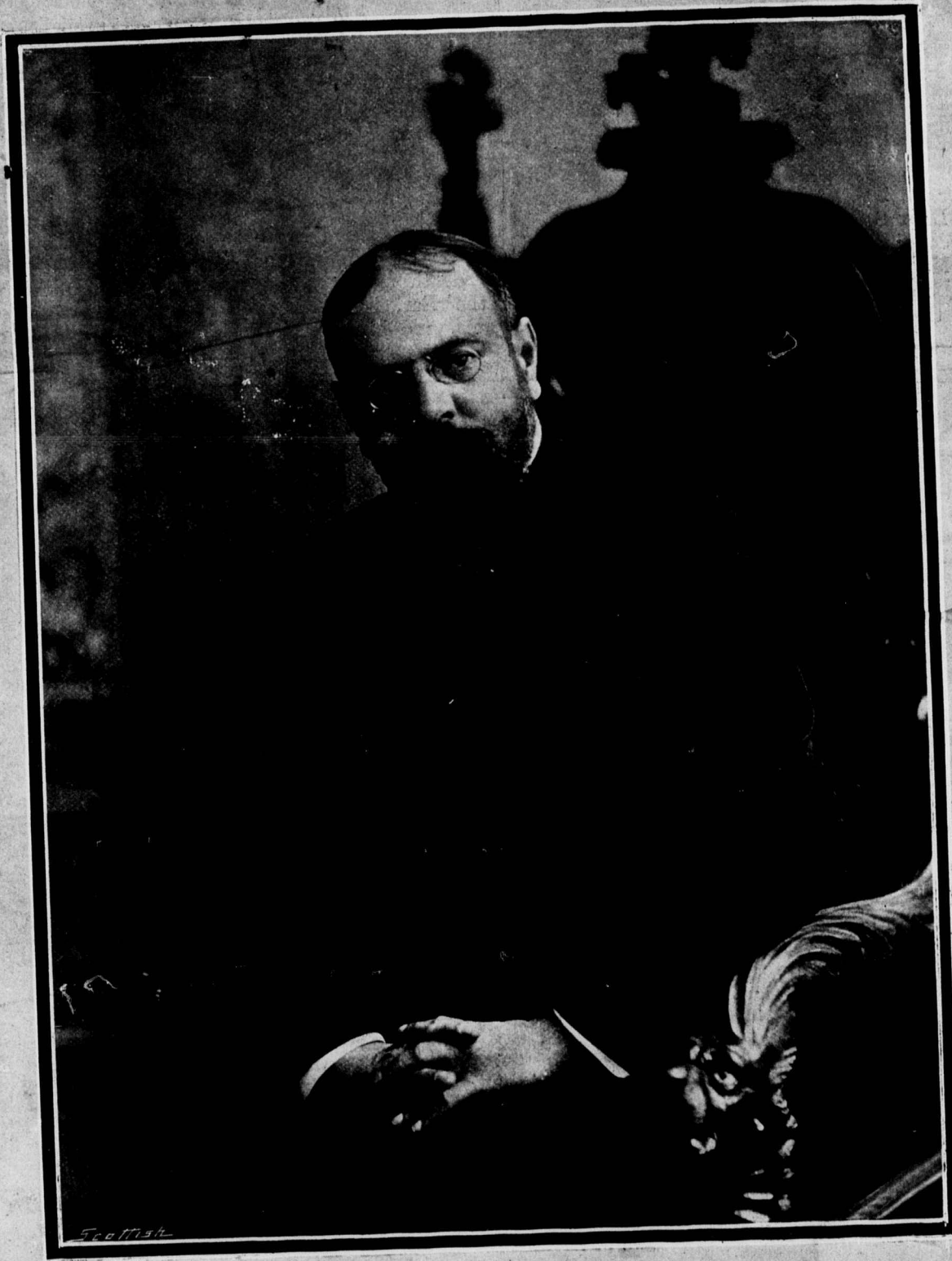
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impossible to write anything that can be
regarded as excessive praise. It is a
band composed of consummate artists,
and completeness of ensemble constitutes its
most striking quality. The famous overture
to "William Tell" and the Dvorak excerpt
were beautifully played, the brass in the lat-
ter having all the tone of an organ. But the
marches, for nineteen out of twenty hearers,
were "the thing," and their very familiarity
in some cases seemed their highest recom-
mendation. The stirring, swinging "Invin-
cible Eagle," the perennial "Washington Post"
and the well-defined rhythm of "Imperial
Edward" (dedicated to the King), or "The
Capitan" were played with a peculiar dash
and spirit that was irresistible. In the suite
"Maiden's Three" and the mosaic "In the
Realms of the Dance," founded on famous
waltz themes, the rhythmical precision, the
expression, the power, and the mass of this
remarkable band were also revealed. In the
humorous selection, "A Coon Contest," some
novel effects were obtained. As instrumen-
talists, Sousa's players are practically all that
can be desired. Constant association and
practice have enabled them to play with the
greatest precision—their work is distinctly
emphatic and brilliant. Mr Arthur Pryor,
whom the Press agents describe as the highest
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trombonist. The audience wondered as they
listened to this performer, who obtained
from an instrument not usually associated
with solo work, a richness of tone that was
really astonishing. In both the quoted
selections Mr Pryor played with extraordi-
nary dexterity and skill. Miss Estelle Liebling
is a coloratura soprano, and her selections are
apparently made with a view to exhibiting her
peculiar qualities of voice. It is not a musical
organ, but it is flexible, and the lady delights
in roulades and show passages. Miss Maud
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executant, with a matured and finished style,
and she was heartily applauded after each
selection which she presented. In accompany-
ing his singer or soloist, Sousa teaches a lesson
to many conductors who over-ride and handi-
cap the efforts of the single performer. In his
case the orchestra accompany and assist the
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even eccentric. With almost playful gesture
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wards to unique success.

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Sousa's Band in Bolton.

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THE ART OF BAND CONDUCTING

[CONTRIBUTED.]

The supremacy of a conductor over his orchestra, that is of a master will in its control of subordinate minds, is a despotism in its most enlightened form. Dr. Hans Richter, Strauss, the younger Wagner and our own Wood, are monarchs in the realm of Harmony, undisputed and omnipotent. The foreigner might think their subjects independent, since the outward and visible sign of the sovereign's power is merely a sceptre of ivory, and there is no hindrance to the voicing of complaints. I have, countless times, heard a bassoon groaning, as if in mutiny, or listened with beating heart to the laments of a flute. But their rule must be surely founded since often has a loud pean of praise drowned the unruly one.

I have been led to the study of the principles of the government of such as these by the coming of a usurper, whose methods are so original and unorthodox to my cherished opinions as to stir utmost wonder. By investigating the bizarre subject one may get a sure insight into the ordering of the more regular method it differs from. The invasion of John Philip Sousa took place a few weeks ago. His conquests are still fresh. I give the impressions of a victim.

Facing the wide semi-circle of his orchestra on a small red covered dais Sousa's every motion is fascinating. The figure with the keen eyes and black beard steps quickly from the wings, makes but a perfunctory bow to the audience, and then, waving a thin baton round its head plunges sixty perfect instrumentalists into that medley of warring notes and restless harmonies known as a Sousa march. Consummate skill welds smooth piccolos, blaring trombones, mellow cornets and shrill flutes into unison and melody, for, on a first hearing one might think that the players were beyond control. Each item in the programme is entered on with a rush that stirs the blood as would a howling Nor-Easter. The torrent of music sweeps through the hall unchecked, till one half expects to see the quiet man, who has folded his arms in apparent resignation, whirled away on the tuneless current to the loftiest galleries. Then up go the restraining hands and the uproar dies. A deprecatory action of the baton to the left and the flageolets whisper the air as if in terror of their conductor's wrath. A slight shake to the centre signals the flutes to join in with querulous reiteration of the "motif," lifes quickening the pace in anxiety to finish their part before the bass can break in. But Sousa is on the watch. As the last notes quiver from the wood and reeds he gives a lunge towards the right, and the great horns, saxophones and trombones leap, on the instant, into boisterous life. For a second they rage over the whole gamut while Sousa's back is turned to still the impatient flutes. Then he relents, and, with a jerk of the body, frees the united orchestra to a final crash.

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Visit to Sheffield.

Sousa, the musical embodiment of the Continent beyond the Atlantic, astute, full of business aptitude, admirably advertised not to say boomed, possessing a knowledge of what hits the man in the street, and paid his second visit to Sheffield, and has made a greater impression than was the case on the occasion of his visit fourteen months ago. Yesterday afternoon the Albert Hall contained a hundred pounds more than on the previous occasion. In the evening every seat was occupied. Musicians differ as to the educational value of Sousa's music. It is certainly not the most profound, neither can it be taken as quite legitimate that the highest class music-compositions by Dvorak, by Sarasate, Berlioz, Mendelssohn, and Rubinstein should be interpreted in a fashion other than was intended by the creators. Orchestral music does not pall upon the ear, but it is greatly to be feared that were the place of strings to be taken by reed, wood wind, and brass the auditor would quickly be satiated. Sousa has smartness, and that makes possible to him and his men that which would be impossible to a less smart and a more sensitive visitor. His poses as a conductor are an essential part of the entertainment. Now statuesque, then energetic, now scarcely moving a digit as the immaculately-glowing hand is held aloft then giving clear indication of the interpretation he desires; now throwing backwards a bringing forward both hands like a mid-winter caber seeking to create warmth, and anon indulging in motion that recalls the action of a concertist soloist. But everything is carefully prepared. This programme preparation is a strong point. Three seconds of applause and Sousa faces his men, who are prepared with the encore, an assistant hoists aloft a huge cardboard bearing the title of the piece and, if necessary, he is ready with the title of the double encore. Sousa and his band were undoubtedly hugely appreciated. The largest hall in the city would again be packed were they here to-night. But undoubtedly the chief features from a musical point of view were the violin solos by Miss Maud Powell, and the vocal solos by Miss Estelle Lieblich.

The afternoon programme opened with Rossini's "William Tell" overture, in which the flute variations were the most striking feature. "El Capitan" was the encore. Sousa's suite, "Maidens Three," written with full knowledge of the capabilities of his men, was finely played. The first of the three maidens, the coquette, was depicted with abundant sparkle, her moods being hit off very suggestively, even to the dash for another lover. A lilt in the first carinet and the use of the glissandi gave the necessary tint to the Summer Girl, wondrous scale passages being introduced. Tambour, castanets, and piccolo gave the mad whirl and the pirouette of the dancing girl. This brought down the house, and "The Passing of Ragtime," the darkies' idea of syncopation, in which is a novelty in the shape of vocal ejaculations, was presented as encore. Dvorak's "New World" Symphony was drawn upon for its largo. Melodious work in the reeds to a staccato brass accompaniment, was not nearly so well appreciated as was the "Washington Post," which followed. Sousa's mosaic, "In the realm of the Air," is founded on waltz themes. "Liberty Bell" was followed as the encore. Von Blon's "Sizilien" is the kind of thing heard in variety entertainments by gipsy choirs, but not so good as the average. It preceded Sousa's march "Imperial Edward" which is dedicated to his Majesty. This composition appears to be Brother Jonathan's idea of John Bull in his outlandish mood. There is no suggestion of the Bear or the Lion, and no fierce Imperial or Russian Eagle leading Venezuelawards. Evidently, Sousa believes that we Britishers like to be noticed that we make a noise in the world. Patriotism, of course, put modesty aside, and Sousa was not a whit less courteous. He gave us "The Stars and Stripes for Ever," in which the unmistakable speech of the American eagle suggested that Uncle Sam has a voice in the counsels of nations. Massenet's variations and carnival from "Scenes in Naples" gave a picture of riot, which gave place to the National Anthem after two hours of variety, in which solos, which must not be overlooked, were a prominent feature. Miss Estelle Lieblich sang Delibes' "Indian Belle Song," from "Lakme." She has a splendid soprano voice with a range of three octaves, but her method of production is not one that is conducive to repose on the part of the auditor. Her vocalisation was highly effective, if her enunciation was indistinct. As an encore she sang Sousa's "Maid of the Meadow," a song of less affecting character. Miss Maud Powell's rendering of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" demonstrated how worthy the splendid violinist is of the title of the "Paganini." In every branch of her art she was perfect, while Handel's "Largo," her encore, showed admirably she can interpret music of a different book. Mr. Pryor's trombone solo, "Blue Bells of Scotland," was a revelation of velvety tone and accurate intonation, and the Melody in D (encore) was also worthy of one who is not far removed from the foremost rank.

The evening concert had many features common to that of the afternoon. Miss Lieblich sang with even greater acceptance than in the earlier concert, her songs being David's "Thou brilliant bird," in which she had the support of the magnificently-played flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky, and (encore) a Russian folk song, "Nightingale," by Alabieff. In each of these the songstress's trills and bravura singing was highly meritorious. In her higher register she has some wonderfully fine and sweet notes, her D in Alt being remarkable. Miss Maud Powell's grandly presented movements from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and her encore, Vieuxtemps's Fantasia, "St. Patrick's Day," were in the opinion of many the finest items of the day and evening. Her nearly harmonious and perfect double stopping were charming. Mr. Pryor's beauty of tone

MUSICAL NOTES.

SOUSA'S BAND.

"There is magic in the drum," so goes the refrain in the song of the "Old Soldier"—or rather I should say there is a magical attraction in the performance of a good military band such as that of John Philip Sousa. As I sat in the stalls of the Philharmonic on Saturday last I began to muse, and asked myself the question, what is it that ensures the phenomenal success of this particular combination of instrumentalists? True, the band is not superior to any of our own Guards bands, and the constitution of the ensemble (save that there are a few more novel instruments in the way of saxophones, Sousaphones, etc.) is very little different to those of our household brigade musicians. Well, I can only account for it by the fact that they are visitors from across the "herring pond," representing our American cousins on the other side. These, again, the prevalence of Sousa's popular march rhythms, so excellently scored and performed, serve to stimulate the military ardour of a country wrongly defined as a nation of shopkeepers. These and other points, viz., the novelty of hearing absolutely American compositions executed by native musicians, have a great effect in arousing the enthusiasm of Britishers. But such is the indisputable fact that since the visit of Gilmore's band some years ago, and the previous appearance here of Sousa's band, England is ready to welcome with open arms a good military organisation hailing from the land of the Star-spangled banner. Hence the certainty of large audiences, and a hearty reception, which is not only gratifying to the players themselves but reflects honour on the listeners, serving to cement a national friendship. The programme included Rossini's "William Tell" overture; Dvorak's "Largo" from the New World Symphony; Sousa's latest effective march, "Imperial Edward"; Massenet's "Variations," and "Carnival," as well as a number of pieces from the pen of Mr. Sousa. There were, of course, encores double and treble, which were all promptly replied to, with the famous conductor's proverbial alacrity, while from beginning to end of the concert the wildest excitement prevailed. The very numerous encores consisted of "The Washington Post"; "El Capitan"; Mexican Serenade; "Passing of Ragtime"; "Stars and Stripes"; "Philosophic Maid," and "Bandle's Mischief." Mr. Pryor, the trombone soloist, once more created a furore, and for the re-demand played a "Melody in D," while Miss Maud Powell, as solo violinist, gave the greatest possible pleasure by a fine rendition of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen," and for a bis played Handel's "Largo." The vocalist, Miss Estelle Lieblich, has a fine soprano voice, flexible and pure, and in the very difficult "Indian Belle Song," from Delibes' "Lakme," displayed high

career of the noted musician. The encores included "El Capitan," "The Washington Post," and "The Philosophic Maid," all harmonious and many of them comical in their effects. There were three soloists. Mr. Arthur Pryor gave a fine solo, "Blue Bells of Scotland," in a way which was certainly a revelation to many who had to it, the effects produced probably never before being heard in Bolton on a trombone. The inevitable encore he gave "In Cellar Cellar" other surprising performance. A soprano solo, Miss Estelle Lieblich, gave the "Indian Song" from Delibes' "Lakme," in a way which displayed her rich voice to perfection and opportunities for her splendid florid style. An encore she gave "To-day determined," The third soloist was Miss Maud Powell, who has been described as the greatest of women violinists, and those who have not read dispute the accuracy of superlative praise. She gave "Zigeunerweisen," a composition as it is beautiful; the effect she introduced a pathetic theme with muted strings, to leave the audience almost spellbound. An encore she gave a composition "Nymphs." The concert then closed, which will leave behind it a memory. Last evening another given.

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Sousa at Liverpool.

Enormous interest was aroused by the visit of Mr. J. P. Sousa and his Band on Saturday last, when two concerts were given in the Philharmonic Hall, which, large as it is, was quite incapable of meeting the demands made on it by the public. In fact such a *furor* has been created by this American "invasion" that Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper, Mr. Sousa's local agents, have announced a return visit of the Band towards the end of February. As regards the playing of the Band there is little to say except that it is still marked by the "snap" that is its main characteristic: and the tone of some of the solo instruments is very good. I wish I could say the same for some of the "music" submitted, but, with the exception, perhaps, of the "El Capitan" and "Washington Post" marches I fail to see that the name of Sousa will go down to posterity as a composer even of march tunes. The "William Tell" overture, which commenced the afternoon programme, was very nicely played with the exception of the last movement, which was taken at a *tempo* quite out of keeping with the notes to be produced, the consequence being that the fine bravura passages were entirely lost. The Largo from Dvorak's "New World" symphony and a "Theme and Variations" by Mas-

...were among the "legitimate" items, and showed that the components of the band are good. The pity of it is that they are so incessantly exercised in the indifferent materials that Sousa thinks fit to produce. Miss Estelle Liebling sang Delibes's "Bell Song" from "Lakmé" with great purity and flexibility, and Miss Maude Powell's violin playing was a welcome feature in a scheme of somewhat *bizarre* quality. I must, however, compliment Mr. Sousa on his band accompaniments to the song and violin numbers, as also Mr. Arthur Pryor for his trombone solo. I should add that one of the drums burst at the evening performance, but whether this is a new "effect" or not I am unaware!—W. J. B., Our Correspondent.

"ST. JAMES'S GAZETTE,"

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MEN AND WOMEN.

MR. SOUSA, who takes his band to Windsor Castle to-night, is the composer of "The Washington Post." That perhaps is his chief link with fame in England, where he is now travelling with the famous band which has become what somebody has called the representative American musical organisation. He was born forty-five years ago, almost in the shadow of the Capitol at Washington, but his father was a Portuguese and his mother a Bavarian.

HE began composing music at eleven, and at eleven made his first appearance with his violin. His first ambition was to run away with a circus, which he arranged to do secretly with a circus man who heard him play and who offered him twelve dollars a week. Only the fact that the excited Sousa could not keep his secret put an end to his little escapade before it fairly begun.

LIKE many composers who have risen to fame, and like still more poets, Sousa paid for the publication of his first work, which no publisher would accept on his own risk. The publishing of it cost him twenty-five dollars at a time when he was not too rich, and only four dollars of it has ever come back again. His second venture was almost worse from his own point of view.

IT was in Philadelphia, and a friendly publisher took two pieces and arranged to place them on the market. He did—and after seven months they appeared, Sousa, then eighteen, receiving a hundred copies free as his reward! His expenses had been three pounds, so that Sousa has still a balance against somebody on account of his early compositions—if any of them have since been sold, as they must have been, since his rise to fame. Even the "Washington Post" he sold for seven pounds, and it has made a fortune for the publishers.

BUT Sousa was not Sousa in those days. There is an odd story of how he came by his name. Mark Twain is said to have got his name from some boys who happened to be shouting it somewhere in the depths of South America; Sousa found his in an hotel in Europe. He had signed himself with his initials in the visitors' book, with U.S.A. after them; and when his bill arrived he found that his S.O., U.S.A., had been mistaken for his name. It was one of the happiest of mistakes, and has never been put right since.

THE philosophy of Sousa is as much worth listening to as the brass band which he has taken 250,000 miles and conducted at five thousand concerts. "The past few years," he says, "have stood for a very strenuous period in the history of the world. We in America have had our war with Spain. You have had your long campaign in South Africa. There have been troubles all around, and the world has been living at a high strain. Well, it seems to me that men and women want from music after such a period of simple cheerfulness."

**SOUSA AND HIS BAND IN
SHEFFIELD.****Successful Concerts.**

Mr. John Philip Sousa, the famous American bandmaster, and his remarkable "combination," visited Sheffield yesterday for the second time, and gave two concerts in the Albert Hall. At each there was a crowded audience, the attendance in the evening probably establishing a record.

It is somewhat difficult to quite justly appraise a Sousa concert, from a musical and critical point of view. At the outset one is confronted with the question, whether or not the whole entertainment is to be taken as a serious musical contribution, or whether, in American parlance, it is merely a cleverly stage-managed "show." There is a good deal of both these qualities in a Sousa concert. The playing of the band is a marvel of technical mechanism and precision. The constituents of the musical machine are all of the very highest class. Their playing is absolutely flawless, if we except a slip in "The Washington Post" (of all things!) last night. The tone of the instrumentalists is beautiful, and they play accompaniments with a refined softness almost incredible in a reed band. But if anything like a high standpoint is to be adopted in reviewing Mr. Sousa and his methods, the concert can only be described as an orgy of musical spread-eagleism, calculated to give one a bad head in the morning.

Mr. Sousa is as clever and entertaining a showman as he is an ingenious musician and a rigid disciplinarian. His method of beating time in a series of studiously varied gyrations of the baton, awakens interest in him from the first. He is generous in the matter of encores, and dispenses with the usual make-believe in this regard, with a refreshing freedom. As for his musical methods, they aim at sensationalism pure and simple. Every device of the consummate trickster is utilised in his show pieces, Glockenspiel galore, castanets, gongs, schellen (small bells), tambourines, "cocoanut shells," triangle and cymbal effects, whistling, and a "rag-time" vocal chorus, are all devices which in Mr. Sousa's more extended compositions cover a poverty of musical invention. If then, Mr. Sousa can hardly be described as a composer in the high sense of the word, he is at all events a clever rhythmist. His marches possess an invigorating dash and movement, and to hear them played by his band is a valuable demonstration in the virtues of well-defined accents and fresh rhythms. As nearly every encore takes the form of one of these enjoyable marches the audience patiently sits out a tedious suite or descriptive piece in the sure knowledge of enjoying the inevitable encore.

The afternoon concert yesterday opened with Rossini's "William Tell" overture, in which the storm music and the charming "Ranz des Vaches" were excellently done. But the finale was spoilt by being taken at a speed which if designed to display the virtuosity of the players only served to make this effective section a chaotic scramble, in which all design and clearness were lost. On a far higher level was the playing of the Largo from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony, which the band rendered with a perfection of ensemble and a realisation of its artistic values worthy of the highest praise. Two of Mr. Sousa's compositions were also played, the first entitled "Maidens Three" (The Coquette, The Summer Girl, and The Dancing Girl) and the second "In the realm of the dance." The last-named was founded on some familiar waltz refrains, winding up with Rubinstein's pinaforte "Valse Caprice," perhaps as unsuitable a piece for a military band as could have been selected. Both items were, of course, faultlessly performed. The bandmaster's latest march, "Imperial Edward," was also played. It is a dashing piece of the Sousa type, but is hardly likely to equal the popularity of the "El Capitan" and "Liberty Bell" marches, which were, among others, performed as encore items at the afternoon concert.

Mr. Arthur Pryor, the band's "star" instrumentalist, played his own clever arrangement of "The Blue Bells of Scotland," and, for an encore, a melody in D. His tone is exquisitely mellow, and the ease and exactness with which he executed the most florid runs and cadenzas served to make his playing both an enjoyable and an artistic feature of the concerts. Miss Maud Powell gave a vividly-coloured and passionate rendering of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen," the band accompaniment to which, as well as to Handel's "Largo," played as an encore, was a model of restraint and good taste. Miss Estelle Liebling, a vocalist of phenomenal compass, with a pleasing and powerful voice, sang the Indian Bell song from Delibes' opera, "Lakmé," a selection to which her exceptional vocal agility and finish were admirably suited.

The evening concert opened with a brilliant performance of Berlioz's "Carneval Romaine" overture. The two most delightful items on the programme were Mascagni's "Danse Esotica," a characteristic Italian composition, full of local colouring, and as original as it is varied, and the lamented Ethelbert Nevin's "Country Dance," a dainty composition of much grace and melodic beauty. Rubenstein's "Kammenoi Ostrow," though well played, missed fire somewhat, owing partly to its unsuitability to a wind band, and for the rest to

its inherent dulness. Mr. Sousa's "Upward," was chiefly remarkable for the part played by the side drums, which the audience actually wanted to encore in the middle of the piece!

After the rowdy blatancy of the "Imperial Edward" March, it was like a breeze from heaven to hear the pure melody of Mendelssohn's Andante from the Violin Concerto played by Miss Powell. In this, as in the glorious finale to the same work, the concert reached its highest artistic plane. It was significant and very gratifying to find that after all the demoralising tumult and sensationalism of the previous items, the most enthusiastic and spontaneous burst of applause was won by the most genuinely musical contribution of the day—the violin selection already alluded to. Even the howl of delight which greeted the opening bars of "The Washington Post" was surpassed by Miss Powell's well-earned plaudits.

The other items must be but briefly noticed. Miss Liebling's solo was David's "Thou brilliant bird," wherein, in association with Mr. Marshall Lufsky, an accomplished flautist, she won a decisive and well-deserved triumph. Mr. Pryor played another remarkable solo, "Love's enchantment," notable chiefly for a difficult cadenza, faultlessly played. As encores Mr. Pryor played "The Honeysuckle and the Bee" and "In Cellar Cool," the latter item displaying the extraordinary compass of his instrument. Encores were freely granted, and the delight of the audience was expressed in enthusiastic measure. It should be mentioned that the concerts were under the management of Messrs. Wilson Peck, and Co.

song. The first part of the concert closed with the "Largo" from the symphony entitled "The New World," by Dvorak, the gifted composer of "The Spectre's Bride." In their rendering of this mysterious effusion, as to which one is tempted to hazard the conjecture that it sounded like an attempt to describe the passing away of some old world to make room for the new—the band seemed as much at home as they were in everything else. Responding to an encore, the band gave a grand selection of Irish airs, including "Let Erin Remember," "Believe Me," "The Last Rose," and "The Harp that once." These were all suitably harmonised, with occasional clever variations, and oblige for particular instruments, they went splendidly. In truth they were one of the very best features of the performance, and the effects realised showed what fine material there is in these national airs. Dr. Prout, in a paper read at the recent meeting of the Society of Musicians, remarked that no amount of voices or instruments could overwhelm the grandeur of Handel's choruses. The more tone that was put on them the more powerfully they came out. It is hardly a strained comparison to say that the same thing seemed somewhat true of the Irish airs as played yesterday. "The Harp that Once" quite filled all the instruments, and perhaps would have filled more. The next items were a clever instrumental "Mosaic" founded on famous waltz themes, by Sousa; a "Novelette," by another composer; and the march, "Imperial Edward," which Sousa has composed and dedicated to the King. The latter is a spirited composition of a showy type. Miss Maud Powell appeared as solo violinist. Her tone was not powerful, but her technique was exceedingly perfect and finished. She played a piece by Sarasate, the second section of which showed the unrivalled capacity of the violin, when in the hands of an artist, for yielding a rapid flow of sparkling notes. In response to an encore, she played a largo by Handel. The concluding item consisted of a selection for the band, called "Plantation Songs and Dances," by Chambers, in which "Annie Laurie," "Don't I Love My Betsy," and several other airs are introduced. This selection was extremely effective, and showed off both the band and the tunes to the utmost advantage. One could not hear such playing without feeling that the world of music is a big thing—that it includes airs and folk-songs as well as the great productions of Bach, Beethoven, and Wagner—and that one must be catholic in music after all. To-morrow afternoon the band will give another matinee performance at the Theatre Royal, commencing at three o'clock; and in the evening they will give a performance at the Rotunda, commencing at eight o'clock.

PERFORMANCE AT THE CASTLE.

Last night, at ten o'clock, Mr. Sousa's band performed at Dublin Castle by command of the Lord Lieutenant.

LA NOUVELLE DANSE A LA MODE



LE CAKE-WALK DANS SON PAYS D'ORIGINE. — Le pas du kansas.

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LE CAKE-WALK

C'est le dernier engouement de Paris...

On sait — il faudrait ne jamais parcourir un journal ou un magazine américain pour l'ignorer — on sait que les Yankees sont en train de conquérir, par la séduction ou par la force, tout notre Vieux-Monde. Ils viennent de commencer l'invasion de Paris. En 1900, nous avions été initiés par la *De Souza Band*, l'« Orchestre De Souza », à la fanfare américaine, marches épiques et frénétiques galops. Et voici que l'hiver 1902-1903 nous révèle le *Cake-Walk*, la « Danse du Gâteau » des nègres nord-américains.

A vrai dire, les mimiques et les pas du *Cake-Walk* avaient bien déjà été esquissés, les saisons précédentes, dans certains salons franco-américains, par quelques jeunes filles transatlantiques débarquées du dernier bateau. Mais ce ne furent que de timides essais. Il manquait à cette chorégraphie nouvelle la consécration indispensable des cirques et des grands cafés-concerts.

La lacune est comblée depuis quelques semaines. Au Nouveau-Cirque d'abord, puis successivement dans tous les music-halls et établissements chorégraphiques, se sont improvisées des troupes de nègres qui se livrent chaque soir, devant un public enthousiasmé, aux ébats les plus échevelés du *Cake-Walk*. Et aussitôt des premiers sujets ont surgi — comme les Valentins et les Goulues du quadrille naturaliste — des professionnels, danseuses et danseurs qui, sans prendre la peine de se noircir le visage et les mains, ont imaginé des variations acrobatiques sur le rythme originel. Enfin quelques boute-en-train de la bonne société, heureux de rencontrer un peu de nouveau, se sont mis en tête d'introduire définitivement dans le cycle éternel des valse, des quadrilles et des pas-de- quatre, le fantaisiste *Cake-Walk*. — et des maîtres à danser ont entrepris d'en régler les mouvements et les figures pour le transformer en danse « du monde ».

Tout cela amuse beaucoup les Parisiens — et ils s'imaginent connaître le *Cake-Walk*. Ils n'en ont pourtant — il faut bien le leur dire — qu'une caricature sur les planches des cafés-concerts et, dans les salons, qu'une bien pâle imitation. Le *Cake-Walk* n'a vraiment tout son charme pittoresque et passionnant que dans son milieu d'origine, chez les nègres des Etats du Sud de l'Union américaine.

Là, c'est vraiment la « Danse du Gâteau » : un concours, un tournoi dont un énorme gâteau est le prix. Le dessin de M. Georges Scott donne une idée du tableau. C'est le plus souvent en plein air que se déroule la folle partie, à moins que les intempéries de la saison n'obligent la bande de *darkies*, vêtus d'oripeaux de couleurs vives et de détroques indescriptibles, à se réfugier dans quelqueasure délabrée ou quelque hutte de paille au sol de glaise.

Les juges, — de joyeux vieillards, — ont pris place dans leur tribune, au pied de laquelle s'étale le gâteau, orné de fleurs en papier. Le cercle des spectateurs et des joueurs de *banjo* se forme. Les couples s'élancent.

Les gestes, les pas, l'attitude, la physiologie et l'accoutrement des danseurs, de l'assistance, des musiciens et des juges, la mise en scène, le rythme de la musique, tout cela forme une harmonie de couleurs locales. Le grotesque des détails disparaît dans la pittoresque de l'ensemble et dans la contagion de la joie générale qui illumine les visages. On admire la souplesse incomparable des danseurs, l'aisance précise de tous leurs mouvements.

Quelquefois un *leader* est choisi, sorte d'entraîneur, de tambour-major bien bâti, bien musclé, plein de verve et de brio, qui mène la marche ou le galop, précède et dirige les couples, exécute force cabrioles et entrechats, s'aidant de sa canne de jône.

Progressivement l'entrain de tous atteint son paroxysme. Les couples se détachent à tour de rôle, s'avancent, faisant des grâces, improvisant des scènes mimées, et avec quelle rivalité ! quelle ardeur ! C'est à qui attirera le plus l'attention du jury, et, par son originalité et sa grâce, se fera décerner, à l'unanimité toujours, le gâteau traditionnel. Le jugement est rendu avec un imperturbable sérieux, et une solennité qui n'a d'égale que son impartialité.

Que dire de la danse elle-même ? Comment définir son caractère particulier ? Il n'existe réellement aucune règle. C'est le triomphe de l'improvisation personnelle. Le pas caractéristique du *Cake-Walk* évoque l'image d'un caniche que l'on force à se tenir sur ses pattes de derrière : le danseur avance par petits sauts, tenant exactement ses mains comme le chien tiendrait ses pattes de devant, tout en cambrant les reins de la façon la plus exagérée possible. C'est ce qu'on appelle le *Kangaroo Step*, pas mis à la mode sur la scène américaine par la divette Fay Templeton, à qui il a valu un étourdissant succès.

Voulez-vous danser le *Cake-Walk* ? Lisez nos explications, regardez nos gravures, faites jouer au piano la musique publiée dans notre Supplément et livrez-vous à votre fantaisie. Vous réussirez mieux que si vous preniez les leçons des maîtres à danser, et peut-être quelque jour, si une autre fantaisie vous conduit en Géorgie ou en Louisiane, serez-vous capable de séduire un jury et de décrocher un gâteau.

C. C. B.

Voir nos gravures aux pages précédentes et le Supplément musical qui accompagne ce numéro.

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MR. SOUSA'S VISIT TO WINDSOR.

There have been some cheap sneers today at Mr. Sousa's alleged patriotism in causing the band to play “The Star-spangled Banner” as the last number on its programme at Windsor on Sunday. It happens that this American national air was played by desire of the King as a compliment to Mr. Henry White, the American Charge d'Affaires, who, with Mrs. White, was a guest of the King. It was from Mr. White that the King learned of the expected arrival of Lieutenant-general Miles, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, in London on Sunday afternoon. Accordingly, when General Miles arrived in London he found an invitation from the King to go right away and dine at Windsor that night. This the general did, and he came back to town this morning with Mr. and Mrs. White.

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

Mr. J. P. Sousa's famous military band arrived in Windsor last evening, to play by Royal command at the Castle. The King gave a dinner party to forty guests, who at ten o'clock proceeded to the Waterloo Chamber, where the performance took place, the band playing the National Anthem as His Majesty entered the hall. The programme consisted of eight pieces, including vocal and instrumental solos by Miss Estelle Liebling (soprano), Miss Maud Powell (violin), and Mr. Arthur Pryor (trombone). The performance lasted an hour and a half, and at the conclusion the members of the band sat down to supper.

The band played the following programme of music:—

1. Collocation, “El Capitan” (Sousa).
2. Trombone solo, “Love's Enchantment” (Mr. Arthur Pryor).
3. Suite, “Looking Upward.”
 - (a) “By the Light of the Polar Star.”
 - (b) “Under the Southern Cross.”
 - (c) “Mars and Venus.” (Sousa.)
4. Soprano solo, “Thou Brilliant Bird” (David). Sung by Miss Estelle Liebling, to flute obligato by Mr. M. Lufsky.
5. Badinage (Herbert).
6. (a) Idyll, “In a Clock Store” (Orth).
- (b) Caprice, “The Passing of Rag-Time” (Pryor).
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Irish Society

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LE CAKE-WALK

C'est le dernier engouement de Paris... On sait — il faudrait ne jamais parcourir un journal ou un magazine américain pour l'ignorer — on sait que les Yankees sont en train de conquérir, par la séduction ou par la force, tout notre Vieux-Monde. Ils viennent de commencer l'investissement de Paris. En 1900, nous avions été initiés par la *De Souza Band*, l'Orchestre De Souza, à la fanfare américaine, marches épiques et frénétiques galops. Et voici que l'hiver 1902-1903 nous révèle le *Cake-Walk*, la « Danse du Gâteau » des nègres nord-américains.

A vrai dire, les mimiques et les pas du *Cake-Walk* avaient bien déjà été esquissés, les saisons précédentes, dans certains salons franco-américains, par quelques jeunes filles transatlantiques débarquées du dernier bateau. Mais ce ne furent que de timides essais. Il manquait à cette chorégraphie nouvelle la consécration indispensable des cirques et des grands cafés-concerts.

La lacune est comblée depuis quelques semaines. Au Nouveau-Cirque d'abord, puis successivement dans tous les music-halls et établissements chorégraphiques, se sont improvisées des troupes de nègres qui se livrent chaque soir, devant un public enthousiasmé, aux ébats les plus échevelés du *Cake-Walk*. Et aussitôt des premiers sujets ont surgi — comme les Valentins et les Goulues du quadrille naturaliste — des professionnels, danseuses et danseurs qui, sans prendre la peine de se noircir le visage et les mains, ont imaginé des variations acrobatiques sur le rythme originel. Enfin quelques boute-en-train de la bonne société, heureux de rencontrer un peu de nouveau, se sont mis en tête d'introduire définitivement dans le cycle éternel des valses, des quadrilles et des pas-de- quatre, le fantaisiste *Cake-Walk*. — et des maîtres à danser ont entrepris d'en régler les mouvements et les figures pour le transformer en danse « du monde ».

Tout cela amuse beaucoup les Parisiens — et ils s'imaginent connaître le *Cake-Walk*. Ils n'en ont pourtant — il faut bien le leur dire — qu'une caricature sur les planches des cafés-concerts et, dans les salons, qu'une bien pâle imitation. Le *Cake-Walk* n'a vraiment tout son charme pittoresque et passionnant que dans son milieu d'origine, chez les nègres des Etats du Sud de l'Union américaine.

Là, c'est vraiment la « Danse du Gâteau » : un concours, un tournoi dont un énorme gâteau est le prix. Le dessin de M. Georges Scott donne une idée du tableau. C'est le plus souvent en plein air que se déroule la folle partie, à moins que les intempéries de la saison n'obligent la bande de *darkies*, vêtus d'oripeaux de couleurs vives et de détroques indéscriptibles, à se réfugier dans quelqueasure délabrée ou quelque hutte de paille au sol de glaise.

Les juges, — de joyeux vieillards, — ont pris place dans leur tribune, au pied de laquelle s'étale le gâteau, orné de fleurs en papier. Le cercle des spectateurs et des joueurs de *banjo* se forme. Les couples s'élancent.

Les gestes, les pas, l'attitude, la physiologie et l'accoutrement des danseurs, de l'assistance, des musiciens et des juges, la mise en scène, le rythme de la musique, tout cela forme une harmonie de couleurs locales. Le grotesque des détails disparaît dans la pittoresque de l'ensemble et dans la contagion de la joie générale qui illumine les visages. On admire la souplesse incomparable des danseurs, l'aisance précise de tous leurs mouvements.

Quelquefois un *leader* est choisi, sorte d'entraîneur, de tambour-major bien bâti, bien musclé, plein de verve et de brio, qui mène la marche ou le galop, précède et dirige les couples, exécute force cabrioles et entrechats, s'aidant de sa canne de jone.

Progressivement l'entrain de tous atteint son paroxysme. Les couples se détachent à tour de rôle, s'avancent, faisant des grâces, improvisant des scènes mimées, et avec quelle rivalité ! quelle ardeur ! C'est à qui attirera le plus l'attention du jury, et, par son originalité et sa grâce, se fera décerner, à l'unanimité toujours, le gâteau traditionnel. Le jugement est rendu avec un imperturbable sérieux, et une solennité qui n'a d'égale que son impartialité.

Que dire de la danse elle-même ? Comment définir son caractère particulier ? Il n'existe réellement aucune règle. C'est le triomphe de l'improvisation personnelle. Le pas caractéristique du *Cake-Walk* évoque l'image d'un caniche que l'on force à se tenir sur ses pattes de derrière : le danseur avance par petits sauts, tenant exactement ses mains comme le chien tiendrait ses pattes de devant, tout en cambrant les reins de la façon la plus exagérée possible. C'est ce qu'on appelle le *Kangaroo Step*, pas mis à la mode sur la scène américaine par la divette Fay Templeton, à qui il a valu un étourdissant succès.

Voulez-vous danser le *Cake-Walk* ? Lisez nos explications, regardez nos gravures, faites jouer au piano la musique publiée dans notre Supplément et vivez-vous à votre fantaisie. Vous réussirez mieux que si vous preniez les leçons des maîtres à danser, et peut-être quelque jour, si une autre fantaisie vous conduit en Géorgie ou en Louisiane, serez-vous capable de séduire un jury et de décrocher un gâteau.

C. C. B.

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(b) Under the Southern Cross.
(c) Mars and Venus.
4. Soprano Solo—"Thou Brilliant Bird".....David.
Flute Obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky.
5. "Badinage".....Herbert.
6. (a) Idyl—"In a Clock Store".....Orth.
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(c) March—"Imperial Edward".....Sousa.
(Dedicated by special permission to His Gracious Majesty the King.)
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(Founded on Famous Waltz Themes.)

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COURT CIRCULAR.

Windsor Castle, Saturday.

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"MORNING LEADER,"

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FAMOUS BAND DELIGHTS THE KING AND QUEEN.

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Mr. Sousa and his party appeared at Sheffield in the afternoon, journeying thence to Windsor by special train on the Great Central Railway.

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Servants Listened to the Band.

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Servants Listened to the Band.

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INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

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Last night Mr. Sousa, having had time to get a little rest and refreshment, was good enough to give a short interview to a representative of the "Independent and Nation" in Maple Hotel, where rooms have been engaged for himself and his leading artistes. He willingly entered into conversation regarding himself and his band, and gave some interesting details as to both, speaking with a quiet restraint as to its merits and work, which once gave one the idea that "the March King" as he has come to be popularly known, is content to rest secure on the public judgment and leave its merits to be tested by the measure of general appreciation which they secure. But first a word or two as to the maestro himself. Mr. Sousa is a dapper little man, who wears his forty-seven years very lightly, and talks with the ease and confidence of one who has travelled a great deal, has made acquaintance with many peoples, and is proud of his own, and loves his calling sufficiently well to be enthusiastic in all that appertains to it and to music generally. Dark complexioned, and vivacious in his method of speech, he reveals his foreign extraction at once, but not, perhaps, to such an extent as might be expected if one judged of his features only. When he talks it is as the educated and well-travelled American generally does, without any of those typical traits which are, perhaps, most commonly found in novels and in the club-room stories which are told at the expense of our Yankee cousins. Questioned as to his birth-place, his reply came forth with a gleam of pride in it, but without any affectation, that he was born under the shadow of the Capitol at Washington—and there was a suggestion in the tone of the words that meant to say that such a natal spot was superior to most others and not excelled by very many.

The conversation naturally turned on musical matters after a few commonplaces as to a previous visit to Europe and about this being his first visit to Ireland.

"Yes, it was true," he said, that "a great predecessor of his in band organisation was an Irishman." "Pat Gilmore," as he was popularly called, had won fame before him in the same calling, and bore a name which was known throughout the length and breadth of America. "I look upon him," said Mr. Sousa, "as the pioneer of American bands—the man who first conceived the idea of forming a first-class musical combination by paying the instrumentalists good salaries. Prior to his time good players were only to be found scattered here and there amongst the little symphony societies, but Gilmore was able to pick out a sufficient number to enable him to form a great musical combination, which at once won favour as well by its merits as by its novelty. Gilmore died just a little after I started, so that there was practically no overlapping between us. I had a great regard for him, and I have some of his old bandmen with me for years."

"Have you any Irishmen in your band?" asked our representative.

"Yes, I have, Mr. Henry Higgins, who is one of my cornet players. That name is to be good enough to prove Nationalism, a boy he played cornet solos with me, and when Gilmore died he came into my band. Then I have others of Irish descent as well. In fact, I am running up against Irishmen all the time in New York. My family physician, Dr. Kelly, is an Irishman."

Asked a question as to whether any Irish music would be included in the repertoire of the present visit, a subject was touched upon which Mr. Sousa evidently felt himself able to speak enthusiastically upon, as well as with considerable knowledge. "Ireland," he said, "along with the sister countries, 'had produced as fine folk songs as the world has ever heard of. In the eyes of the artistic world Great Britain and Ireland are not considered as centres in the same sense as France, Italy, and Germany are, yet there is no people that can compare with the Irish, English, and Scottish."

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MR. SOUSA'S BAND.

COMMAND PERFORMANCE AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

In the Waterloo Chamber at Windsor Castle on Saturday night a command performance was given before their Majesties and the Court by Mr. Sousa's band. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms.

The performers reached Windsor by special train from Sheffield, having had to cancel two concerts which had been arranged in Manchester. Shortly after ten o'clock the arrival of the royal party was signalled by the playing of the National Anthem.

The King and the Prince of Wales wore the Windsor uniform, with the star, ribbon, and garter of the Order of the Garter. The Queen was charmingly dressed in black, liberally trimmed with beautiful lace. The Princess of Wales was in mauve satin, and wore diamonds. On the King's right sat Princess Charles of Denmark, and on his left Mrs. Henry White, wife of the secretary to the United States Embassy, who is the Chargé d'Affaires in the absence of Mr. Choate. Mrs. White's other neighbour was Prince Charles of Denmark.

The Queen, who sat at a small table in the same row, had next to her the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princesses Louise Augusta and Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. The other royalties and guests present included Prince and Princess Christian, Mr. Henry White, Sir John Scott, the Bishop of London, Sir Alfred and Lady Edmonstone, Lord Herbert Vane-Tempest, and Commander Hedworth Lambton. By the King's command the balcony over the platform was occupied by the bandmen of the Scots Guards. In the further gallery were the upper servants of the household.

As soon as the royal party were seated Mr. Sousa commenced the concert, of which the following is the programme:—

- Collocation, "El Capitan" Sousa
- Trombone Solo, "Love's Enchantment" Pryor
- Suite, "Looking Upward" Sousa
- (a) By the Light of the Polar Star.
- (b) Under the Southern Cross.
- (c) Mars and Venus.
- Soprano Solo, "Thou Brilliant Bird" David
- Miss ESTELLE LIEBLING.
- Flute Obligato by Mr. MARSHALL LUFKY.
- "Badinage" Herbert
- (a) Idyll, "In a Clock Store" Orth.
- (b) Caprice, "The Passing of Rag Time" Pryor.
- (c) March, "Imperial Edward" Sousa.
- Violin Solo, "Zigeunerweisen" Sarasate.
- Miss MAUD POWELL.
- Mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" Sousa.

THE KING'S PREFERENCES.

Contrary to his practice on public platforms, the conductor kept to the programme and gave no encores, though the applause was frequent and hearty. But after the playing of "Badinage," his Majesty sent Lord Farquhar, the Master of the Household, to say that he desired to hear the "Washington Post," "Hands Across the Sea," "Down South," and "The Stars and Stripes for Ever"—the first two Mr. Sousa's own characteristic pieces. These were played to many cries of "Bravo!"

The King heard for the first time the sonorous and effective "Imperial Edward" march, which is dedicated to him by special permission, and his Majesty appeared much pleased with it. He asked for another "coon" piece at the end of the programme, and there was given the "Coon Band Contest," which is the composition of Mr. Arthur Pryor, the trombonist of the band. Then, at the King's request, "The Star Spangled Banner" was played, and at the first notes his Majesty paid the distinguished compliment to America's national anthem of rising, an example which was followed by the Queen and the rest of the royal party. At the conclusion "God Save the King" was played with the full force of the band, Mr. Sousa facing the audience as he conducted.

After the concert he was presented by Lord Farquhar, his Majesty cordially shaking hands and expressing his pleasure at the performance, as did the Queen. Learning that the band remained in England until May, the King said, "Ah, then I shall have you again, and I want the programme to be all American music." Mrs. Sousa was also presented.

When the King and Queen had retired, the Prince of Wales also entered into conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Sousa. "The greatest night in my life," Mr. Sousa afterwards described it.

Supper was subsequently served, and the bandmen left Windsor at 2.30 a.m. by a special sleeping car for Holyhead, en route for Ireland. A command performance will be given by the band to-morrow at Dublin Castle, before the Lord Lieutenant and Lady Dudley.

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KING AND SOUSA.

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Servants Behind the Scenes.

Just before half-past ten o'clock the company adjourned to the Waterloo Chamber, where Mr. Sousa and his band were already installed. The King and Queen walked together, and immediately they entered the band played the "National Anthem."

By order of the King the servants at the Castle were permitted to listen to the music. The lower servants sat in the Throne room, whilst the upper servants were accommodated in the gallery of the chamber.

Each item was heartily applauded, and no fewer than seven encores were demanded. In response to one the band played "Hands across the Sea."

Tact.

The program arranged had been concluded when the Queen made a personal request to Mr. Sousa to play "The Star Spangled Banner," during the rendering of which all present remained standing. This was followed by the "National Anthem."

Mr. Sousa was complimented by the King and Queen, both of whom expressed delight at the performance.

Mrs. Sousa was presented to their Majesties.

Supper was served to Mr. Sousa and his company just after midnight in the adjoining chamber, and shortly after two o'clock they left the Castle, and entrained for Chester, where they breakfasted, on their way to Cork.

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Mr. Sousa mentioned last evening to a Freeman representative that this is the first time the famous band has visited Ireland, although it was in England last year, and as has been intimated, has just come from there now. Gilmour's Band was in Dublin, and Mr. Sousa was sufficiently interested in learning that fact to say, "Well, Pat Gilmour, an Irishman all over, was, I consider, the father of the American Band. We cannot be said to have overlapped, for he died on the 24th September, 1892, and my band dates from not long before that time." The Sousa Band consists of 60 members, including the soloists, more than a dozen players being members of the organisation since its foundation, and one of them, Henry Higgins, of Irish parentage, a brilliant cornet player, having been "a boy prodigy" with Gilmour. Sousa's programme here will include compositions by Berlioz, Pryor, David Rubinstein, Mascagni, Kolling, Mendelssohn, Rossini, Dvorak, Massenet, Sarasate, and others, and some of his own work, so that the musical public will have an adequate opportunity of measuring the merits of an orchestra which has been so much talked of. Mr. Sousa says they will play some Irish pieces, and he mentions "St. Patrick's Day," but it is probably his intention that these may be played as encores. He was glad to learn that the Celtic revival includes an increased interest in Irish music, and said that the folk songs of these islands, the Irish airs particularly, are, he considers, of rare beauty and worth, even as compared with those preserved in such musical strongholds as Germany and Italy. He is, though of Portuguese origin, a native American, born in the capital, Washington, and evidently does not underrate the importance of such works as the "Swanee River" and "Massa's in de Cold Ground," which, he believes, represent original effort, and the foundation of a native school of music; but he was not astonished to hear that the average citizen couldn't whistle a bar of the "Star Spangled Banner," and did not know that it was the American National Anthem, as distinctly as the "Marseillaise" is that of the French Republic, or "Patrick's Day" that of our own Green Island. Mr. Sousa is exceedingly reserved with regard to the quality of his band. "It is better to say nothing about that now," he remarked, "you just come along to hear us. We will do our best." He is nevertheless, an extremely vivacious gentleman, who can chat pleasantly upon almost any topic, and for a man with such a big reputation an extremely small egotist. One of the points upon which he laid some stress was the Miss Estelle Liebbling, the soprano, and Miss Maud Powell, the solo violinist, are both American girls, and that the Irish public will be given by them an opportunity of seeing the advance which in those branches has been made on the other side of the Atlantic.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

SOUSA'S VISIT TO CORK.

Mr. John Philip Sousa and his remarkable band give a concert this afternoon at the Opera House. Considerable interest is being taken in the appearance of the great American March King, as he is termed, and his corps of players, and on Saturday more than half the seats in the building were engaged. The Sousa Band is the only organisation of the kind, a military concert band maintained by private enterprise, and playing continuously throughout the year with unvarying success in many different countries. Mr. Sousa, the founder and conductor of this enterprise, is reckoned among the most successful musicians of the world, and the band has won a popularity as great in England as it is in America. No inconsiderable element of the popularity of the band lies in the fact that Mr. Sousa gives the public the kind of music it most desires to hear, and plenty of it. There are no waits between the programme numbers as Mr. Sousa's pleasant custom is to vary the regular offerings by introducing various characteristic American melodies as encores. The band consists of sixty performers, and there are two lady soloists, a soprano and a violinist.

On Saturday evening Mr. Sousa and his band played at Windsor Castle before his Majesty and the Royal Family. Mr. Sousa's manager stated to a "Daily Chronicle" representative that the command might not be particularly gratifying to the music lovers of Manchester, who had purchased £600 worth of tickets for the concerts to be given there on the day selected by his Majesty, but arrangements were now being made for the band to visit that city early in the Spring. The special train conveying Mr. Sousa and his 60 instrumentalists left Sheffield on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, and arrived at Windsor four hours later. The concert commenced at ten o'clock, and lasted an hour and a half. On Sunday morning at half-past two a special train, fitted with sleeping compartments, left Windsor, and at ten o'clock reached Chester, where breakfast was served. From Chester the party proceeds to Holyhead and thence to Cork where they appear this afternoon. On Tuesday there will be a matinee at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, and an evening concert, by Viceroyal command, in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle. On Wednesday, February 4, the band is booked for a matinee and evening performance at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, after which they return to Dublin to play in the afternoon of Thursday at the Theatre Royal, and in the evening at the Rotunda. They leave Dublin by special steamer at 11.30 on Thursday night for Glasgow.

Mr. J. P. Sousa, who has been entertaining the King and Court at Windsor last night, is a cosmopolitan. He was born in Washington, but his father was a Portuguese and his mother a Bavarian. From which side his musical abilities came does not appear, but he was an infant prodigy, for he was at work with his violin at eleven, and would have run away to join a travelling circus if he had not betrayed his secret. But the circus manager who offered to engage him showed more discernment than the regular managers who declined his early works. Even the "Washington Post," a fortress in itself, he sold for seven pounds.

SOUSA'S BAND AT W.

The King, accompanied by Commander Forrescue, motored to London on Saturday, and sent the motor-car back to Windsor. After spending the afternoon at Buckingham Palace, his Majesty returned by train, reaching Windsor at 5.30. The Bishop of London, the American Charge d'Affaires, and other guests of his Majesty, who were included in the Royal dinner party on Saturday night, travelled with his Majesty from London.

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SOUSA'S BAND IN IRELAND

INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH THE MARCH KING.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. John Philip Sousa, the American March King, arrived in Dublin with his band of sixty performers, and remained in the city till this morning, when he leaves to fulfil his engagement at the Opera House, Cork.

Last evening a representative of the "Daily Express" called upon Mr. Sousa at his hotel, and was very courteously received by the composer and conductor, who, though in Ireland for the first time, is not unknown here by name to all who take an interest in spirited music. Mr. Sousa, who had spent the day travelling from Windsor, expressed himself somewhat fatigued after the journey, but his genial disposition was not in the least impaired, and for some time the conversation progressed in a spirited fashion—much after the style of his music. Incidentally the visit of Gillmore's band to Ireland was mentioned.

"Ah, yes," said Mr. Sousa, "Pat Gillmore was an Irishman, and was the father of the American band. He first conceived the idea of forming an organisation of musicians of talent, which was the foundation of the great American bands of to-day. In his humorous way Gillmore used to say that he was an Irishman, and was born twenty-one years later in Boston. He died on the 24th September, 1902, just after I formed my band." With regard to the programme he would present in Ireland, the March King said that he would present the one he had been giving in England, but as encores he had arranged several Irish pieces, such as "Let Erin Remember," "St. Patrick's Day," "Garryowen," etc. In further conversation Mr. Sousa said that no people had ever produced such folk songs as the Irish. There was a spirit and feeling about them that was found in no other compositions. Questioned as to what other song writers he considered the best, he said with confidence, "No other people have ever written songs like the English, Scotch, Welsh, and Irish. No man wrote such sea songs as an Englishman, while, in my opinion, there is no such classic as 'Annie Laurie.' It will live as long as music lives. In Irish songs there is nothing more full of feeling than 'The Harp that once through Tara's Halls.' About fifteen years ago I was commissioned when in the service of the Government to compile the typical music of the world, and from the experience I thus gained I give these opinions. To the countries I mentioned I must add the writers of the earlier plantation songs, of which you may take the 'Swanee River' for an example." In further conversation, the prominent musical director said that one of the members of his band, named Henry Higgins, an Irishman, had been with him for nineteen years, he having been previously with Mr. Gillmore. Mr. Sousa stated that his father was a Portuguese, who early visited America and settled near Washington. This gave the cue to the interviewer to ask the composer of the "Washington Post" what gave him the idea for this composition. "Well," said Mr. Sousa, pausing for a moment, "There is, as you are no doubt aware, a newspaper published in Washington called the 'Washington Post,' and about 1887 they offered prizes for essays in some subject, probably for the simple reason of increasing the circulation of the journal. This competition gave rise to a good deal of interest, and when the prizes came to be distributed it was estimated that it would be necessary to get a large building for the purpose. I was spoken to, and I went to the Government and got the Smithsonian Institute, and then I went there to give some music on the occasion. In the meantime I was asked by the President to write a march. I said I would, and I got to and wrote the 'Washington Post,' which at once attracted the attention of America, and I may say," added Mr. Sousa, modestly, "not a little over here." Continuing, he said that up to that time there was no set music for the American dance known as the "two step." This music quite suited for the purpose of the dance, and in America is known up to the present as the "two step," though, of course, the march also bears its original name. From this Mr. Sousa talked generally about the enthusiasm which has greeted the performances of his band during the present visit. At all places visited the public had been lavish in praising them. "Of course," said Mr. Sousa, "even though I tell you this you must understand that although I belong to a great band of horn-blowers, I do not believe in blowing the horn before-hand, but I will say that if the Irish people are as enthusiastic as other people—and I firmly believe they are—they will hear a good deal more of my works than are on the programme. They will also hear Miss Maud Powell, an American violinist, and Miss Estelle Liebling, pianist, also an American." In conclusion, Mr. Sousa said that he had the honour of playing before the King and Queen and about eighty members of the band at Windsor the previous night, and that the programme presented had given general satisfaction.

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COURT, OFFICIAL, AND PERSONAL.

THE KING AND QUEEN AT WINDSOR.

Sousa's Band Performance.

(FROM THE COURT CIRCULAR.)
Windsor Castle, January 31.

Colonel the Hon. Sir William Colville (His Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies) and Sir Thomas Sanderson (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) have left the Castle.

The United States Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Henry White, the Lord Herbert Vane Tempest, the Right Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, Rear-Admiral the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone, and Sir John Murray Scott arrived at the Castle.

Their Majesties' dinner party this evening included their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, their Highnesses Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein, His Excellency the Turkish Ambassador and Madame Musurus, the United States Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Henry White, the Earl and Countess of Selborne, the Lord Herbert Vane Tempest, the Bishop of London, the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, the Hon. Sidney Greville, Rear-Admiral the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, the Right Hon. Sir Nicholas O'Connor (His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople), Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone, Sir John Murray Scott, Bart., the Countess of Gosford (Lady-in-Waiting), and the Hon. Charlotte Knollys (Woman of the Bedchamber to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales), and Mr. Hansell (tutor to the young Princes of Wales).

Mr. Sousa's Band had the honour of playing before their Majesties and the Royal Family in the Waterloo Gallery this evening.

Their Majesties' guests and the Ladies and Gentlemen in Waiting had the honour of joining the Royal circle.

The following had also the honour of being invited:—The Rev. Canon the Marquis of Normandy, the Lord and Lady Dunboyne and the Hon. Blanche and Linda Butler, the Lord and Lady Knollys, Sir Walter and Lady Parratt and Miss Parratt, the Rev. Canon Dalton, the Rev. Canon Smith and Mrs. Smith, Captain and Mrs. Walter Campbell, Mrs. F. Ponsonby, the Misses Eliot, Mr and Mrs R. Holmes and Miss Holmes. Captain F. Ponsonby has succeeded Colonel A. Davidson as Equerry-in-Waiting to the King.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAMS.)
Windsor, February 1.

The King, accompanied by Commander Fortescue, motored to London yesterday, sent the motor car back to Windsor, and, after spending the afternoon at Buckingham Palace, returned by train, reaching Windsor at half-past five.

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The concert commenced at 10 p.m., the King having personally received Mr. Sousa's repertoire beforehand, and expressed a wish for all the American music possible. His Majesty further expressed a particular desire to hear the Imperial Edward or Coronation March, composed by Mr. Sousa. Miss Estelle Liebling sang "Thou Brilliant Bird," from "The Pearl of Brazil," with flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky, and Miss Maud Powell played on the violin the solo to the gipsy dance. The programme also included a trombone solo, "Love's Enchantment," played by Mr. Arthur Pryor, and was completed at 11.30, after which the performers were entertained at dinner, and at 2.30 this morning left for Cork by special sleeping train.

Later.

This morning the King and Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Royal Household attended divine service in the private chapel at Windsor Castle. The Dean of Windsor officiated, and the Bishop of London preached the sermon. To-morrow morning the King will unveil the Brayl Chapel in St. George's Chapel erected by the late Queen to the memory of Prince Christian Victor. The King and Queen will afterwards leave for Chatsworth.

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SOUSA AT WINDSOR.

FAMOUS BAND PLAYS BEFORE THE KING AND QUEEN.

By command of the King, Mr. Sousa and his fifty-five bandsmen travelled to Windsor on Saturday by special train from Sheffield, and gave a performance in the Waterloo Chamber of the Castle before the members of the Royal Family and their guests.

The audience numbered about eighty persons, and included the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, Princess Victoria, the Duke of Devonshire, Sir John Scott, Mr. Henry White (American Charge d'Affaires) and Mrs. White, and the Bishop of London.

Beginning with the National Anthem on the entrance of the King and Queen at 10.30, the concert lasted until midnight. There were seven encores, including "The Star-Spangled Banner," at the Queen's request, and "Hands Across the Sea."

Their Majesties and other members of the Royal Family applauded each item heartily, especially a trombone solo by Mr. Arthur Pryor and the singing of Miss Estelle Liebling. "The Washington Post," "Down South," "The Stars and Stripes," and the new march, "Imperial Edward," were other items. When "The Stars and Stripes" was given the King and Queen and their guests all stood up.

Mr. Sousa and the band subsequently left the Castle and proceeded to the G.W. Railway Station, where a special sleeping train was in readiness to convey the entire party to Ireland.

To-morrow the band will perform at Dublin Castle, by request of the Lord Lieutenant.

...own composition, "Love's Enchantment," and
his clever manipulation of his instrument brought him
another penalty. His encore was "In cellar cool,"
the lower notes of which were of wonderful quality.
In fact, a double encore was demanded and given, the
inevitable "Honeysuckle and the bee," the refrain
of which was whistled by the bandmen. The band
gave Berlioz's overture, "Carne val Romainet," with
its alternate suavity and volcanic effects; Sousa's
suite, "Looking upward," with wide variety—the
dash in the Light of the Polar Star section, and the
muted brass; the effective glockenspiel and
the almost human clarinet and the Southern
Cross section, and the realism in the
Mars and Venus section. In the last men-
tioned number a wonderfully fine piece of work by
the drummers provoked an outburst of applause in
the middle of the number. Its effect was that of a
party of drummers marching up, say, from the Parish
Church to the Albert Hall, proceeding quarter of a
mile away and returning. "Passing of Ragtime"
again came in as an encore, with "Washington
Post" as a double. Rabinstein's Portrait, "Kam-
enoi Ostrow" had little to commend it, but the
score, "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle," appealed to
the audience through the medium of "Soldiers of
the Queen," "Minstrel Boy," "Blue Bells of Scot-
land," and "Rule Britannia." Mascagni's "Danse
otica" was followed by a double encore, "Philop-
phic Maid" and "Bundle of Mischief," whistling
by bandmen and vocal phrases again giving a spice
of novelty. The "Imperial Edward" march was
again played, but with variation on the afternoon
performance. The trombonists stood when they
played the opening phrase of the National Anthem,
and later, when the audience had clamoured its
appreciation, the trumpeters and trombonists marched
to the front, and in their stoutest blast blew a dozen
bars of unison. Kolling's "Chase of the Lion" must
be supposed to be descriptive. There is a great
deal of roaring from the brass instruments, sufficient
to have terrified an entire menagerie; a big bang
and all was over, but the National Anthem.

Sousa and his Band, with the lady vocalist and
pianist, leave Sheffield this morning for Windsor,
having been commanded to appear before the King
and Queen this evening. His Majesty has asked
as many American melodies as possible may be
included in the programme. Mr. Sousa has sent a
list of twenty pieces from which their Majesties will
make their choice. Manchester was to have been
the centre of the band to-day, and £600 worth of
tickets had been sold before the Royal commission-
er named Mr. Sousa. Next Tuesday a Vice-Regal
performance will be given at Dublin Castle, and
during the week Belfast and Scottish cities will be
visited.

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ENTHUSIASTIC APPRECIATION BY THE KING.

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The "Daily News" impressionist says that at the concert the King went forward and shook Mr. Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert, and praising it highly. "How long, Mr. Sousa," asked his Majesty, "do you propose to stay in this country?" "Until May," the conductor replied. "Ah!" exclaimed the King, "then I want you here next time we will have nothing but American music." Mr. Sousa was presented to the King and Queen, and the Majesty was about to quit the apartment, he paused, and to the band, bowed and said: "Very fine! Very fine!"

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THE SOUSA BAND AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

The King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family were present on Saturday night at a concert given by His Majesty's command at Windsor Castle by Mr. Philip Sousa and his band, who had travelled expressly from Sheffield for the performance. The musicians, sixty in number, reached Windsor about a quarter to nine, and at once proceeded to the Castle. The entertainment took place in the Waterloo Chamber, which had been prepared by the Lord Chamberlain's officials for the occasion. The room had been beautifully decorated by the King's gardeners with exotics and foliage plants, and chairs were arranged at the east end for their Majesties and the rest of the audience, about eighty in number. The concert began about twenty minutes past ten, after the Royal dinner party. The programme was as follows:—

CONCERT BY MR. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AND HIS BAND

Mr. John Philip Sousa, conductor.
Miss Estelle Lieblich, soprano.
Miss Maud Powell, violinist.
Mr. Arthur Pryor, trombonist.

1. Collection: "El Capitan" Sousa
2. Trombone solo: "Love's Enchantment" Pryor
3. Suite: "Looking Upward" Sousa
 - (a) "By the Light of the Polar Star."
 - (b) "Under the Southern Cross."
 - (c) "Mars and Venus"
4. Soprano solo: "Thou Brilliant Bird" David

Flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lutsky.
5. "Badinage" Herbes
6. (a) "In a Clock-store" Orth
 - (b) Caprice: "The Passing of Ragtime" Pryor
 - (c) March: "Imperial Edward" Sousa

(Dedicated by special permission to His Gracious Majesty the King.)
7. Violin solo: "Zigeunerweisen" Sarasate

Miss Maud Powell.
8. "In the Realm of the Dance" Sousa

(Founded on famous waltz themes.)

Under the direction of Mr. Philip Yrke.

At the King's special request all the pieces were American, and in addition extra numbers were provided for His Majesty's selection. The original programme was interspersed with several extra compositions, the Queen requesting the "Stars and Stripes for ever," "Hands across the Sea," the "Washington Post," and "Coon Band Contest." "The Star-spangled Banner" was given at the desire of His Majesty, who, with the rest of the audience, stood while it was being played. "God save the King" was given at the close of the concert, which terminated shortly after midnight.

Mrs. Sousa was among the company, having been invited by His Majesty to the Castle to hear the performance. The King, Queen, and Prince of Wales afterwards shook hands with Mr. Sousa, whom His Majesty thanked, and complimented the playing of the band. The King also introduced Mrs. Sousa to the Queen, who shook hands and chatted with her for a little while before the Royal party left the Waterloo Chamber.

Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and the principals were subsequently entertained at supper in one of the Castle apartments, refreshments being likewise provided for the band, who left Windsor between two and three o'clock yesterday morning in stormy weather for Dublin, where, to-morrow night, they give a concert in St. Patrick's Hall, under the patronage of the Earl and Countess of Dudley.

The arrangements in connection with the performance at Windsor were carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. A. France, Mr. Philip Yorke, and Colonel G. F. Hinton.

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Feb 3

THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS

PLEASING PERFORMANCE BY SOUSA'S BAND.

On Saturday evening Mr John Philip Sousa and his band gave a "command" performance before the Court at Windsor Castle. The concert was an unqualified success. It took place in the Waterloo Gallery, which was lavishly decorated for the occasion, though no platform was erected for the performers. The audience consisted of about 80 persons. Beside the King, in the front row, sat the Queen, Princess Charles of Denmark, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein; while among those also present were the United States Charge d'Affaires and Mrs Henry White, the Bishop of London, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, and the Earl and Countess of Selborne. In a gallery at the back sat servants of the Royal Household. In another gallery, by the King's special wish, sat the band of the Scots Guards. "I want them to hear Mr Sousa's band," said His Majesty.

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"DAILY NEWS" (Daily).

Aberdeen.

Feb 3

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Mr John Philip Sousa and his American band, who appear in Aberdeen on Monday next, played, by Royal command, at Windsor Castle on Saturday evening. The concert was given in the Waterloo Chamber, and a brilliant audience was present. In consequence of this Royal concert, Mr Sousa had to cancel his two concerts at Manchester on Saturday, the advance bookings for which amounted to \$600. He has arranged, however, to return to Manchester within a week or two. It will be recalled that Mr Sousa was commanded to Sandringham a year ago, when His Majesty presented the Royal Victoria Medal to this celebrated American musician. An interesting coincidence lies in the fact that the same command for an evening was given to the band of the Scots Guards.

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The "Daily News" impressionist says that at the end of the concert the King went forward and shook Mr. Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert, and praising it highly. "And how long, Mr. Sousa," asked his Majesty, "do you propose to remain in this country?" "Until May," the conductor replied. "Ah!" exclaimed the King, "then I want you here again, and next time we will have nothing but American music." Mrs. Sousa was presented to the King and Queen, and then, as his Majesty was about to quit the apartment, he paused, and, turning to the band, bowed and said: "Very fine! Very fine!"

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**THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS
PLEASING PERFORMANCE BY SOUSA'S BAND.**

On Saturday evening Mr John Philip Sousa and his band gave a "command" performance before the Court at Windsor Castle. The concert was an unqualified success. It took place in the Waterloo Gallery, which was lavishly decorated for the occasion, though no platform was erected for the performers. The audience consisted of about 80 persons. Beside the King, in the front row, sat the Queen, Princess Charles of Denmark, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein; while among those also present were the United States Charge d'Affaires and Mrs Henry White, the Bishop of London, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, and the Earl and Countess of Selborne. In a gallery at the back sat servants of the Royal Household. In another gallery, by the King's special wish, sat the band of the Scots Guards. "I want them to hear Mr Sousa's band," said His Majesty.

After the performance the King went forward and shook Mr Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert, and praising it highly. "And how long, Mr Sousa," asked His Majesty, "do you propose to remain in this country?" "Until May," the conductor replied. "Ah!" exclaimed the King, "then I want you here again, and next time we will have nothing but American music." Mrs Sousa was presented to the King and Queen, and then, as His Majesty was about to quit the apartment, he paused, and, turning to the band, bowed, and said: "Very fine! Very fine!"

- programme was as follows:—
- CONCERT BY MR. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AND HIS BAND**
- Mr. John Philip Sousa, conductor.
Miss Estelle Lieblich, soprano.
Miss Maud Powell, violinist.
Mr. Arthur Pryor, trombonist.
1. Collocation: "El Capitan" Sousa
 2. Trombone solo: "Love's Enchantment" Pryor
 3. Suite: "Looking Upward" Sousa
 - (a) "By the Light of the Polar Star."
 - (b) "Under the Southern Cross."
 - (c) "Mars and Venus"
 4. Soprano solo: "Thou Brilliant Bird" David
 - Flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky.
 5. "Badrage" Herbert
 6. (a) Tyl: "In a Clock-store" Orth
 - (b) Caprice: "The Passing of Ragtime" Pryor
 - (c) March: "Imperial Edward" Sousa
 - (Dedicated by special permission to His Gracious Majesty the King.)
 7. Violin solo: "Zigeunerweisen" Sarasate
 - Miss Maud Powell.
 8. "In the Realm of the Dance" Sousa
 - (Founded on famous waltz themes.)
 - Under the direction of Mr. Philip Yrke.

At the King's special request all the pieces were American, and in addition extra numbers were provided for His Majesty's selection. The original programme was interspersed with several extra compositions, the Queen requesting the "Stars and Stripes for ever," "Hands across the Sea," the "Washington Post," and "Coon Band Contest." The "Star-spangled Banner" was given at the desire of His Majesty, who, with the rest of the audience, stood while it was being played. "God save the King" was given at the close of the concert, which terminated shortly after midnight.

Mrs. Sousa was among the company, having been invited by His Majesty to the Castle to hear the performance. The King, Queen, and Prince of Wales afterwards shook hands with Mr. Sousa, whom His Majesty thanked, and complimented the playing of the band. The King also introduced Mrs. Sousa to the Queen, who shook hands and chatted with her for a little while before the Royal party left the Waterloo Chamber.

Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and the principals were subsequently entertained at supper in one of the Castle apartments, refreshments being likewise provided for the band, who left Windsor between two and three o'clock yesterday morning in stormy weather for Dublin, where, to-morrow night, they give a concert in St. Patrick's Hall, under the patronage of the Earl and Countess of Dudley.

The arrangements in connection with the performance at Windsor were carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. A. France, Mr. Philip Yorke, and Colonel G. F. Hinton.

... his two concerts at Manchester on Saturday, the advance bookings for which amounted to £600. He has arranged, however, to return to Manchester within a week or two. It will be recalled that Mr. Sousa was commanded to Sandringham a year ago, when His Majesty presented the Royal Victorian Medal to this celebrated American composer. An interesting coincidence lies in the fact that Mr. Sousa has received the same command for an evening concert at Sandringham to-morrow.

"DAILY TELEGRAPH,"

Fleet Street, E.C.

Dated *Feb 2* 1903

SOUSA'S BAND AT WINDSOR.

By command of the King, Mr. Sousa's American Band played before his Majesty and the members of the Royal family at Windsor Castle on Saturday night. The band, which is now on a five months' tour through the United Kingdom, was to have given two performances at Manchester on Saturday, but these were abandoned in consequence of the Royal summons. Mr. Sousa and his sixty performers, who had given a couple of concerts on the previous day at Sheffield, left that City on Saturday afternoon by special train for Windsor, reaching the Royal borough shortly before nine in the evening. They proceeded to the Castle, and the concert, all the arrangements for which had been made beforehand, took place in the Waterloo Chamber. The audience, about eighty in number, consisted of the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princesses Victoria and Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein, the ladies and gentlemen of the Household, and visitors at the Castle, including the American Chargé d'Affaires (Mr. Henry White) and Mrs. White, Sir John Scott, and Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone.

Subjoined is the official programme:

- Collocation, "El Capitan" ... Sousa.
Trombone Solo, "Love's Enchantment" ... Pryor.
Mr. Arthur Pryor.
Suite, "Looking Upward" ... Sousa.
(a) "By the Light of the Polar Star."
(b) "Under the Southern Cross."
(c) "Mars and Venus."
Soprano solo, "Thou Brilliant Bird" ... David.
Miss Estelle Liebling.
Flute Obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky.
"Badinage" ... Herbert.
(a) Idyll, "In a Clock Store" ... Orth.
(b) Caprice, "The Passing of Rag Time" ... Pryor.
(c) March, "Imperial Edward" ... Sousa.
(Dedicated by special permission to his Gracious Majesty the King.)
Violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" ... Sarasate.
Miss Maud Powell.
Mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" ... Sousa.
(Founded on famous waltz themes.)
Under the direction of Mr. Philip Yorke.

There was a departure from the programme after the fifth item. The King requested Mr. Sousa to play some of his own American compositions, and in obedience to his Majesty's wishes the band rendered the well-known "Washington Post," "Hands Across the Sea," "The Stars and Stripes," and "The Coon Band

Contest." At the conclusion of the concert the American and English National Anthems were played, audience and performers upstanding. Subsequently the King and Queen shook hands with Mr. Sousa, and Mrs. Sousa was presented to their Majesties. The King expressed his pleasure with the entertainment. The Prince and Princess of Wales also remained a few minutes in conversation with the composer and his wife. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Sousa, together with the manager, Mr. Philip Yorke, were entertained at supper, while the members of the band partook of refreshments. Later Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and Mr. Yorke were conducted through the State rooms.

At half-past two o'clock yesterday morning the party left Windsor by special sleeping train over the Great Western Railway, en route for Cork, where a performance takes place to-day. To-morrow the band appears before the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland at Dublin Castle.

SOUSA'S BAND AT WINDSOR.

A NICE COMPLIMENT TO AMERICA.

On Saturday night, at the command performance in the Waterloo Chamber at Windsor, contrary to his practice on public platforms, the conductor kept to the programme and gave no encores, though the applause was frequent and hearty. But after the playing of "The Washington Post," his Majesty sent Lord Farquhar, a member of the Household, to say that he wished to hear "The Stars and Stripes," "Hands Across the Sea," "Down South," and "The Coon Band Contest." The first two Mr. Sousa's own characteristic pieces were played to many cries of "Bravo!" The third, "The Stars and Stripes," which is dedicated to the late President, was played by special permission, and his Majesty much pleased with it. He asked for a "coon" piece at the end of the programme, and there was given the "Coon Band Contest," which is the composition of Mr. Arthur Pryor, the trombonist of the band. The King's request the "Star-spangled Banner" was played, and at the first notes His Majesty paid the distinguished compliment to the American National Anthem of rising, an example which was followed by the Queen and the rest of the Royal party. Learning that the band remained in England until May, the King said, "Ah, then, I shall hear you again, and I want the programme to be all American music." Mrs. Sousa was also present.

"DAILY CHRONICLE,"

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Mr. Sousa's Band had the honour of playing before their Majesties and the Royal Family in the Waterloo Gallery this evening.

MR. SOUSA'S BAND.

A Performance before the King at Windsor.

By the King's command Mr. Sousa's American band played before his Majesty and the Royal Family at Windsor Castle on Saturday night. The band fulfilled an engagement at Sheffield earlier in the day, and were conveyed to Windsor by special train.

The concert took place in the celebrated Waterloo Chamber, where so many theatrical performances have taken place.

The King and Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, the ladies and gentlemen of the Household, and some privileged guests dined in the Oak Room, and at half-past ten proceeded to the Waterloo Chamber. The programme was as follows:—

- Collocation, "El Capitan" ... Sousa.
- Trombone Solo, "Love's Enchantment" ... Mr. Arthur Pryor.
- Suite, "Looking Upward"—
(a) "By the Light of the Polar Star,"
(b) "Under the Southern Cross,"
(c) "Mars and Venus" ... Sousa.
- Soprano Solo, "Thou Brilliant Bird" ... David.
Sung by Miss Estelle Liebling to flute obligato by Mr. M. Lufsky.
- Badinage ... Herbert.
- (a) Idyll, "In a Clock Store" ... Orth.
(b) Caprice "The Passing of Rag Time" ... Pryor.
(c) March, "Imperial Edward" ... Sousa.
Dedicated to the King.
- Violin Solo, "Zigeunerweisen" ... Sarasate.
Miss M. Powell.
- Mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" ... Sousa.

The numbers were enthusiastically applauded, and there were no fewer than seven encores, which were, of course, responded to. The selections given included "Hands Across the Sea" and, by the Queen's request, "The Star-spangled Banner," during which the Royal audience stood.

The concert terminated some time after midnight with the National Anthem. Mr. Sousa was afterwards received by the King and Queen, who congratulated and complimented him upon his band's performance. Mrs. Sousa and the two lady artists were also received by their Majesties.

Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and the band were entertained to dinner subsequently, in the household dining-room, when the toast of the "King and Queen" was enthusiastically drunk. The party were afterwards conveyed to the Great Western station, and left Windsor by special sleeping-car train at half-past two for Chester, en route for Cork, where they perform to-day, and at Dublin to-morrow, by Viceregal command.

Mr. Sousa expressed himself as immensely delighted with the charm of manner of the King and with the reception accorded him and his band. This is the second performance before the King the first being at Sandringham. He was lavish in his admiration of the reception at Windsor Castle, and the band were no less pleased with what they considered to be a special compliment to the American nation.

SOUSA'S BAND AT WINDSOR.

A Nice Compliment to America.

On Saturday night, in the Waterloo Chamber at Windsor Castle, a command performance was given before their Majesties and the Court by Mr. Sousa's band. The performers reached Windsor by special train from Sheffield, having had to cancel two concerts which had been arranged in Manchester. The King and Prince of Wales wore the Windsor uniform with the star, ribbon, and garter of the Order of the Garter. The Queen was dressed in black, liberally trimmed with beautiful lace. The Princess of Wales was in mauve satin, and wore diamonds.

Contrary to his practice on public platforms, the conductor kept to the programme and gave no encores, though the applause was frequent and hearty. But after the playing of "Badinage" His Majesty sent Lord Farquhar, the Master of the Household, to say that he desired to hear "The Washington Post," "Hands Across the Sea," "Down South," and "The Stars and Stripes for Ever"—the first two Mr. Sousa's own characteristic pieces. These were played to many cries of "Bravo!" The King heard for the first time the "Imperial Edward" march, which is dedicated to him by special permission, and His Majesty appeared much pleased with it. He asked for another "coon" piece at the end of the programme, and there was given the "Coon Band Contest," which is the composition of Mr. Arthur Pryor, the trombonist of the band. Then, at the King's request, the "Star-spangled Banner" was played, and at the first notes His Majesty paid the distinguished compliment to the American National Anthem of rising, an example which was followed by the Queen and the rest of the Royal party.

Learning that the band remained in England until May, the King said, "Ah, then, I shall hear you again, and I want the programme to be all American music." Mrs. Sousa was also present.

SOUSA'S BAND.

PERFORMANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Sousa, the incomparable; conductor, composer, and story writer, and his band appeared at the Opera House yesterday afternoon. A widespread desire was shown to hear this remarkable corps of musicians and their more remarkable conductor. Half the seats in the Opera House were engaged previously, and when the performance began standing room was scarcely available. Mr. Sousa and his musicians, fresh from their journey from Windsor, where they played on Saturday night before the King and Royal Family, were heartily applauded, and the audience, expecting much, settled down to listen and enjoy themselves. There has been no band or conductor about which so much has been written as Sousa and his corps. The American Press agent, most industrious worker of his class, prepared the way for this and other tours. All the puffs enumerated by Sheridan were successfully employed, and Sousa, with many who had never seen this remarkable and resourceful man, was created a sort of musical demi-god, unique, and standing apart from other men. It must at once be conceded that most, if not all, the Press praise is deserved. It is almost impossible to write of Mr. Sousa and his band in an exaggerated strain; they are unrivalled, and in their line of art absolutely alone. On this first visit to England the band was received with such extraordinary enthusiasm that when the players returned to their homes the people began to feel ashamed, and said, "When they come again we will be appreciative, but more subdued." Yet the old story is being retold, the same scenes of enthusiasm are being witnessed, and Sousa and his companions are going up and down the land in triumph. The best equipped and most finished band which Cork people had previously an opportunity of hearing was the Berliner Orchester, who played during the Exhibition, and between the two corps inevitable contrasts will be made. They really have very little in common. In the music of the great masters some critics will consider the Berlin players superior, and, possibly, they are right. Wagner, played by the Sousa band, would not be the Wagner understood and loved by the German musicians, and the American conductor has been criticised for the introduction into his programmes of such pieces as one of Liszt's Hungarian rhapsodies, selections from Giordani's "Andrea Chenier," contributions by Rubinstein, and others. Yet in yesterday's programme the overture to "William Tell" and the largo from Dvorak's symphony "The New World" were included—these were classical enough—and they were played with a sympathy and effect that could not be excelled, or even equalled, by the Berliner Orchester. When, however, we come to march music, downright American tune, of the school which Mr. Sousa has created, the band stands absolutely apart from any other corps. They obtain results which cannot be surpassed. Yesterday's programme was made up of nine items, the encores numbered 11. The audience had only to ask and receive; there is no pretended diffidence on the part of the conductor, he scarcely leaves the rostrum when he returns to his place, and at once the band breaks into a jolly coon song or swinging march. The programme as arranged was as follows, and we will afterwards enumerate the encores:—

- Overture ... "William Tell" ... Rossini.
- Trombone Solo ... "Love Thoughts" ... Pryor.
Mr. Arthur Pryor.
- Suite ... "Maidens Three" ... Sousa.
(a) The Coquette.
(b) The Summer Girl.
(c) The Dancing Girl.
- Soprano Solo ... "Indian Bell Song" ... F. ...
"Lakme" ... Delibes.
- Largo from Symphony ... "The New World" ... Dvorak.
- Mosaic ... "In the Realm of the Dance" ... Sousa.
- (a) Novellette ... "Sizilotta" ... von Blon.
(b) March ... "Imperial Edward" ... Sousa.
- Violin Solo ... "Zigeunerweisen" ... Sarasate.
Miss Maud Powell.
- Plantation Songs and Dances ... Chambers.
Here were the encores to the different items—
(1) March, "Stars and Stripes for Ever";
(2) "In Cellar Cool," or, as the bill displayed at the back of the stage put it, "In the Deep Cellar"; (3) "Coon Band Contest" and "Washington Post"; (4) "The Nightingale"; (5) Godfrey's Irish Selection.

STATE CONCERT AT DUBLIN CASTLE.

Last night, by command of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, Sousa's celebrated band gave a most successful performance at Dublin Castle. The concert aroused considerable excitement, not only in consequence of the success achieved by the American performers in England, but also because of the welcome innovation of so important a Viceregal entertainment taking place on Levee night, an evening which has hitherto been signalled only by a Castle dinner party, to which few guests outside the house party were invited. Judging by the numbers which responded to Their Excellencies' invitation, the precedent set last night is highly appreciated, especially by the numbers of country people, who, coming up for the Levee and Drawing Room, seldom stay more than a week in town, and are grateful to the kind fate which gives them such an extra pleasure as last night's concert undoubtedly was.

St. Patrick's Hall served as a spacious concert room, and the platform for the band was arranged at the far end, directly in front of the dais, where the chairs of State are placed for all the ordinary Castle entertainments. Their Excellencies occupied seats facing the band, while the guests were seated on rows of chairs extending across the room. It is difficult to write of the performance in the short space available in this column, but it may truly be designated unique.

Last night's programme contained the following items:—

1. Overture, "Carneval Romaine," Berlioz
2. Trombone Solo, "Love's Enchantment" Pryor
3. Suite, "Looking Upward," Sousa
 - (a.) By the Light of the Polar Star.
 - (b.) Under the Southern Cross.
 - (c.) Mars and Venus.
4. Soprano Solo, "Thou Brilliant Bird," David

Miss Estelle Liebling.
5. Portrait, "Kannemai Ostrow," Rubenstein
6. { (a.) Country Dance, Nevin
(b.) March, "Imperial Edward," Sousa
(Dedicated by special permission to His Majesty the King.)
7. Violin Solo, "Zigeunerweisen," Sarasate

Miss Maud Powell.
8. Mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance," Sousa

(Founded on famous Waltz Schemes.)
Conductor—Mr. John Philip Sousa.

In addition to which were given the American Cake Walk, a *potpourri* of coon melodies, and a couple of characteristic *morceaux*. Mr. Arthur Pryor's trombone solo was magnificently given, the artist showing his marvellous power over the instrument, which is generally more associated with concerted music than with solo playing. Miss Estelle Liebling, who possesses a clear, flexible, cultivated soprano, was much appreciated in her finished rendering of David's "Thou Brilliant Bird," the cadence and trills being given in a flute-like manner with an exquisite obbligato by the band. Miss Maud Powell, who contributed a violin solo—"Zigeunerweisen," by Sarasate, is a clever violinist, with sympathetic touch, great freedom of bowing, and a decisive crispness in her touch which is very pleasing. To a unanimous *encore* she responded, playing a short *morceaux*. Throughout the entire programme applause was given with enthusiastic warmth, Their Excellencies setting the example, and thus marking their appreciation of the music "from over the sea."

It was a late hour when the performance terminated and a move to the supper-room was made, the Lord Lieutenant leading the way with Lady Dudley, who was dressed in pale rose pink satin, veiled with white chiffon, trimmed with white ribbon work and set off with lovely jewels, including a dog-collar of pearls and a diamond tiara. Amongst the house party were:—The Duke of Abercorn, the Duchess of Abercorn, in smoked pearl grey satin, with silver embroidered lace, and a touch of black on the corsage, on which were attached several orders. Catherine Duchess of Westminster looked handsome and stately in her white mourning attire; the Countess of Annesley, in pale satin, lace, and diamonds, looked very lovely. Lady Lurgan was in white satin with pink chiffon and sequin embroidery; Lady Castletown wore a black gown with some red flowers; Lady Evelyn Ward's gown had pale green chiffon softly draped on the corsage; Lady Mabel Crichton was in black; Lady Mary Grosvenor wore white; Lady Milbanke was beautifully dressed in white, the overcoat of lace being embroidered in blue and blue chiffon; the Countess Grosvenor wore ivory satin with lace and lovely pearls; the Countess of Rosse was in black;

Lady Mariel Parsons, too, wore black; the Countess of Kilmorey was in pink satin; Viscountess Massereene and Ferrard wore pink veiled with handsome black lace, and her daughter was in white; Lady Castletown had some lovely diamonds on her hair and corsage; the Ladies Howard were in grey satin gowns trimmed with lace; Lady Rachel Sanderson wore a handsome black toilette, and her daughters looked very handsome; Lady Musgrave wore orchid mauve satin, and a twist of tulle to match in her hair; Lady Holmpatrick had a black toilette with diamonds; Hon. Mrs. Pelham was becomingly dressed in black, with a cluster of green leaves on her corsage; Lady M'Galmont was in black; Lady Fingall in white satin and lace; Lady Inchiquin white, and the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Browne black and white. The Hon. Mrs. Ross of Bladensburg, in grey satin, was chaperoning the Misses Sketlington. Lady M'Donnell brought her daughter and Miss Stiffe; Lady Fitzgerald Arnott was accompanied by her daughters and Mrs. and Miss Bagwell. The Hon. May Trench, wearing a white gown, came with Mrs. and Miss Chenevix Trench. Lady Thomson looked smart. Mrs. Sharman Crawford, of Crawfordsburn, was one of the many Northerners present, the North having mustered very strong to do honour to the gracious Viceroy and Vicerine, who had won their regard and admiration during their memorable visit to Belfast last winter. As might have been expected from the Levee in the early part of the afternoon, the gathering of country people was unusually large, and gave a slight forecast of what may be expected at the Drawingroom to-night, when, it is believed, a record will be made.

SOUSA BAND CONCERTS.

The first of the Sousa Band Concerts in the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon attracted a great audience, and if one may judge from the applause which followed every selection in the programme, entertained and pleased the public. Undoubtedly the Sousa Band is well worth hearing. It is neither a revelation nor a marvel; but its work is sound and conscientious, and it is difficult to conceive of a much better rendering than it gives of any works which Sousa puts into his programme. When one comes to speak of bands, one's judgment must be influenced by comparison. Now, obviously, it would be unjust to compare Sousa's with the Hallé, or, indeed, with any band which employs strings. Sousa's effects are produced by means of a judicious combination of wood-winds and brass. The nearest approach to such a combination is a military band, though in the average military band there is this striking difference that the proportion of the brass to wood-winds is as a rule greater. Yet, despite the disadvantage consequent upon preponderance of brass, we have heard military bands which could more closely simulate orchestral playing than the Sousa Band. It does not, however, follow that Sousa's is not an excellent band. On the contrary, we recognise not only in the training and discipline, but in the all-round performance of his players a great deal that suggests genius. The individual performers appear to be artists, and the general effect of their work is delightful. From this it follows that Sousa, who inspires and directs them is himself an artist. His instrumentalists are so thoroughly trained that they play as if each instrument were sounded by one breath and fingered by one hand responsive to the same emotional impulse. Take, as an instance, the first piece upon the programme—the well-known overture to "Tell." It was magnificently played. The band reminded one throughout of a fine organ, manipulated now with thunderous power, now with the most exquisite delicacy of touch. True, we have heard bands which gave a more poetical interpretation, or imparted greater beauty and variety of colour to the work. Technically, however, no performance by a band of like description could excel that of Sousa's, and there was sufficient both of poetry and colour to add charm and life to technical perfection. Another fine selection finely played was the Largo from Dvorak's symphony, "The New World." Sousa's own selections in the programme consisted of three, but in response to the enthusiasm of the audience he generously increased the number until it was more than doubled. The suite "Maidens Three" was to our mind the most interesting and pleasing of the lot. It is daintily written, and reveals quite a lovely fancy; and the band did ample justice to it. The Coon Band contest was a remarkable example of humorous treatment, in which the trombone played, perhaps, the most amusing part. The

songs, &c., were much appreciated. The "Realm of the Dance" and the "March" were loudly applauded. The songs and dances formed an interesting and the arrangement of Irish music admirably played. Mr. Sousa is to be congratulated on securing such a brilliant victory. Miss Maud Powell. Some months ago we had the pleasure of hearing her in Dublin, and her performance yesterday increased the favourable opinion we then formed of her. She gave a really masterly interpretation of Sarasate's extremely difficult "Zigeunerweisen," and in response to a recall, a splendid rendering of Handel's popular "Largo." Miss Estelle, who possesses a perfectly trained soprano voice of beautiful timbre, sang a couple of songs which were disappointing, as they suggested vocal exercises rather than the lyrical expression of a beautiful idea. One of these was the "Indian Bell Song," by Delibes, and the second "The Nightingale." Each was capital. A very enjoyable performance was Mr. Arthur Pryor's trombone solo "Love Thoughts." His tone was remarkably full and soft throughout, and his phrasing excellent. In response to a recall he played the German drinking song, "In Cellar Cool," but in the lower notes at the close the vibrations were too slow to be agreeable to the average ear. Indeed they touched the very border line which divides musical sound from noise. This, however, was due to no fault of the player, who is certainly a master of his instrument. Mr. Sousa and his band were heartily applauded at the close of the concert. The second concert will be given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday afternoon, and the third on Thursday evening in the Rotunda.

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SOUSA'S BAND IN DUBLIN.

THE FIRST CONCERT.

Judging from the fine audience which assembled at yesterday's matinee in the Theatre Royal to hear Mr. Sousa's band, and the eagerness with which the performance was awaited, we gather that the Athenian desire for new things is still an instinct of Dublin audiences. When we compare the relatively small attendances which have gathered to the concerts of our own Orchestral Society with that which filled the greater part of the Theatre yesterday, and the great enthusiasm which marked the performance of every item, we are forced to the conclusion either that musical Dublin is in general lethargic and requires the advent of a noted personality, such as Mr. Sousa is, to enkindle its sympathy and attract its support, or that the increased concourse and continuous applause was in part a token of hospitality. We are, of course, very glad that so cordial a reception has been accorded to the distinguished conductor, and we hope that our music-loving public will, now that Mr. Sousa has come, recognise that local orchestral work also deserves well at their hands.

Of Mr. Sousa's interpretations it may, perhaps, be well to state at the outset that the idea suggested to the writer was that of orchestral journalism of the best kind. What Mr. G. W. Stevens, with his infallible instinct for "knowing what the public like," was to a writer like Matthew Arnold, Mr. Sousa is to—say—Dr. Richter. That it may not seem from this comparison that there is any lack of skill within the limits which Mr. Sousa allows himself in his band, let us hasten to add that yesterday's performance was of its kind unique. Beautiful instruments splendidly played, difficult feats of technical skill performed without effort, wonderful and effective combinations of a kind not hitherto heard in Dublin, precision of attack, great delicacy in the pianissimo passages, great power in the tutti work—all this there was, and more than this. When music requiring serious treatment was before them the band proved themselves equal, not only to an adequate, but to a finished interpretation, and though we cannot agree with those who think that "the strings were not missed," we admit that the strengthening of the wood wind and the beautiful playing of the instrumentalists, both reed and brass, went as far to compensate for the absence of strings as was, perhaps, humanly possible.

Yet, when all this has been said, it cannot be denied, if all the truth is to be told, that in one respect the concert was far from satisfying from a critic's point of view. In regard to the programme, we are obliged to own to disappointment. It consisted of the following items:—Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini); Trombone Solo, "Love Thoughts" (Pryor), Mr. Arthur Pryor; Suite, "Maidens Three" (Sousa), (a) The Coquette, (b) The Summer Girl, (c) The Dancing Girl; Soprano Solo, "Indian Bell Song," from "Lakme" (Delibes), Miss Estelle Liebling; Largo from Symphony, "The New World" (Dvorak); Mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa), founded on famous waltz themes; (a) Nocturne, "Sinfonia" (von Blom), (b) March, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa), dedicated by special permission to His Majesty the King; Violin Solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate).

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Of music in the strictest sense there were three or four works in a big programme, and in these the band acquitted itself with excellent taste and judgment—showed, indeed, so true a sense of artistic feeling, that we cannot but regret that dance music should have monopolised so large a place in the concert. The overture to "William Tell" was interpreted as well, we think, as it is possible to have it done on a brass and reed band. The "Ranz des Vaches" portion of it was beautifully rendered, and the storm (and, indeed, all the crescendo playing at the concert) was a credit both to the conductor and the band. In the beautiful Largo from Dvorak's symphony, "The New World," they were still better. The concerted parts, especially those taken by the cor anglais and the oboe, were played with great delicacy and beauty, and the accompaniments were perfectly shaded. Indeed, one of the most remarkable things was how finely the accompaniments, whether to a solo instrument in the band itself, or to Miss Liebling's vocal solo, or to Miss Powell's violin playing, balanced with the work of the single artist in each case. A very interesting instance of this was in Mr. Pryor's trombone solo, "Love thoughts." The trombone work itself was of a difficult and intricate character, the bass notes being of a very low range; wonderful chromatics mark the number, and Mr. Pryor's performance was a most skilful piece of work. We need scarcely add that solo work of this special kind, of course, has seldom, if ever, been heard to as great advantage in our time before. Miss Liebling's voice showed a high degree of cultivation, and deserved the applause which it, and an encore ("The Nightingale") evoked. We do not ourselves particularly care for the vocal gymnastics which songs of this order involved, but as a proof of training and capacity they were quite notable. Miss Powell's violin playing, both in Sarasata ("Zigeunerweisen"), and in a charming encore, was marked by refinement and purity of tune, and, with the orchestral background, was a most enjoyable performance. Of the rest of the programme it is difficult to speak without reserve. Most of it was rather musical impressionism than serious music. Mr. Sousa's own dances do, indeed, gain greatly by being played under his own baton and by so skilful a company as his band, and his "Washington Post March" was given with a verve and distinctiveness of ensemble, which justified his choice of it as one of his encores, but in some other of his numbers he was less happy. One "Coon" piece, for instance, was mainly noticeable for the weird braying of the bass trombones, and its jantesque castanet effects. This may have been "excellent fooling," but was scarcely music. We cannot too strongly hope that in his future concerts Mr. Sousa, even if at the expense of a little superficial popularity, will give better music than this Coon March and "Hands Across the Sea" and "Stars and Stripes for Ever." Men who can play Dvorak and Sarasata so well should be kept to good writers at least, if not to the best; for we cannot but think that if so well trained and well handled a band as this is to set popular taste, the effect will be bad for music on its educational side. We must not, however, conclude this notice without mentioning an Irish selection—another of the many encores—the playing in which was so good that we can safely say we have not heard so full justice done to Irish airs by any brass band before. The control of the louder brasses—some of which were of peculiar types not in general use—was one of the wonderful features of a performance, which as a whole was so technically good that it only needed better works to make it great.

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...performance given at the Ulster Hall yesterday will enthusiastically re-echo the Royal words of eulogy. Sousa and his band are burdened with the weight of a great reputation, and much is expected of them. Their enormous success is due to novel, attractive, but, above all, superlative originality in the production of popular music. The man in the street constitutes himself an infallible critic of the course of sweet sounds which Mr. Sousa generally serves up for our delectation; but few who hear the celebrated American conductor's band will go away without a feeling of wondering admiration for the skill with which new and undreamt of beauties are called forth from the old familiar airs, whose possibilities were supposed long ago to be exhausted. We venture to think that this is a summarised version of the general verdict which the musical folk of Belfast will pass upon yesterday afternoon's performance. There was no mistaking the cordiality and warmth of the welcome extended to those distinguished musicians by the people of our city. With the exception of a few seats in the reserved area, the Ulster Hall was densely packed with an audience whose keen appreciation and frequent applause showed that they had thoroughly realised their most sanguine expectations. This is Mr. Sousa's first visit to Ireland, but it is undoubtedly the wish of the people that it will not be the last. In Cork and Dublin he met with magnificent receptions, and Belfast has now worthily done its part. On the occasion of his visit to Dublin on Tuesday his band played in St. Patrick's Hall before their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and Countess of Dudley and a large assemblage of guests. It was three o'clock when Sousa and his fifty-six performers made their appearance in the Ulster Hall. They were all clad in the dark-blue uniform which the great conductor also dons, bearing the magic gold-worked letters "Sousa" on the collars of their coats. On one side of the stage were the players of the wood instruments; the brass instrumentalists occupied the other side and the back. The instruments employed include ten first B flat clarionets, four second, two third, one E flat, one alto, and one bass; four flutes, two oboes, one cor Anglais, two bassoons, four saxophones, four cornets, two trumpets, one flugelhorn, four French horns, three trombones, two euphoniums, one somaphone, and three drums. Mr. Sousa was one of the last to take his place, but he was speedily recognised, and loud greetings rang throughout the spacious building. Mr. Sousa's style of conducting seems to the ordinary man strange and unfamiliar. In many ways he shows a total disregard for conventionality, but one prevailing impression received from his methods is immense energy and overpowering mastership. In him is centred the predominating influence, and on him we look as if he alone were the entire band. When effect and emphasis are required he does not hesitate to call to his aid all that is to be obtained from wonderful and complex motions of the arms and hands. The programme was opened by the overture "William Tell" (Rossini). This beautiful work is one with which the Belfast people are well acquainted, and thorough knowledge of its exquisite peculiarities and brilliant suggestive qualities only added to the enjoyment which the Sousa band interpretation can alone create. There are few who will dispute the assertion that it was given with the greatest possible success one can hope to obtain from a brass and reed band. The storm movement was particularly fine, and in itself epitomised the marvellous control which Mr. Sousa exercises in the midst of the greatest of musical complexities. The collocation "El Capitan" (Sousa) proved a very welcome encore, wherein the instrumentalisation was glorious. A pleasing variety and fullness of tone characterised Mr. Arthur Pryor's trombone solo "Love Thoughts" (Pryor). In reply to an enthusiastic encore he played with impressive intensity the well-known drinking air "In Cellar Cool." Following this was a suite by Mr. Sousa, entitled "Maidens Three"—viz., "The Coquette," "The Summer Girl," and "The Dancing Girl." Much of the music is of the waltz description, vitalised here and there by the marvellously effective Sousa. Beautiful tone and a beautiful structure are not wanting, clever descriptive harmony being one of the principal features. On the rendition of "The Coon Band Contest" and "The Washington Post" it is needless to dwell. Suffice it to say that never before were both well-known airs played to such perfection in Belfast. Miss Estelle Liebling's thrills in the "Indian Bell Song" from "Lakine" (Delibes), fascinated and enthralled, though some were inclined to think that her voice had too great a tendency to vocal gymnastics. Nothing could be more pleasing than the beautiful largo from symphony "The New World" (Dvorak). All the parts were played with great delicacy and beauty, and were perfectly shaded. One of the most interesting items was the selection of Irish airs arranged by Godfrey. It consisted of "Let Erin Remember," "Believe Me, if all," "Last Rose of Summer," "The Harp that Once," &c. Here the same skill found in the interpretation of all other classes of music by the band was brought to bear on the production. The harmony was perfect, and the variations executed in masterly style. After an interval, a re-commencement was made with the mosaic "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa). It is to a great extent founded on waltz themes, though a little remarkable by reason of its floral embellishments. "The Philosophic Maid" and "Bundle of Mischief" were played as encores. After novelette "Soziletta" (Von Blon), the "Imperial Edward March" was played, and provoked delight. This is the march for whose dedication Mr. Philip Yorke secured august authority. It is a composition of great power and strength, and played by such accomplished musicians it necessarily created a vivid and lasting impression of its virility. Mr.

...and Powell, who appeared as a solo violinist, played "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasata). It was, however, in a largo by Handel that she scored success. She proved herself an accomplished executant, well versed in technique, and the devotional feeling which she imparted into the rendition was worthy of special praise. The matinee concluded with a rather interesting item, entitled "Plantation Songs and Dances," which, if not acceptable to the aesthetic taste of the few, was keenly relished by the many. In the evening a second concert was given in the Ulster Hall, which was again filled to its utmost capacity.

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SOUSA'S BAND.

Performances in the Ulster Hall.

When Mr. John Philip Sousa and his band had given a "command" performance before the Court at Windsor Castle on Saturday evening his gracious Majesty the King went forward and shook Mr. Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert and praising it very highly. Mrs. Sousa was then presented to the King and Queen, and as his Majesty was about to quit the apartment he paused, and, turning to the band, bowed, and said, "Very fine! Very fine!" Those who had the

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BELFAST.

Eleven years ago "was born the greatest military concert band the world has ever known" we are informed, and the date is fixed beyond doubt as September 26, 1892, and there is no use disputing it. But the conductor of the band was born some years previous, a not unnatural thing, either, when one considers for a moment; the conductor is father of his band, and chronology must defer to that fact. So that one is not a bit surprised to hear that, when in 1892, "the baton fell from the lifeless hand of Gilmore, it was grasped by John Philip Sousa," and since then wonderful things have come to pass. Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore sounds Irish, and was the name of the man of genius who was the father of the American military band as it exists to-day. But it was Sousa who refined and exalted it to the commanding position it holds to-day, from which position it contemplates visiting the principal civilised countries of the world. There is something thrilling in this. How did it all come about? In this way: David Blakely, one time editor, and Secretary of State of Minnesota, became in 1884 the active manager of Gilmore's Band. A man of cultivated musical tastes and fine literary capacity, who had earned managerial experience in the direction of several tours of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, he was attracted by the rising star of Sousa, and obtained permission of the Government to take the U.S. Marine Band (Sousa's then band) upon two concert tours, which practically covered the United States. Sousa proved a sensation with his magnetic personality, forceful conducting, and the fiery swing and verve of his marches. He must be brought permanently into a conspicuous public position, thought Blakely, so he headed a syndicate which organised a new band to bear Sousa's name, and the latter resigned his conductorship of the U.S. Marine Band. Sousa set to work; the best musicians from every city were summoned to his standard; some weeks were spent in incessant rehearsals, at which the band acquired those "Sousa-esque" characteristics which distinguish it from other mere bands, not Sousa; and they gave their first concert at Plainfield, N.J. Since, they have given 393 weeks of concerts, visiting 650 cities and towns in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany, Belgium, and Holland; a total of 4,500 concerts. They have appeared by command before their Majesties at Sandringham, at the Glasgow Exhibition, 1901 (two diplomas awarded); were appointed "Official American Band" at Paris Exposition, 1900; and received a vote of thanks from the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, 1899. They have made 21 semi-annual concert tours in America, two European trips, involving 350,000 miles of travel by land and sea, and they pay £25,000 per annum in salaries to musicians. The London, Paris, Berlin, Brussels, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and New-York Press has expressed most favourable opinions of their performances. Sousa knows more of wood-wind and brass capabilities than almost anyone alive, and the bigness of some of his effects are such that even Hector Berlioz, that Frenchman with Cyclopean orchestral dreams, must turn over in his grave with envy and surprise. Sousa's marches, operas, and selections are famous, the first two being his own composition, and the last his own arrangement. As supporting soloists, Miss Maud Powell, violinist; and Miss Estelle Liebling contribute to his programme; and Mr. Arthur Pryor, a phenomenal trombone player, remains, as in former years the band's chief instrumentalist. The distinguished vocalists who have toured with the band are too numerous to mention, but they include Madame Lillian Blauvelt, Belle Cole, Marie Tempest, Campanini, Campanari, and many others. The band accompaniments to solo are amongst its most astonishing work; for delicacy, nuance, phrasing, and ensemble it is unrivalled among military bands. There is not a written contract in the organisation, either with management, artistes, or performers; its disbursements for railway, sleeping car, and steamboat service, and for printing have mounted into many thousands of pounds. Its tours are conducted on such a complete and perfected system, that in ten years the band has only failed to turn up at four advertised concerts, and then through stress of weather. The band is considerably larger than formerly, and, if possible, better than ever. After the present visit to Ireland it will visit the Continent, and then proceed to Australia, South Africa, and India. Wonderful! We shall see.

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Sousa and his band got back from Windsor last night. The "great little conductor" is much gratified at the gracious manner in which his Majesty received him yesterday, and especially at the consideration of the King in asking him to present Mrs Sousa to him. The performance was much appreciated by the party, and King Edward has honoured Mr Sousa with a further "command to appear before him" before he quits this country. On the next occasion the programme will consist entirely of American airs.

SOUSA.

Yesterday Sousa's Band attracted an enormous audience to the Opera House, when a most entertaining concert was given. Miss Estelle Liebling, Miss Maud Powell, and Mr Arthur Pryor assisted as soloists, and each was encored. Mr Sousa's peculiar style of conducting caused some surprise, but the finish and perfect training of the band, as well as its precision and power, created a most favourable impression. The programme and encores (which in the case of the Sousa Band almost always make it a double event), were as follows: 1. Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini); encore, march, "Stars and Stripes for Ever". 2. Trombone solo, "Love Thoughts" (Pryor), Mr Arthur Pryor. This was a wonderful performance, and it seemed incredible, that such softness and sweet sounds could be produced from a trombone. (Encore, "In Cellar Cool," or, as the bill put it, "In the deep cellar"). 3. Suite, "Maidens Three" (Sousa), (a) "The Coquette," (b) "The Summer Girl," (c) "The Dancing Girl," (encores, "A Coon Band Contest," and "The Washington Post"). 4. Soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song," from "Lakme" (Delibes), Miss Estelle Liebling; (encore, "The Nightingale"). 5. Largo from Symphony, "The New World" (Dvorak); (encore, Irish Selection). 6. Mosato "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa); (encores, "El Capitan," "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," and "King Cotton"). 7. Novelette (a) "Sizilotta" (von Blon), (b) march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa); (encore, "Invincible Eagle"). 8. Violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell; (encore, Fantasia, St Patrick's Day). 9. Plantation Songs and Dances.

The "William Tell" overture and the Largo were far the best items performed by the band. Some of the effects obtained in the Largo suggested a grand organ, and the finish and breadth of tone was remarkable. The various Sousa marches were played with vigour and spirit, and showed a wonderful perfection of training, though there was a considerable sameness in the pieces given as encores. We would have preferred, considering the capacity of the band, a programme of music of a higher class. Miss Liebling is a soprano who excels in the florid style, and her performance yesterday was remarkable. Miss Maud Powell is a violinist of acknowledged distinction, and was warmly and deservedly applauded. Mr Pryor's performances on the trombone were a revelation, and showed capabilities in that instrument which one would have thought quite impossible. Another feature of the band accompaniments was the excellent way in which they were kept subsidiary to the soloists. The Sousa Band is in many respects a remarkable one, but it seemed a pity to have such a combination engaged in playing some pieces, which perhaps though they have attained a certain amount of popularity, have little claim to be regarded as artistic, or worthy of anything beyond a mere

THE SOUSA BAND.

Mr. Sousa, in reply to questions put to him by journalists who had the privilege of an interview with him on the evening of his arrival in Dublin, declined to make any statement as to the quality of the performance of his band, but said in substance—"Let the public come and hear them and judge for themselves." Well, we believe we are safe in saying that the crowd who went to the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon were not disappointed with Sousa's band; and though the programme of yesterday afternoon was mainly of a popular description, it was perfectly obvious from the way they played that they could deal in an artistic manner with any kind of music from the most difficult operatic selections down to the simplest items of national folksong. The concert commenced at three o'clock. The band numbers fifty-six performers, and they filled the entire stage. They wear a dark uniform costume, which Mr. Sousa himself also wears. The players of the wood instruments sat on one side of the stage, and the brass instrument performers on the other side and at the back. The instruments employed include 10 first B flat clarionets, 4 second, 2 third, 1 E flat, 1 alto, and 1 bass, 4 flutes, 2 oboes, 1 cor Anglais, 2 bassoons, 4 saxophones, 4 cornets, 2 trumpets, 1 flugelhorn, 4 French horns, 3 trombones, 2 euphoniums, 1 somphonium, and 5 drums. Mr. Sousa, on taking his place in front of his band, was warmly applauded by the audience. It should be noted that he is himself a pianist and violinist, though he did not himself appear as a performer. His style of conducting is the reverse of conventional. He uses the old-fashioned beats for 3 and 4 time, but he does not adhere to them, but constantly, by motions of his arms and hands, impresses himself upon the players. And they play as one man. Their accuracy, spirit, and unity of phrasing cannot be praised too highly. The wood instruments are everything from tenderness itself to the greatest brilliance; of the brass instruments one may say little; of light shade and colour, there was as much as could be got from wood and brass alone; and in the ensembles, whether forte or piano, great artistic effect was always realized. In numerous obligate occurring through the pieces played the talent and the finish of individual performers appeared. A beginning was made with the overture to "William Tell." A better selection for a commencement could hardly have been made; first, because Rossini's beautiful and most original work is a creation which cannot be displaced from its own peculiar pedestal by even such great constructions as the Tannhauser and the Meistersinger's overtures; and, secondly, because the fact that musical people are so universally familiar with it that they could appreciate everything that the band did. The opening section in E minor was played with exquisite finish; so also was the charming section with flute obligate preceding the final movement. The unique brilliance of that last movement is such that one is never tired of hearing it; but, in the individual opinion of the writer, the tempo at which it was taken was a shade too fast, and the same was slightly the case with the storm movement. In response to a hearty encore another piece not in the programme, was played; and it may be said here once and for all that several other selections were in like manner introduced in the course of the afternoon in response to encores. Mr. Arthur Pryor's trombone solo, "Love Thoughts," a composition of his own, was an astonishing performance. He began in piano mood, with strains so dulcet and mellow that it seemed hardly possible that they were coming from a trombone. O, that our city brass instrument players had been all there to hear it! Perhaps if they had been, and after they had thought over and dreamt over those tender notes we might not have the brass instruments coming like a consuming fire at the fiddles at the next city concert. Mr. Pryor's playing was wonderful in several respects. He was forte and fortissimo when necessary without being coarse; and his power of playing rapid passages full of chromatic intervals was a surprise—one did not anticipate such a thing from the instrument. Another feat of his was a descending chromatic scale to each note of which he added the common chord inverted, as he proceeded downwards. In response to a great encore he played the well-known song "Drinking," with all the fullness of artistic feeling that belongs to that Bacchanalian effusion. Next came a suite by Mr. Sousa called "Maidens Three," viz., "The Coquette," the "Summer Girl," and the "Dancing Girl"—all three clever, very descriptive, and full of a champagne-like sparkle, the last of the three being, perhaps, the most striking, and likely to be carried away, in part, at all events, by the memory. Miss Estelle Liebling appeared as solo vocalist. She has a soprano voice of most pleasing quality and much power, and her style evinced thorough culture. She sang the "Indian Bell Song" from the "Lakme" of Delibes, and did it the fullest possible justice both by the cleverness with which she executed the showy roulades at the beginning of it, and by the artistic feeling with which she gave the latter portions of the

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SOUSA BAND CONCERTS.

The first of the Sousa Band Concerts in the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon attracted a great audience, and if one may judge from the applause which followed every selection in the programme, entertained and pleased the public. Undoubtedly the Sousa Band is well worth hearing. It is neither a revelation nor a marvel; but its work is sound and conscientious, and it is difficult to conceive of a much better rendering than it gives of any works which Sousa puts into his programme. When one comes to speak of bands, one's judgment must be influenced by comparison. Now, obviously, it would be unjust to compare Sousa's with the Hallé, or, indeed, with any band which employs strings. Sousa's effects are produced by means of a judicious combination of wood-winds and brass. The nearest approach to such a combination is a military band, though in the average military band there is this striking difference that the proportion of the brass to wood-winds is as a rule greater. Yet, despite the disadvantage consequent upon preponderance of brass, we have heard military bands which could more closely simulate orchestral playing than the Sousa Band. It does not, however, follow that Sousa's is not an excellent band. On the contrary, we recognise not only in the training and discipline, but in the all-round performance of his players a great deal that suggests genius. The individual performers appear to be artists, and the general effect of their work is delightful. From this it follows that Sousa, who inspires and directs them is himself an artist. His instrumentalists are so thoroughly trained that they play as if each instrument were sounded by one breath and fingered by one hand responsive to the same emotional impulse. Take, as an instance, the first piece upon the programme—the well-known overture to "Tell." It was magnificently played. The band reminded one throughout of a fine organ, manipulated now with thunderous power, now with the most exquisite delicacy of touch. True, we have heard bands which gave more practical interpretation, or imparted greater beauty and variety of colour to the work. Technically, however, no performance by a band of like description could excel that of Sousa's, and there was sufficient both of poetry and colour to add charm and life to technical perfection. Another fine selection finely played was the Largo from Dvorak's symphony, "The New World." Sousa's own selections in the programme consisted of three, but in response to the enthusiasm of the audience he generously increased the number until it was more than doubled. The suite "Maidens Three" was to our mind the most interesting and pleasing of the lot. It is delightfully written, and reveals quite a lovely fancy; and the band did ample justice to it. The Coon Band contest was a remarkable example of humorous treatment, in which the trombone played, perhaps, the most amusing part. The "Washington Post" march and a host of corn songs, &c., were much appreciated, and "In the Realm of the Dance" and the "Imperial Edward" march were loudly applauded. The plantation songs and dances formed an interesting selection, and the arrangement of Irish melodies was admirably played. Mr. Sousa is to be congratulated on securing such a brilliant violinist as Miss Maud Powell. Some months ago we had the pleasure of hearing her in Dublin, and her performance yesterday increased the favourable opinion we then formed of her. She gave a really masterly interpretation of Sarasate's extremely difficult "Zigeunerweisen," and in response to a recall, a splendid rendering of Handel's popular "Largo." Miss Estelle, who possesses a perfectly trained soprano voice of beautiful timbre, sang a couple of songs which were disappointing, as they suggested vocal exercises rather than the lyrical expression of a beautiful idea. One of these was the "Indian Bell Song," by Delibes, and the second "The Nightingale." Each was capital singing. A very enjoyable performance was Mr. Arthur Pryor's trombone solo "Love Thoughts." His tone was remarkably full and soft throughout, and his phrasing excellent. In response to a recall he played the German drinking song, "In Cellar Cool," but in the lower notes at the close the vibrations were too slow to be agreeable to the average ear. Indeed they touched the very border line which divides musical sound from noise. This, however, was due to no fault of the player, who is certainly a master of his instrument. Mr. Sousa and his band were loudly applauded at the close of the concert. The second concert will be given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday afternoon, and the third on Thursday evening in the Rotunda.

SOUSA AT DUBLIN CASTLE.
Sousa's Band played last night, by the request of the Lord Lieutenant, at St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

BAND IN DUBLIN.

To every division of the Theatre Royal, but particularly to the high-priced parts, crowds were attracted by last afternoon's performance of Sousa's celebrated combination of musicians. Booking of seats had been very brisk in advance, and it was a significant commentary on the reputation that had preceded the band that every foot of space that had been bespoken was occupied long before the musicians appeared. Yesterday for the first time Mr. Sousa submitted to the public criticism of a Dublin audience, and after listening to the performance one feels bound to admit that all the praise bestowed on the band is praise deserved. He is incomparable as a conductor, he is unique as a composer; his corps in many respects stands wide apart from other bands, and in most respects is far superior. From the moment Sousa took up his position on the rostrum and led his men through the opening bars of "William Tell," he "got" his audience. To "hold" them through the performance was a comparatively easy matter with the magnificent forces at his command.

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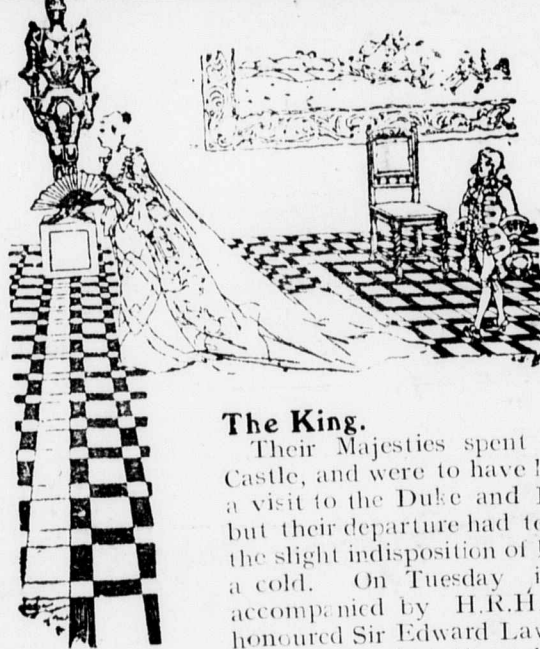
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At the King's special request all the pieces were American, and, in addition to the programme, extra numbers were provided for his Majesty's selection. The music was warmly appreciated by the Royal audience, the King leading the applause, and being greatly pleased with the performance of Miss Paul Powell (violin), and Miss Estelle Siebling (solo vocalist), who were accorded by his Majesty an occasional "bravo." The original programme was interspersed with several extra compositions, the Queen requesting the "Stars and Stripes," "Hands Across the Sea," the "Washington Post," and "Coon Band Contest." "The Star Spangled Banner" was given at the desire of his Majesty, who, with the rest of the audience, stood up while it was being played. "God Save the King" was given at the close of the concert, which terminated shortly after midnight. The King, the Queen, and the Prince of Wales afterwards shook hands with Mr. Sousa, whom his Majesty thanked, and he complimented the band on its playing. The King also introduced Mrs. Sousa to the Queen, who shook hands and chatted with her for a little while before the Royal party quitted the Waterloo Chamber.

Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and the principals were subsequently entertained at supper, refreshments being likewise provided for the band, who left Windsor between two and three o'clock yesterday morning for Dublin, where to-night they give a command performance at Dublin Castle.

The King and Queen leave Windsor Castle this afternoon on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth. Their Majesties quit Windsor at half-past one, and travel by special train over the Great Western Railway, via Reading and Oxford, to Bordesley. From the latter junction the Royal party proceeded by the Midland line past Burton and Derby to Rowsley, which will be reached at twenty minutes past five, whence they drive to Chatsworth.

The picturesque corner of the Peak District that lies between Rowsley Station and Chatsworth is displaying an unwonted activity and brilliance, in anticipation of the arrival of the King and Queen. Mr. Mathieson, General Manager of the Midland Railway, was at Rowsley yesterday, and found the arrangements for the Royal journey complete. Yesterday was an ideal Winter's day in Peak-land, but at half-past six in the evening snow commenced to fall, and an hour later it lay on the ground two inches deep. This will necessarily cause an alteration in the programme arranged for their Majesties. Golfing and motoring may not be possible, and these were the two principal items arranged.

The Scots Guards Band, at a quarter to eleven yesterday morning, marched with the relieving detachment of the 1st Battalion to the Grand Quadrangle at Windsor Castle, and played alternately with the pipers near the Royal Apartments while the Palace sentries were being changed. Hail and snow fell soon after the return of the troops to the barracks. Sunshine followed for a time, but later the weather was again stormy.

The King, Royal family, and Household attended Divine service in his Majesty's private chapel in the morning. The Bishop of London preached, and the Dean of Windsor, Domestic Chaplain to the King, officiated. The Dean read the Lessons, and the Hymns, "Glorious things of Thee are spoken" and "Jerusalem the Golden," were sung by the choir, accompanied by Sir Walter Parratt, organist of St. George's Chapel.

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titled "Second to None," and in the course of his remarks, made special mention of the band as being second to none in Bristol. That gentleman is still hale and hearty, and when he hears the Britannia, he must feel proud to think that the words which he spoke on that occasion were the truest he ever uttered, and that they belong to the same city of which he is a worthy citizen. I shall be about next week gathering evidence for my next report.—"Paul Pry."

SOUSA.

Speaking of Sousa and his band, the "Cardiff Western Mail" says: Thirty years ago Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore organised the type of the modern American military band in New York, and for twenty years toured the United States with it. In 1892 Gilmore died, and John Philip Sousa took up the baton. Originally an orchestral performer, Sousa had been brought up in the atmosphere of a military band, and at the age of twenty-four he was conductor of the United States Marine Band, being also for twelve years the President's bandmaster. It was Gilmore's old manager, David Blakely, who, so to speak, discovered Sousa for the public. He took him on tour with his Marine band. Sousa was a sensation everywhere, and his clever, forceful marches sent people clean out of their wits with excitement. American-like, Blakely perceived the germ of a big business, and a syndicate decided upon the formation of a Sousa band. In 1892, at New Jersey, the new band gave its first concert. Two days before the concert Gilmore had died suddenly, and the first piece played by the new band was the dead conductor's own hymn, "Death is at the Door." It was Sousa's little tribute to the great conductor, whose place he was to fill in the American musical world.

Sousa himself is a neat, keen-eyed man of medium height, and when he is conducting his band he is dressed in a well-fitting uniform of dark blue, with braided collar. His name has been the subject of gossip, mostly inaccurate. Five years ago a fable was started—and it has followed him ever since—that Sousa was of Italian birth, and originally, rejoiced in the name of So, to which, in a spasm of patriotic fervour, he was supposed to have added the initials U.S.A., in order to make the familiar and effective name which he bears. As a matter of fact, Sousa, although of Portuguese ancestry, was born in Washington forty-five years ago, and in Portugal Sousa is a well-known name.

During the ten years in which he has conducted his band, nearly 5,000 concerts have been given in 393 weeks, the band playing in 600 different cities in the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, and Holland. It was not until 1900 that Sousa made his first trip to Europe. He would have come earlier—in 1898—only the war between Spain and America upset the arrangement. But when Sousa did come he took the Continent by storm. His music had preceded him. Dancers went mad over the "Washington Post," and Aldershot echoed with the strains from morning till night. All over the world Sousa took his band to notable ceremonies. It was present at the dedication of the World's Fair buildings at Chicago, in 1892; at the dedication of the Washing-

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 Sousa's Band performed at the Cork Opera House yesterday to an extremely large audience. The various items were warmly received. The Band left in the evening for Dublin.

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YESTERDAY'S MUSIC. SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

There were a few empty stalls at the Queen's Hall yesterday afternoon, otherwise the room was packed, when John Philip Sousa stepped on to the platform to conduct his second concert of the present tour. It is difficult to assign a definite position in the musical world to Sousa's Band. It is unique among the bands that have ever been heard, and it is unique by reason of the perfection of ensemble playing which has come to it from constant association—for the personnel of this wonderful organisation is practically the same as it was when last with us. And if the band thus stands alone, what shall we say of the conductor? He would be the last in the world to hold out any claims as a musical educationalist, but he succeeds in one of the best of all causes—that of amusement. His own compositions do not reveal anything very beautiful in the realm of music, but they are often original and full of those musical pegs on which he hangs his quaint and striking effects. Moreover, his band enters into the spirit of the thing with no half-heartedness, and his marches, collocations, and what-not always go off with a pop and a bang that are quite exhilarating. However, when all is said and done, Mr. Sousa's most valuable asset consists of those multitudinous eccentricities and whimsicalities which he displays when in charge of the baton, and it may be justly said that this asset shows no sign of depreciation at present. There were nine numbers on the programme yesterday afternoon, but by the end of the seventh this number had already been increased to fifteen or sixteen. Encores were given on the least provocation, and before one realised what had happened the band was well on its way with an extra piece, and these "extras," be it said, generally take the form of some little thing of Sousa's own. A special feature in yesterday afternoon's programme was the march, "Imperial Edward," which Sousa has dedicated, by special permission, to His Majesty the King. With this composition Londoners are not yet very familiar, and it has not the same swing and "go" in it as have some other of his efforts in this direction, but the dramatic effects which the composer introduces speedily made it popular with the audience. At one point up jumped the five trombonists and blew out, for all they were worth, the opening phrase of "God Save the King." On a repetition being demanded they, with seven cornet players, lined up along the front of the platform, and did their best to complete the musical picture. The next item on the list was the Andante and Finale from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. I could not help overhearing my neighbour remark to his companion, "Let's go now; the next is only a thing of Mendelssohn's, and it isn't up to much." And I was not astonished.

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SOUSA'S BAND AT WINDSOR.

A Nice Compliment to America.

On Saturday night, in the Waterloo Chamber at Windsor Castle, a command performance was given before their Majesties and the Court by Mr. Sousa's band. The performers reached Windsor by special train from Sheffield, having had to cancel two concerts which had been arranged in Manchester. The King and Prince of Wales wore the Windsor uniform with the star, ribbon, and garter of the Order of the Garter. The Queen was dressed in black, liberally trimmed with beautiful lace. The Princess of Wales was in mauve satin, and wore diamonds.

Contrary to his practice on public platforms, the conductor kept to the programme and gave no encores, though the applause was frequent and hearty. But after the playing of "Badinage" His Majesty sent Lord Farquhar, the Master of the Household, to say that he desired to hear "The Washington Post," "Hands Across the Sea," "Down South," and "The Stars and Stripes for Ever"—the first two Mr. Sousa's own characteristic pieces. These were played to many cries of "Bravo!" The King heard for the first time the "Imperial Edward" march, which is dedicated to him by special permission, and His Majesty appeared much pleased with it. He asked for another "coon" piece at the end of the programme, and there was given the "Coon Band Contest," which is the composition of Mr. Arthur Pryor, the trombonist of the band. Then, at the King's request, the "Star-spangled Banner" was played, and at the first His Majesty paid the distinguished compliment to the American National Anthem of rising, example which was followed by the Queen and the rest of the Royal party.

Learning that the band remained in England till May, the King said, "Ah, then, I shall hear again, and I want the programme to be all American music." Mrs. Sousa was also present.

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12, LOWER ORMOND QUAY,
 TUESDAY NIGHT.

Mr. John Philip Sousa introduced his band for the first time to an Irish audience this afternoon in the Theatre Royal. There was a crowded house. The band occupied the stage, the brass being on one side and the reeds on the other, the flutes and piccoloes in the centre, and the drums in the rear. Punctual to time Mr. Sousa appeared, and was received with plaudits. At once he commenced his programme with the overture, "William Tell" (Rossini). The applause drew an encore, his own composition, "Hands Across the Sea." The audience applauded each item, and Mr. Sousa generously responded with his own composition, "The Washington Post," "The Coon Band Contest," and in addition a selection of Irish airs. Mr. Arthur Pryor played a trombone solo of his own composition, entitled "Love Thoughts," exceedingly soft and tuneful, and in response to an encore he played "In Cellar Deep," which was warmly applauded. Miss Estelle Liebling's soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song" from "Lakme" (Delibes) was a revelation in vocal echo effects. She was warmly applauded, and as an encore she sang the nightingale song with exquisite expression. A symphony, "The New World" (Dvorak), was a beautiful performance of concerted music, and in acknowledging an encore the band played a selection of Irish airs. The following items were performed:—Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini); trombone solo, "Love Thoughts" (Pryor); Mr. Arthur Pryor; suite, "Maidens Three" (Sousa)—(a) the coquette, (b) the summer girl, (c) the dancing girl; soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song" from "Lakme" (Delibes); Miss Estelle Liebling; largo from symphony, "The New World" (Dvorak); mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa), founded on famous waltz themes; (a) novelette, "Sizilietta" (Von Blon), (b) march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa), dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King; violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell; plantation songs and dances (Chantons).

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The "William Tell" overture and the Largo were far the best items performed by the band. Some of the effects obtained in the Largo suggested a grand organ, and the finish and breadth of tone was remarkable. The various Sousa marches were played with vigour and wed a wonderful performance of there was a considerable satisfaction given as encores. We would considering the capacity of the name of music of a higher class, a soprano who excels in the her performance yesterday was Miss Maud Powell is a violinist of acknowledged distinction, and was warmly and deservedly applauded. Mr. Pryor's performances on the trombone were a revelation, and showed capabilities in that instrument which one would have thought quite impossible. Another feature of the band accompaniments was the excellent way in which they were kept subsidiary to the soloists. The Sousa Band is in many respects a remarkable one, but it seemed pity to have such a combination engaged in playing some pieces, which perhaps though they have attained a certain amount of popularity, have little claim to be regarded as artistic, or worthy of anything beyond a mere transitory existence.

COMMAND PERFORMANCE BY SOUSA'S BAND.

To-night, by command of their Excellencies, Sousa's band performed in the Castle, and a large number of those who attended the Levée and their lady friends had been invited to listen to the band. Mr. John Philip Sousa conducted, and the soloists were Miss Estelle Liebling (soprano), Miss Maud Powell (violinist), Mr. Arthur Pryor (trombonist). The following programme was performed:—1. Overture, "Carneval Romaine" (Berlioz). 2. Trombone solo, "Love's Enchantment" (Pryor), Mr. Arthur Pryor. 3. Suite, "Looking Upward"—(a) By the light of the Polar Star, (b) Under the Southern Cross, (c) Mars and Venus (Sousa). 4. Soprano solo, "Thou Brilliant Bird" (David), Miss Estelle Liebling; flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky. 5. Portrait, "Kammenoi Ostrow" (Rubinstein). 6. (a) Country dance (Nevin); (b) march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa) (dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King). 7. Violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell. 8. Mosaic "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa) (founded on famous waltz themes).

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We understand that a second performance by Sousa and his band was given in the evening.

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STATE CONCERT AT DUBLIN CASTLE.

Last night, by command of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, Sousa's celebrated band gave a most successful performance at Dublin Castle. The concert aroused considerable excitement, not only in consequence of the success achieved by the American performers in England, but also because of the welcome innovation of so important a Viceregal entertainment taking place on Levee night, an evening which has hitherto been signalled only by a Castle dinner party, to which few guests outside the house party were invited. Judging by the numbers which responded to Their Excellencies' invitation, the precedent set last night is highly appreciated, especially by the numbers of country people, who, coming up for the Levee and Drawing Room, seldom stay more than a week in town, and are grateful to the kind fate which gives them such an extra pleasure as last night's concert undoubtedly was.

St. Patrick's Hall served as a spacious concert room, and the platform for the band was arranged at the far end, directly in front of the dais, where the chairs of State are placed for all the ordinary Castle entertainments. Their Excellencies occupied seats facing the band, while the guests were seated on rows of chairs extending across the room. It is difficult to write of the performance in the short space available in this column, but it may truly be designated unique.

Last night's programme contained the following items:—

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St. Patrick's Hall served as a spacious concert room, and the platform for the band was arranged at the far end, directly in front of the dais, where the chairs of State are placed for all the ordinary Castle entertainments. Their Excellencies occupied seats facing the band, while the guests were seated on rows of chairs extending across the room. It is difficult to write of the performance in the short space available in this column, but it may truly be designated unique.

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THE SOUSA BAND.

The second matinee performance by Mr. Sousa's Band took place yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock, in the Theatre Royal. The house was filled to overflowing in every part, and those who came late got either merely standing room or no entrance at all. The first of yesterday afternoon's items was Tchaikowsky's Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav." The features thus indicated were splendidly realised. In response to encores of this and subsequent items several pieces not named in the programme were played. Miss Maud Powell's admirable violin playing was one of the very best features of the matinee. As already said, her tone is not powerful, but her technique is excellent. No doubt it was difficult to make the instrument heard with such a crowded house. The concluding item was the Introduction to the Third Act of "Lohengrin," which was performed in a splendidly effective way.

In the evening the Sousa Band gave a concert in the Rotunda, which drew an overflow attendance. The programme consisted mainly of items which had been performed at the two matinees.

BELFAST EVENING TELEGRAPH.

Belfast.

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND

IN THE ULSTER HALL.

THE PROGRAMME.—At the matinee performance, at which there was a record audience, though some of the higher-priced seats were vacant, the programme was as follows:—(1) Overture to "William Tell" (Rossini); encore, "Hands Across the Sea"; (2) Trombone solo, "Love Thoughts" (Pryor), Mr. Arthur Pryor; encore, "In Cellar Deep"; (3), Suite (a) "Coquette," (b) "The Summer Girl," (c) "The Dancing Girl"; encores, "Caon Band Contest" and "Washington Post"; (4) Soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song," from "Lakme" (Delibes), Miss Estelle Liebling; encore, "Nightingale Song"; (5) Largo from the "New World Symphony," (Dvorak); encore, Irish Melodies; (6) Mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance," founded on famous waltzes (Sousa); encores (a), "The Philosophic Maid," and (b), "Bundle of Mischief"; (7) (a), Novelette, "Sizilietta," (b) March, "Imperial Edward"; encore, a portion of the march repeated; (8) Violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell; encore, Handel's Largo in G; (9) Plantation Songs and Dances (Chambers). The time was about two hours and a quarter, with an interval after the encore to No. 5.

SOUSA AS CONDUCTOR.—John Philip Sousa is a man of personality and certainly impresses his individuality on his band. The so-called "Sousesque" qualities, though much over-rated, are in evidence, and impart a picturesque effect to the look of the performance. By gesture, look, and general attitude, Sousa dramatizes the music that he plays, and while in no way carrying this ocular representation of the pieces to the extent of exaggeration, it forms an admirable commentary upon and exposition of the emotional significance of the music. He makes wonderfully few movements with the whole body, most of his intentions being conveyed to his performers by the baton held in his loved right hand. The white gloves are a feature which is bound to impress anyone who



has seen conductors do the finest music ungloved! They come up as a standing reproach to slovenly work in soft, cantabile, or retarded passages, and represent to his left-wing (wood-wind) an idea of the utmost carefulness, neatness, and finish in phrasing and ensemble. When the left-hand glove, with upward-pointing finger, is let fall after a particularly rich clarinet phrase, a sense of relief come to all concerned, and the thing, not perhaps so tremendously difficult as would appear, is got over without a hitch. Does Sousa conduct, or is he led by his band? Many people put this query. Well, my opinion is that Sousa has led his band; now, perhaps, that band could pull through without Sousa for a time and preserve a semblance to their present form and style. But let a single new player come upon the scene, and, in Sousa's absence, the band's characteristics will inevitably disappear. It is so well drilled that it seems to require little or no direction, except at tutti entries or cadential passages where the swing of a piece is dropped for a moment to get a more subtle nuance. No, without Sousa it would no longer be a Sousa band. His swinging arms give movement and verve, military precision to his marches; his vigorous, downward cut with the baton places a clean, clear, absolutely precise fortissimo on all instruments; and his sideward swing of the baton fetches any dynamic force of crash from percussion and heavy brass that is required. He has a way of coaxing delicate phrases out of his saxophones, clarinets, and oboes by merely beckoning on those phrases with the left hand gloved, and when he extends that glove, the finger pointing in the direction from which the right quality of tone will come, he lightly places a fantastic sprinkling of little notes on the instruments, and the delicatessa is as casual as the gesture is undemonstrative. Sousa is urbane, energetic, precise, and secure. His band is inspired with these qualities. He promptly steps up again and gives an encore on the slightest indication of a desire for such on the part of the audience. A placard held by an attendant announces the name of the piece, otherwise one should conclude it was the next item on the programme.

HIS BAND.—The Sousa Band numbers about 50 musicians, and is made up of such instruments as are found in most military bands nowadays. There is a wonderfully and fearfully-made contra-bass helicon, which rests upon the ground and stands as high as its player, and produces notes as bodiless and profound as a 64 feet organ pipe—notes not heard, but felt. This, along with the most mellow trombones, imaginable bassoons, and a bass clarinet, form a foundation for the harmony that is really beautiful, self-con-

tained, well proportioned bass. In soft passages this bass is impressive, sometimes almost awesome. The individual players are good musicians, and those who occupy leading desks are first-rate soloists. His first clarinets can play violin music of the most florid kind; witness the storm-passages in runs in "William Tell," taken, too, at a speed few orchestras could beat. His clarinets are truly the violins of his band. There is something gorgeous, irresistible in the quality of the low notes of these instruments. A shake on the whole battery is a thing to take note of; it possesses solidity. The cornets, alto-horns, and trombones are excellent; they can play soft, and when a fortissimo is wanted it comes in no niggardly fashion. Trombones, sustained and soft are the most beautiful of brass instruments, after horns when played cantabile. The flutes are of beautiful quality, and actually penetrate that barrier of clarinets when necessary. What the horns have to do is well done, but in military bands this does not amount to much. The staccato of bass clarinets and bassoons has all the spring and elasticity of a plucked string, with greater resonance. The beauty of the tone of the band in ensemble passages is very fine, the balance perfect, the attack and nuance that of one man, and the whole effect exceedingly fine, indeed. Their soft playing is a treat, notably in accompaniments to solos; here they are probably unique.

THE SOLOISTS.—Miss Estelle Liebling is a soprano of somewhat conventional type, possesses a clear, sweet, slender-toned, pure soprano, and sings such vocalisations as those on the programme in a perfect way. Her facial expression helps her out in much the same way as Sousa's gestures expound the intent of his music. She had an enthusiastic reception. Miss Maud Powell is a violinist with a certain technical acquirement, and played Sarasate's piece with abandon and passionate expression. Her tone is sweet, slender, and has a certain intensity which comes of her possession of temperament. Curiously enough her muted tone is the more penetrating of the two, and carries best across the band accompaniments. In Handel's Largo we had a piece of really artistic playing, not remarkably strong, but full of emotional power that was certainly not mere sentimentalism. Mr. Arthur Pryor is a wonderful trombone player; in his own solo the cadenza was an exhibition of virtuosity that was fairly astounding. His tone is soft and mellow, of a tirelessly beautiful quality, and does not invade the realm of the horn. No matter how soft and rich, it still remains the tone of a trombone. Mr. Pryor brought out those four or five extreme low notes which Berlioz first wrote for trombones, and which are so difficult and uncertain of production. Leaps of a tenth are, to Mr. Pryor, insignificant things, and come off with the utmost facility. Florid music has no terrors for him. A wonderful player! Several other solo players in the band pieces were excellent. The saxophone, first flute, first cornet, and the several desks of first clarinets were exceptionally fine. The kettle-drum player manipulated his sticks with freedom and aplomb.

THE MUSIC.—Sousa's marches are well-known. The "Washington Post" is probably familiar to everyone except those who are hopelessly deaf. They are all of a type; exotic music, highly spiced, and every phrase of which is worn threadbare, it comes off best with the exhilarating handling Sousa's band gives it. It is most effectively orchestrated, and probably makes the most of the resources at his disposal. Certain peculiar tonal effects are noticeable not to be had with a modern orchestra, though the latter tends more and more to absorb the resources of military and brass bands. Sousa uses his band in a way characteristically enough in his scores. His suites and selections are peculiarly American; light fugitive effusions at best, they owe a deal to his magnificent playing. Excepting an occasional touch, they lack, on the whole, the charm and daintiness of Sidney Jones' comedy music.

COMPARED WITH OTHER BANDS.—Sousa's band will hold its own in comparisons with other brass and military bands. The two marvellous brass bands from Yorkshire—"Besses o' the Barn" and "Black Dyke," have certain traits peculiar to themselves which Sousa has not (apart from the one being a military and the others brass bands), and cannot hope to have. The Durham Light Infantry Band possesses greater beauty of tone in the upper brass; and the late Dan Godfrey's band was perhaps a more artistic and beautiful band all round. But Sousa's band undoubtedly possesses characteristics—its Sousesque quality, which cannot be copied without cheapening them in the imitation. Sousa is its unique feature, and Sousa alone. Orchestral conductors and composers have nothing to learn from him. He has merely

the rule.

Particulars as to soloists will be announced later.

The great Sousa is in Glasgow with his famous band to-day, and on Tuesday he comes to Falkirk where two concerts will be given, one in the afternoon at three, and one in the evening at eight. As we in Stirling are not to have an opportunity of hearing Sousa's band here, we could not do better than go along to Falkirk on Tuesday afternoon or evening. Reference to our advertising columns will give further particulars necessary.

Sousa, during this visit, has carried all before him. In London the enthusiasm his performances aroused was immense, and the less easily moved provincial towns have also been carried away.

Musica.

VISIT OF SOUSA'S BAND.

PERFORMANCE IN THE ULSTER HALL.

Yesterday afternoon in the presence of a very large and enthusiastic audience John Philip Sousa and his band made their first appearance in Belfast, when they gave a performance in the Ulster Hall. Perhaps one's expectations were too high, but certainly the impression left upon the writer was one of disappointment. Absolute precision in regard to time, crispness and smartness to the beat, due expressiveness in tone, and a fine regard for the spirit and rhythm of the compositions, all were exhibited; but somehow there was no inspiration to be derived from the music, and one was tempted to paraphrase a famous remark and say, "It is magnificent, but it is not music." Seldom did the playing reach to that high level of excellence when the deepest emotions of the human heart are aroused, and for the most part it left the auditor cold and unmoved. At the same time it must be clearly stated that one could not but admire the marvellous accuracy of the instrumentalists, and the splendid manner in which they obeyed the slightest movement or gesture of the conductor. It was like watching a beautiful piece of mechanism, each portion of which moved surely, smoothly, and swiftly in its allotted place, and controlled in every part with the greatest ease. And yet there was something wanting. The first item was the overture "William Tell" (Rossini), and it was given so much to the taste of the audience that they applauded most enthusiastically, and a spirited and dashing performance of "El Capitan" was played as an encore. The suite "Maidens Three" (a) the coquette, (b) the summer girl, and (c) the dancing girl, from Sousa's ready pen is an excellently descriptive composition, and again the audience testified their pleasure to such an extent that the band were good enough to give a characteristic piece "The Coon Band Contest," and subsequently as a second encore the famous "Washington Post." Perhaps their finest effort, however, was in Dvorak's largo from symphony, "The New World," and here the beautiful flowing, generous, melodies of the great Russian composer received a rendition which even the most hypercritical could not cavil at. It was indeed a performance and a selection which went far to blot out the recollection of "rag-time" and "coon" melody. A nicely arranged selection of Irish airs was given in response to the recall. "In the Realm of the Dance" is aptly entitled a "mosaic," and it is a composition arranged by Sousa founded on famous waltz themes. Again those present were not slow or restrained in their plaudits, and "The Philosophic Maid" and "Bundle of Mischief" were played. Later there followed (a) Novelette, "Sizilietta" (Von Blon), and Sousa's march, "Imperial Edward," which was dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King. The latter is a fine rousing piece of music, full of martial spirit and vigour, and in it are introduced some novel tonal effects. That it met with cordial and hearty approval there could be no manner of doubt, and it had to be repeated to satisfy the clamorous applause. Chamber's "Plantation Songs and Dances" was the last item by the band, and here they were perfectly at home, playing with great dash and faithfulness. Comparisons are said to be always odious, but one could not help thinking that personally we infinitely prefer the playing of, say, the Royal Horse Guards (Blue), the Royal Marines, the newly-formed Irish Guards, or the Grenadier Guards Bands to the much-talked-of Sousa's Band. It struck one that the undoubted popularity and success of the American combination have been achieved by two things—first, the application of business methods and system to matters musical, and, second, studying what the great public want and giving it to them. The programme was agreeably relieved by vocal and solo instrumental items. Mr. Arthur Pryor gave a finished and artistic rendering of his own composition, the trombone solo, "Love Thoughts." He was deservedly recalled to play in excellent style "In cellar deep." Miss Estelle Liebling, who has a very sweet and charming soprano voice, sang the "Indian Bell Song," from Delibes' "Lakme," and as an encore a very melodious song, "The Maid of the Meadow." Miss Maud Powell played the violin solo, Zigeunerweisen (Sarasate), in admirable style, her technique being perfect and the tone production mellow and beautiful. Both movements received artistic rendering, and the applause was loud and long. The talented violinist responded by giving a Largo of Handel's, a really exquisite solo, in which Miss Powell was again heard to excellent advantage, and, indeed, one is tempted to say that this was quite the most acceptable item in the whole performance.

We understand that a second performance by Sousa and his band was given in the evening.

THE SOUSA BAND CONCERTS.

The programme of the second Sousa concert in the Theatre Royal yesterday was more welcome than that of the first, because it contained a greater number of selections which come within the term great music. It was at once less showy and more satisfying than that of Tuesday, and we cannot but regret that Sousa did not see his way to give us during his brief visit a more liberal supply of works like those of Tchaikowsky, Rubenstein, and Wagner, which were such a pleasant feature of the concert yesterday. This regret upon the part of music lovers will be all the more intense when they reflect that Sousa has a band which can do justice to great compositions. We do not, of course, suggest that those American selections which have proved so large a part of Sousa's bill of fare should be abolished utterly in favour of a higher type of work. Their presence adds a piquant interest to a programme. But no man of taste who heard the fine performances of instrumental masterpieces of which the band is capable could fail to wish for fewer coon songs, cake walks, clever marches; and more works which display alike the power of the band and the surpassing beauty of tone pictures painted by a master band. The interpretation of Tchaikowsky's Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav," gave at the outset some idea of the breadth, the power, the variety, the fine intelligence which Sousa's artists can reveal in any reading of a first-class work. The march itself is a piece of singularly brilliant writing. Fine ideas, gorgeous colouring, infinite variety and charm of treatment stamp it as the unmistakable creation of a genius. The band appreciated and revealed each subtle beauty in the colour scheme. The performance, in a word, was worthy of the work. Take, again, the Rubenstein piece "Kammenoi Ostrow." It is a piece of programme music of the finest type, and Sousa's playing of it won the admiration of the audience. One could have sacrificed at least one coon band contest for a second work possessing the poetical enchantment of a Rubenstein. Nay, we could have even sacrificed a league of cake walks for a stave of Mozart. There was, however, a substantial compensation in the performance of Tchaikowsky's "Capriccio Italien," and the dainty "Serenade Rocco" by Meyer-Helmund was certainly enjoyable. A clever suite of Sousa's illustrating Three Quotations was much appreciated, and after the "Imperial Edward" march and a number of characteristic and enjoyable American pieces, many of them written or arranged by Sousa, the band programme came to a fitting close with an excellent performance of the introduction to the third act of "Lohengrin." Mr. Franz Halle contributed a flugelhorn solo, "Bright Star of Hope," which was tastefully phrased, and, if we except a few notes which appeared to tax him, capitally played. Miss Estelle Liebling sang very successfully Sousa's song? "Will you love when the lilies are dead," and Miss Maud Powell (violin) gave a fine interpretation of Le Clair's "Sarabande and Tambourine," and in response to an imperative recall played a most skilfully written piece, of which the subject is a well-known Irish air. Sousa was very generous in responding to applause, and his American selections were thoroughly appreciated. The house, it may be added, was crowded to the doors. In the evening the final concert took place in the Round Room of the Rotunda, which was also packed, and the programme was admirably chosen and performed. Mr. Sousa at the close made a short speech, in which he thanked the people of Dublin for their appreciation of his band.

THE SOUSA BAND.

Mr. Sousa, in reply to questions put to him by journalists who had the privilege of an interview with him on the evening of his arrival in Dublin, declined to make any statement as to the quality of the performance of his band, but said in substance—"Let the public come and hear them and judge for themselves." Well, we believe we are safe in saying that the crowd who went to the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon were not disappointed with Sousa's band; and though the programme of yesterday afternoon was mainly of a popular description, it was perfectly obvious from the way they played that they could deal in an artistic manner with any kind of music from the most difficult operatic selections down to the simplest items of national folksong. The concert commenced at three o'clock. The band numbers fifty-six performers, and they filled the entire stage. They wear a dark uniform costume, which Mr. Sousa himself also wears. The players of the wood instruments sat on one side of the stage, and the brass instrument performers on the other side and at the back. The instruments employed include 10 first B flat clarionets, 4 second, 2 third, 1 E flat, 1 alto, and 1 bass, 4 flutes, 2 oboes, 1 cor Anglais, 2 bassoons, 4 saxophones, 4 cornets, 2 trumpets, 1 flugelhorn, 4 French horns, 3 trombones, 2 euphoneums, 1 somaphone, and 3 drums. Mr. Sousa, on taking his place in front of his band, was warmly applauded by the audience. It should be noted that he is himself a pianist and violinist, though he did not himself appear as a performer. His style of conducting is the reverse of conventional. He uses the old-fashioned beats for 3 and 4 time, but he does not adhere to them, but constantly, by motions of his arms and hands, impresses himself upon the players. And they play as one man. Their accuracy, spirit, and unity of phrasing cannot be praised too highly. The wood instruments are everything from tenderness itself to the greatest brilliance; of the brass instruments one may say ditto; of light shade and colour, there was as much as could be got from wood and brass alone; and in the ensembles, whether forte or piano, great artistic effect was always realized. In numerous oblige occurring through the pieces played the talent and the finish of individual performers appeared. A beginning was made with the overture to "William Tell." A better selection for a commencement could hardly have been made; first, because Rossini's beautiful and most original work is a creation which cannot be displaced from its own peculiar pedestal by even such great constructions as the Tannhauser and the Meistersinger's overtures; and, secondly, because the fact that musical people are so universally familiar with it that they could appreciate everything that the band did. The opening section in E minor was played with exquisite finish; so also was the charming section with flute obligato preceding the final movement. The unique brilliance of that last movement is such that one is never tired of hearing it; but, in the individual opinion of the writer, the tempo at which it was taken was a shade too fast, and the same was slightly the case with the storm movement. In response to a hearty encore another piece not in the programme, was played; and it may be said here once and for all that several other selections were in like manner introduced in the course of the afternoon in response to encores. Mr. Arthur Pryor's trombone solo, "Love Thoughts," a composition of his own, was an astonishing performance. He began in piano mood, with strains so dulcet and mellow that it seemed hardly possible that they were coming from a trombone. O, that our city brass instrument players had been all there to hear it! Perhaps if they had been, and after they had thought over and dreamt over those tender notes we might not have the brass instruments coming like a consuming fire at the fiddles at the next city concert. Mr. Pryor's playing was wonderful in several respects. He was forte and fortissimo when necessary without being coarse; and his power of playing rapid passages full of chromatic intervals was a surprise—one did not anticipate such a thing from the instrument. Another feat of his was a descending chromatic scale to each note of which he added the common chord inverted, as he proceeded downwards. In response to a great encore he played the well-known song "Drinking," with all the fullness of artistic feeling that belongs to that Bacchanalian effusion. Next came a suite by Mr. Sousa called "Maidens Three," viz., "The Coquette," the "Summer Girl," and the "Dancing Girl"—all three clever, very descriptive, and full of a champagne-like sparkle, the last of the three being, perhaps, the most striking, and likely to be carried away, in part, at all events, by the memory. Miss Estelle Liebling appeared as solo vocalist. She has a soprano voice of most pleasing quality and much power, and her style evinced thorough culture. She sang the "Indian Bell Song" from the "Lakme" of Delibes, and did it the fullest possible justice both by the cleverness

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On the occasion of the performance of Sousa's band before the Royal Family at Windsor Castle, the Electrical Name and Numerical Sign Company were commissioned to fit up one of their clever electric indicators to announce the order of the musical numbers.

organisation of the Committee, was to go on a mission to the South and West, visiting eminent ecclesiastics, and satisfying them of the legality of his agitation.

In July he visited Belfast with Tone, and conferred with the Presbyterians on the general situation. There was a great demonstration at the Linen Hall on the 14th of July, and Catholics and Presbyterians united in demanding complete religious equality. "We know nothing," said Samuel Neilson, "of a Roman Catholic question, or a Church question, of a Presbyterian, a Quaker, or an Anapapists question. The question is shall Irishmen be free or not?" A Protestant clergyman, the Rev. J. Kilburn, said:—"It is time to quit this foolery (of saying that the Protestant mind was not yet prepared to give, or the Catholic mind to receive, complete emancipation) and to join hands and voices with your Catholic brethren to recover the birthright which you both have lost." "I would rather," said another Protestant clergyman, "transport myself to Botany Bay than live in a country which keeps itself in abject slavery by internal divisions." There was a banquet in the evening, when the following toasts were proposed:—"The National Assembly of France," "The French Army," "Confusion to the Enemies of French Liberty," "May the Glorious Revolution of France teach the Governments of Every Country Wisdom."

Keogh now resolved to summon a great convention of the Catholics in Dublin for the purpose of petitioning the King to grant the franchise to the Catholics. This was a bold step. We can scarcely at the present day realise its boldness. The convention was little short of a Catholic Parliament; and was, in fact, called the "Back Lane Parliament." The Ascendancy felt that if the convention met all would be lost, and every effort was made to prevent the success of Keogh's plans. But Keogh was absolutely within the law, and the English Cabinet shrank from prohibiting the election of the delegates for the convention. Yet the Cabinet was in a vacillating state of mind; sometimes disposed to consider the Catholic claims in a favourable light, sometimes disposed to make no concession. But the Castle was consistent in advising a policy of "No surrender" from the beginning to the end. In September an event took place which threw the Cabinet on the side of the Catholics. The allies of England were beaten by the French at Valmy. Tone appreciated the meaning of this victory. He notes in his diary:—"Domouriez's victory; huzza. If the French had been beaten it was all over with us." The news was received with joy in Dublin and Belfast. Both cities illuminated. In the Northern capital the Volunteers turned out and fired their *feux de joie* in honour of the day. A mass meeting was held, consisting of

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SOUSA AGAIN.

Excepting on occasions when grand opera was in season, the Theatre Royal was never so congested as it was yesterday, when Sousa and his Band reappeared at an afternoon performance after a flying visit to Belfast. Every inch of space in pit, balconies, boxes, and gallery was occupied, and standing room in any part of the house was gladly availed of. It was pretty evident that musical-some people would say curious—Dublin has been startled in a manner never before experienced in our midst. On this occasion we had Sousa, the incomparable in what was to us a new mood. On Tuesday we were brought into touch with Sousa the March King. We heard his band in its lively moods, in its stirring, swinging, irresistible, martial numbers, in its unequalled sound pictures of plantation life and its imitations of nigger frolics. Yesterday we heard the Sousa Band in the music of the great masters, and we can now understand why it is that persons are found to adversely criticise the American conductor for introducing into his programmes contributions by Liszt, Giordani, Rubenstein, and others. Yesterday we had pieces from Tchaikowsky, Robaudi, Rubenstein, and Wagner—and Wagner as played by the Sousa Band is not the Wagner understood and loved by German musicians. The introduction of the act of "Lohengrin" was the Wagner selection, and, while the fullest justice was done to the strength and grandeur of those parts where brass preponderates, the true magnificence of

the creation lacked in faithful interpretation. "Lohengrin" is a work, beyond all others, from the pen of Wagner in which the master has given expression to the richest and deepest thoughts. In the reproducing of these thoughts, orchestration, and daring orchestration at that, is essential, and without orchestration the powers of the composer are not revealed at their best. We also had Tchaikowsky yesterday, the piece being the Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav." Here the band was more in touch with the meaning of the composer. Assuredly, the work displays the earlier methods of this genius, is wild and unrestrained, with touches of the martial spirit and the peasant songs and dances of his native land, and, above all, has an overwhelming finale. "Slav" is a march that affords a striking illustration of Tchaikowsky in that mood where he allows his enthusiasm free scope, and gives full rein to his inborn love for almost ferocious intensity and barbaric splendour. The bassoons softly sigh a plaintive yet impassioned melody of a funeral march, the Slavic character of which in its peculiar progression is not to be mistaken. This is soon joined by martial trumpet calls, and followed by a little motif. The production of orchestral effects at this point was admirably conceived. The motive leads to a gradual development of a climactic repetition of the principal theme by the full band. The trio is largely constructed on the same general plan, but here an additional stirring feature is provided by the introduction of a strain of the Russian National Anthem, the continuation of which is preserved to the climax. It was a really magnificent interpretation. In the same composer's "Capriccio Italien" the resourcefulness of the band was strikingly demonstrated. Here certainly we had rhythm, unison, sympathy, and effect. A fanciful creation is this, for the most part in graceful gavotte measure, demanding the introduction of agencies that can produce the whimsical oddities of bizzaro as well as the soft, sweet tone of a celestina. With strings at his service a conductor could easily obtain these effects, but Sousa obtained them through the reeds by methods characteristic of him, and with results that were simply marvellous. We had a tone portrait by Rubenstein—the celebrated "Kammenoi Ostrov," in which the composer attempted to portray in a set of pieces some of the Court guests at a favourite summer resort near St. Petersburg. Here again the band triumphed. By some invisible, mysterious agency Sousa seemed to actually draw forth from the instrumentalists those sounds that give a touch of finish, a light and shade, a heavy softness that reminded one of the clearness and smoothness and oneness of an organ, yet which in itself is indescribable. Sousa in his treatment of this portrait by Rubenstein succeeded to an extraordinary degree. In orchestration the colouring would have been less aggressive, yet withal the reproduction was really fine. From the pen of Sousa himself there appeared three items on the set programme—many others were introduced as encores. One of the three was the suite, "Three Quotations," in which the author makes his musicians describe how

The King of France marched up the hill

With twenty thousand men.

The King of France marched down the hill,
And ne'er went up again.

The second of the three quotations was: "I, too, was born in Arcadia," and the third was "Nigger in the Wood Pile." One of the encores to these was "Passing of Rag Time," a strange medley of brass, reeds, tambourines, sounds to represent the flapping of Christy minstrel big boots, and of clog dancing. While any one of the sounds might be a dissonance, the combination was a strange exhilarating concord. But why prolong the notice of this performance, consisting of nine items and ten encores. The players confirmed all that has been said of them as unrivalled in their line of art. Their playing has thrilled Dublin. The methods of their remarkable conductor has surprised all who witnessed them. Of solo items we had three. One was a fluegelhorn rendering by Mr. Franz Halle, of Robaudi's "Bright Star of Hope." It is a scholastic form of composition, in the interpretation of which the band and soloist ingeniously wove the subject and counter-subject into an harmonious whole. Miss Estelle Liebling again exhibited the peculiar qualities of her coloratura soprano. A most difficult violin solo, "Sarabande and Tambourine," was given by Miss Maud Powell, in which she played the air in harmonies in a decidedly skilful manner. Throughout the entire performance the audience extended a deserved meed of applause to the band, that deservedly ranks as the most unique amongst the world's musical organisations.

AT THE ROTUNDA.

Sousa and his band appeared last night at the Rotunda. Every seat reserved and unreserved was occupied twenty minutes before the performance commenced. At eight o'clock even standing room was not to be had in any part of the auditorium or passages, and the doors had to be closed to prevent further overcrowding. The programme throughout was of a high order of merit, the majority of the pieces being from the works of the great tone poets. With encores the items numbered twenty in all. The audience were very appreciative, and the able conductor on behalf of himself and those associated with him expressed himself at the conclusion of the performance as extremely pleased at the cordial support extended to the band during its tour in Ireland, and especially on each occasion it played in public in Dublin. The following was the programme:—Symphonic Poem, "Les Preludes" (Liszt); Trombone Solo, "Love

Thoughts" (Pryor); Mr. Arthur Pryor; Suite, "From Foreign Lands" (Moszkowski); Soprano Solo, Mad Scene from "Lucia" (Donizetti); Miss Estelle Liebling, flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky; Excerpts from "Siegfried" (Wagner); Second Polonaise (Liszt); (a) Idyll, "In a Clock Store" (Orth); (b) March, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa), dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King; Violin Solo, "Rondo Capriccioso" (Saint-Saens); Miss Maud Powell; Theme, Variations and Carnival Time from "Scenes in Naples" (Massenet).

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SOUSA AT DUBLIN CASTLE.

Last night Mr. John P. Sousa's band had the honour of playing in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, before their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and Countess Dudley and a large assemblage of guests. Mr. Sousa arrived shortly after ten o'clock, and for a considerable time afterwards the vicinity of the Upper Castle yard was a scene of much animation consequent upon the arrival and departure of the numerous carriages conveying those who were favoured with invitations. A large force of police, in charge of Superintendent Lacey, looked after the traffic arrangements, which worked out without a hitch. Mr. Sousa had arranged a choice programme, which met with general approval. Shortly after midnight the entertainment was brought to a close.

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SECOND SOUSA CONCERT

Packed from floor to ceiling is the only expression adequate to describe the dimensions of the audience at yesterday's concert in the Theatre Royal, when Sousa and his band made their second appearance before the Dublin musical public. On this occasion the programme was decidedly of a higher class than that previously presented, and consequently afforded a better opportunity of judging the ability of the band to interpret musical works of lasting worth, and not the mere ephemeral productions which appeal to a taste vitiated, not to say vulgar. On this question much might be written; certainly much has been written, and the most diverse views expressed. One critic states, "The orchestra was simply a living, breathing orchestration; the music (Sousa's) a jingle of music hall melody." Another pronounces "the band the finest collection of musicians at present before the public." As is usually the case, the truth will be found to be between these extremes, for each of these expressions of opinion contains a certain modicum of truth. It has been asserted that any comparison with the Halle band, for example, is out of place, as the latter is an orchestra, while the former is not. But, in reality, such a comparison is the very best means of arriving at a correct judgment, for it immediately suggests the disadvantage under which a band of the Sousa type labours, a disadvantage which is inherent, and which the most cunning combinations and the best technical manipulations are powerless to overcome. There are whole regions in the domain of emotion controlled by the potent forces of the strings, which neither the brass nor wood-wind can ever enter upon; the cor anglais and the sarcophone are excellent instruments, no doubt, but they are poor substitutes for the viola or the cello. If anyone is disposed to question the truth of this proposition, let him try to recall an instance where an audience was moved to tears by the most skilful performer on clarinet or bassoon. Are not the most beautiful effects in music connected with the emotions of love and sorrow, the awakening and portrayal of which is the peculiar province of the strings, and the strings alone? On the other hand, such effects as may be described as dynamic are well within the powers of a brass and reed band, and in movements of that class Sousa's band is undoubtedly excellent. A further criticism which naturally suggests itself is that a brass and reed arrangement of a work, originally written for an orchestra may be very fine, but it is not the work as it presented itself to the mind of the composer. It must be confessed that yesterday's programme was skilfully chosen, the

(Manager, Mr. John P. Sousa) English was a successful season on the stage. They were succeeded by The Co. The play is far removed from the ten track, and is interesting. Mr. Cecil Brookings fills the rôle of the Bishop, and Mr. Cyril Harcourt, who is an actor of ability, gives an excellent impersonation of the Bishop's nephew. Miss Ethel Weyburn, who has a fine stage presence, gives a finished performance as the Duchess of Quenten. Miss Elspeth Hazar as Barbara, Miss Beatrice Bearcroft as Mrs. Hericourt, and Mr. Gilbert Heron as the Monsignor are successful. The Bishop's Move is preceded by the Screen Scene from The School for Scandal, which is excellently performed. A novelty that has been long looked forward to by the Cork music-loving public was Sousa's Band, and in every way it bore out the criticisms passed in all directions on Sousa and his men. Sousa gave a *matinée* performance on Monday to a crowded house. By the time that the performance commenced standing room was scarcely available. Mr. Sousa and his musicians, fresh from their journey from Windsor, where they played on Saturday night before the King and the Royal Family, were heartily applauded. The programme as arranged was finely performed, and the encores were generously responded to. No complaint can be made that Mr. Horgan, the local manager, is not catering well for Cork.

selections being of such a character as to bring out the strong points of the band while concealing its weaknesses. The Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav," which opened the concert, is a fine work in the best style of the great Russian composer, Tchaikowsky. This was certainly the best item on the programme; the funeral march theme was beautifully played by the bassoons, and the finale, based on the solemn strains of the Russian National Hymn, was splendidly given. Mr. Frank Helle contributed a couple of solos on the fluegelhorn, and proved himself an admirable performer on that difficult instrument. There was, however, little justification for alteration of Robandi's beautiful song, "Bright Star of Hope," better known as "Alla Stella Confidente," and for some reason or other the opening bars were very slightly flat. A soprano song following without interval a very brassy selection is rather trying to the soloist, but Miss Estelle Liebling, who possesses a soprano with a range up to high E flat, if we mistake not, was much applauded. The set of pieces in which, under the title of "Viummenoi Ostrow," Rubinstein attempted to portray some Russian Court scenes and personages, is both unequal in merit, and possibly for that reason was unequal in execution, but the finale was again very good. Another admirable Tchaikowsky selection was the "Capriccio Italian," while Meyer-Helmund's Rocco Serenade was principally remarkable for the opportunity it afforded of displaying the executive powers of various members of the band, mainly in the wood-wind department. Miss Maud Powell is an excellent violinist, and was warmly encored for her rendering of Le Clair's "Sarabande and Tambourine"; she was even better in her rendering of a Capriccio Irlandais, founded on St. Patrick's Day, which might have been, if it was not arranged by Papini. Her rendering of the difficult cadenza showed her high powers of technique, and her tone also is very good indeed. The only Wagner item was the well-known Introduction to Act III. of "Lohengrin," which was splendidly rendered, the grand climax being admirably worked up, and concluding in a magnificent volume of tone. Ample opportunity was afforded during the concert of forming a judgment of Mr. Sousa's merits as a composer. The items on the programme for which he was directly responsible may, perhaps, be described as programme music. The first was a suite, "Three Quotations," the aforesaid quotations being "The King of France marched, etc.," "And I too was born in Arcadia," and "Nigger on the wood pile"; the march, "Imperial Edward," dedicated to his Majesty the King, being presumably of the same class. Of the suite it is sufficient to say that the ideas suggested by the titles give poor warrant of anything but the commonplace, and as for the march, were it not that a few bars of the National Anthem are introduced, with no sufficient musical excuse either, there is nothing Imperial about it; it is simply a Sousa march, much like other Sousa marches, but by no means as good as the "Washington Post" or "El Capitan" either. But besides these there were half a dozen other well known compositions of the "March King," all of which displayed the same characteristics. One of the prettiest was a Spanish or Mexican waltz, which was charmingly played, though it scarcely received as much applause as a noisy production having some relation to coons. One fair member of the audience gushingly described Mr. Sousa's music as heavenly—and so it is—but it is a heaven in which the "Angel of the Slack-wire" and the "Queen of the Rolling-globe" are the bright particular stars. It is, indeed, impossible to imagine that Mr. Sousa's marches even would ever play any soldiers to any but a stage battle in front of the footlights. The atmosphere of the circus is everywhere, and even Sousa himself seems aware of it, for he conducts his own compositions in quite acrobatic fashion, in a manner in fact which we suspect has little to do with the ultimate result, for the band is composed of such excellent performers that they have long since passed beyond the stage when demonstrative directions are necessary or excusable. The moral of the concert, for it has a moral, is that the old world is not yet played out musically at any rate, and our energetic Yankee cousins have something yet to learn, while they can teach us little that is worth learning in the art of music, whatever they may accomplish in the art of business and advertisement.

"THE LADIES OF THE BALLET."

Yesterday Mr. William Forbes, who has just completed twenty-five years' missionary work in connection with the "Ladies of the Ballet" and chorus girls in the various centres, visited Dublin, and in the afternoon gave a tea meeting in the X.L. Cafe, 84 Grafton street. There was a very large attendance of ballet and chorus girls from the Theatre Royal and Gaiety Theatre, as well as some artists from the music-halls. The proceedings, which commenced with the service of tea, took the form of a social meeting, alternated with the singing of hymns and the delivery of bright spiritual addresses by Mr. Forbes, all of which were listened to with the greatest interest. When leaving each person present was presented by Captain Woodward, of the Empire Theatre, with a small Testament, in which several important passages were marked. It is interesting to note that the work of Mr. Forbes in connection with these branches of the "profession" also takes the form of visits to the sick, the relief of the distressed, and many other lines of succour—moral and physical.

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SOUSA'S BAND.

PERFORMANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Sousa, the incomparable conductor, composer, and story writer, and his band appeared at the Opera House yesterday afternoon. A widespread desire was shown to hear this remarkable corps of musicians and their more remarkable conductor. Half the seats in the Opera House were engaged previously, and when the performance began standing room was scarcely available. Mr. Sousa and his musicians, fresh from their journey from Windsor, where they played on Saturday night before the King and Royal Family, were heartily applauded, and the audience, expecting much, settled down to listen and enjoy themselves. There has been no band or conductor about which so much has been written as Sousa and his corps. The American Press agent, most industrious worker of his class, prepared the way for this and other tours. All the puffs enumerated by Sheridan were successfully employed, and Sousa, with many who had never seen this remarkable and resourceful man, was created a sort of musical demi-god, unique, and standing apart from other men. It must at once be conceded that most, if not all, the Press praise is deserved. It is almost impossible to write of Mr. Sousa and his band in an exaggerated strain; they are unrivalled, and in their line of art absolutely alone. On the first visit to England the band was received with such extraordinary enthusiasm that when the players returned to their homes the people began to feel ashamed, and said, "When they come again we will be appreciative, but more subdued." Yet the old story is being retold, the same scenes of enthusiasm are being witnessed, and Sousa and his companions are going up and down the land in triumph. The best equipped and most finished band which Cork people had previously an opportunity of hearing was the Berliner Orchester, who played during the Exhibition, and between the two corps inevitable contrasts will be made. They really have very little in common. In the music of the great masters some critics will consider the Berlin players superior, and, possibly, they are right. Wagner, played by the Sousa band, would not be the Wagner understood and loved by the German musicians, and the American conductor has been criticised for the introduction into his programmes of such pieces as one of Liszt's Hungarian rhapsodies, selections from Giordani's "Andrea Chenier," contributions by Rubinstein, and others. Yet in yesterday's programme the overture to "William Tell" and the largo from Dvorak's symphony "The New World" were included—these were classical enough—and they were played with a sympathy and effect that could not be excelled, or even equalled, by the Berliner Orchester. When, however, we come to march music, downright American tune, of the school which Mr. Sousa has created, the band stands absolutely apart from any other corps. They obtain results which cannot be surpassed. Yesterday's programme was made up of nine items, the encores numbered 11. The audience had only to ask and receive; there is no pretended diffidence on the part of the conductor, he scarcely leaves the rostrum when he returns to his place, and at once the band breaks into a jolly coon song or swinging march. The programme as arranged was as follows, and we will afterward enumerate the encores:—

1. Overture "William Tell" Rossini
2. Trombone Solo... "Love Thoughts" Pryor
3. Suite "Maidens Three" Sousa.
(a) The Coquette.
(b) The Summer Girl.
(c) The Dancing Girl.
4. Soprano Solo... "Indian Ball Song" (From "Lakme") Delibes.
Miss Estelle Liebling.
5. Largo from Symphony... "The New World" Dvorak.
6. Mosaic... "In the Realm of the Dance" Sousa.
7. (a) Novellette "Siziletta" von Blon.
(b) March "Imperial Edward" Sousa.
8. Violin Solo... "Zigeunerweisen" Sarasata.
Miss Maud Powell.
9. Plantation Songs and Dances Chambers.
Here were the encores to the different items—(1) March, "Stars and Stripes for Ever"; (2) "In Cellar Cool," or, as the bill displayed

at the back of the stage put it, "In the Deep Cellar;" (3) "Coon Band Contest" and "Washington Post;" (4) "The Nightingale;" (5) Godfrey's Irish Selection; (6) "El Capitan," "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," and "King Cotten" March; (7) "Invincible Eagle" March; (8) Fantasia on St. Patrick's Day. Noticing the rendering of this programme, it is almost impossible to write anything that can be regarded as excessive praise. It is a band composed of consummate artists, and completeness of ensemble constitutes its most striking quality. The famous overture to "William Tell" and the Dvorak excerpt were beautifully played, the brass in the latter having all the tone of an organ. But the marches, for nineteen out of twenty hearers, were "the thing," and their very familiarity in some cases seemed their highest recommendation. The stirring, swinging "Invincible Eagle," the perennial "Washington Post" and the well-defined rhythm of "Imperial Edward" (dedicated to the King), or "El Capitan" were played with a peculiar dash and spirit that was irresistible. In the suite "Maidens Three" and the mosaic "In the Realm of the Dance," founded on famous waltz themes, the rhythmical precision, the expression, the power, and the mass of this remarkable band were also revealed. In the humorous selection, "A Coon Contest," some novel effects were obtained. As instrumentalists, Sousa's players are practically all that can be desired. Constant association and practice have enabled them to play with the greatest precision—their work is distinctly emphatic and brilliant. Mr. Arthur Pryor, whom the Press agents describe as the highest paid bandsman in the world, is a remarkable trombonist. The audience wondered as they listened to this performer, who obtained from an instrument not usually associated with solo work, a richness of tone that was really astonishing. In both the quoted selections Mr. Pryor played with extraordinary dexterity and skill. Miss Estelle Liebling is a coloratura soprano, and her selections are apparently made with a view to exhibiting her peculiar qualities of voice. It is not a musical organ, but it is flexible, and the lady delights in roulades and show passages. Miss Maud Powell, the violinist of the party, is a brilliant executant, with a matured and finished style, and she was heartily applauded after each selection which she presented. In accompanying his singer or soloist, Sousa teaches a lesson to many conductors who over-ride and handicap the efforts of the single performer. In his case the orchestra accompany and assist the soloist. Sousa's conducting is strenuous and even eccentric. With almost playful gesture he leads and inspires his players, they understand his intentions, and he carried them off to unique success.

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NOTANDA.—Sousa and his band are to perform here on this (Thursday) evening the only public evening performance, so an overwhelming audience awaits them. The pictures are here at the Rotunda; also this week, "The Delhi Durbar" and "A Trip to the Moon" are amongst the records shown on the screen. The Empire Theatre, Messrs. H. Bishop's Moving Picture and E. Mouillot; Resident

SOUSA AT WINDSOR.—At Windsor Castle on Saturday night a command performance was given before His Majesty and the members of the Royal Family by Mr. J. P. Sousa and his American band. Besides the various items on the excellent programme, the band played, by His Majesty's desire, the "Washington Post," "Hands Across the Sea," "Down South," and "The Stars and Stripes for Ever." These were much appreciated. At the conclusion of the programme the King asked for another "coon" piece, which was given. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was also played at the request of His Majesty, who, together with the rest of the distinguished audience, stood throughout its performance. "God Save the King" brought the proceedings to a close.

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Sousa at Windsor.

Mr. Philip Sousa and his band are to be congratulated on their command performance at Windsor on Saturday last, and on their gracious reception and entertainment by the King. We read that the music rendered was warmly applauded by the Royal audience, and that at His Majesty's request the programme was entirely confined to American compositions. At the Queen's wish the "Stars and Stripes," "Hands across the Sea," the "Washington Post," and "Coon Band Contest" were given, whilst at the special desire of the King, "The Star Spangled Banner" was played, His Majesty and the rest of the audience standing during its performance. The King and Queen afterwards graciously conversed with Mr. and Mrs. Sousa, complimenting the former on the playing they had heard. We do not wish in any way to depreciate the success or merits of Mr. Sousa's band, or the type of music—excellent in its way—of which it is the exponent. But too much importance from a musical point of view should not be attached to this favourable reception and interest shown by the King. It is highly probable that His Majesty, with his usual tact and consideration of public interests, was actuated to a great extent by diplomatic motives. It is well known that our American cousins are not over-pleased with the turn affairs have taken in Venezuela, nor with the action of Germany in that quarter; and rightly or wrongly, we in some degree are implicated in our European neighbour's proceedings. This courteous reception of Mr. Sousa and his band by His Majesty may perhaps have the effect of pouring oil on troubled waters. In any case the Americans will fully appreciate the compliment paid them, as the King has no warmer admirers outside the Empire than they.

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Mr. Sousa and his band performed at Windsor Castle on Saturday night before the King and Queen. Each item of the programme was heartily applauded, and seven encores were demanded. In response to one the band played "Hands Across the Sea." At the close the Queen requested Mr. Sousa to give "The Star Spangled Banner," during the rendering of which all remained standing. This was followed by the National Anthem. Mr. Sousa was subsequently complimented by the King and Queen, and Mrs. Sousa was presented to their Majesties. In passing from the room the King bowed to the band, remarking of the performance, "Very fine! very fine!"

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By courtesy to Americans King Edward does his best to maintain cordial feelings between his own country and the United States. He gave a flattering reception to Mr. Sousa and his band at Windsor on Saturday, when Mr. Henry White, United States Chargé d'Affaires, was among his guests, and on Sunday General Miles, the Lieutenant-General commanding the United States army, who is on a tour round the world, dined with the royal family. General Miles met Lord Roberts on Monday at a dinner given by Mr. White at the Carlton.

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Sousa and his American Band, which last week in the course of its provincial tour visited Southport, Bolton, Sheffield, and other towns, have made arrangements to give another season in London at Easter. Last Saturday afternoon and evening the Band was to have given Concerts in Manchester, but these

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Provincial.

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- 2 Trombone Solo "Love's Enchantment".....Pryor
Mr. Arthur Pryor.
- 3 Suite....."Looking Upward".....Sousa
(a) By the Light of the Polar Star.
(b) Under the Southern Cross.
(c) Mars and Venus.
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Miss Estelle Liebling.
Flute Obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky.
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- 6 (a) Idyl....."In a Clock Store".....Orth
(b) Caprice....."The Passing of Rag Time".....Pryor
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Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and the members of the band were afterwards entertained to supper, at which the toast of "The King and Queen" was enthusiastically honoured, and subsequently they left Windsor by special sleeping car train for Chester, en route for Cork, via Holyhead. Before leaving Windsor, Mr. Sousa expressed to an interviewer the delight of himself and the band at their reception and the gracious treatment by the King and Queen and Royal family, and their delight also with all they witnessed at the Castle.

An eye-witness thus conveys his impressions to the *Daily News*:—

"To the programme several additions were made. Thus the performance began with 'God Save the King.' Then the first three appointed items were given, and each were heartily applauded. But Miss Liebling's trills in 'Thou Brilliant Bird' provoked special appreciation, cries of 'Bravo! Bravo!' arising. Amid this demonstration Lord Farquhar (Master of the Household) stepped across to Mr. Sousa with a slip of paper on which he had written the names of four pieces specially asked for by the King, the Queen, and the Princess of Wales. His Majesty wished to hear the 'Washington Post' and 'The Stars and Stripes for Ever.' Queen Alexandra asked for 'Hands Across the Sea,' and the Princess of Wales' request was for 'Down South.' In their very best form, Sousa and his band rendered these pieces, which wrought the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. And this enthusiasm developed as the remaining items in the programme were given. The 'Imperial Edward' March, in particular, provoked delight. This was the first time that the King had heard it played by the band, though it was 'run through' in his presence when, last summer, Mr. Philip Yorke secured august authority for the dedication. After 'In the Realm of the Dance' had been given, once more Lord Farquhar stepped across to Mr. Sousa. This time it was to inform him that his Majesty desired to hear another 'coon' piece, as well as the American National Anthem. Greatly elated at all these proofs of Royal approval, Mr. Sousa and his clever associates played 'The Coon Band Contest.' Then they broke into 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' the King and Queen and all others present standing throughout the performance. This item, according to the King's direction, was to have concluded the performance, but Mr. Sousa dared to be disobedient. On a sudden he turned and faced the Royal gathering, the band once more playing 'God Save the King'; and they played it with more fire, with more 'human electricity,' than they have probably ever before expended on the effort. Such was the dramatic conclusion of a memorable performance.

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VISIT TO BELFAST.

Belfast has at last had an opportunity of seeing and hearing Sousa and his band, and two of the largest audiences ever present in the Ulster Hall have been convinced that the famous combination is all it claims to be. It not infrequently happens that entertainers heralded with the greatest flourish of trumpets prove on closer acquaintance far from worthy of the esteem of a critical public, but in the case of the "March King" experience has proved the contrary. Sousa's fame preceded him, and Sousa, with that marvellous power that brought him into prominence years ago, has startled musical Belfast in a manner never before experienced in our midst. To say that the hall was crowded would, perhaps, be superfluous, for, from the moment the engagement was first announced the public wherever possible seemed determined not to lose the opportunity of witnessing the performance of what is deservedly spoken of as "unique amongst the world's musical organisations." Nothing else was so much discussed in musical circles for weeks past, and probably it will form the theme of much argument and criticism for some time to come.

The story of the Sousa Band is musical history. No other organisation in the world can boast of a record of accomplishments so imposing, and of a success so enormous and so enduring. During the ten years of its existence, the Sousa Band has given nearly 5,000 concerts in 393 weeks, playing in more than 670 different cities in the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland, necessitating travel equal to twelve times the circumference of the earth. Sousa has made his name and his music famous in every quarter of the globe, and he has advanced his particular form of musical art to the highest state of development it has ever known. And now for ten years has Sousa preached the gospel of melody throughout the length and breadth of the land. Twenty semi-annual concert tours have been made, five of which took his band into every State and territory in the United States. There is hardly a town of more than 10,000 inhabitants where Sousa has not been a visitor. No other musical organisation in the world has given more pleasure to as many music lovers at home and abroad, and no other conductor has so large and enthusiastic a following. Musical history does not chronicle an achievement approaching Sousa's, and it was with feelings of intense delight that between three and four thousand people yesterday afternoon hailed the brilliant conductor and his musicians. Every available seat in the balcony was occupied, and also in the unreserved and reserved areas and the platform. Sousa's appearance a few minutes after three o'clock was the signal for hearty applause. From the beginning his majestic personality, forceful conducting, and the fiery swing and verve of the music held the audience entranced, and no better proof of his triumph could be desired than the ready way in which the enthusiasm was manifested. The blending of the wood-wind and brass instruments was perfectly charming, showing that precision and accuracy begotten of tuition from a master mind. The supporting soloists, too, delighted the ear, and conspicuous in this respect was Mr. Arthur Pryor, a trombonist of rare excellence. He is the leading trombonist of the company, and when he treated his hearers to the beautiful composition "Love Thoughts" he brought out the harmony of the instrument is capable of producing with ease and grace that simply astonished the audience. In the encore piece, "In Cellar Cool," Mr. Pryor produced the notes with a richness of tone and mellowness that stamped him as an instrumentalist of the highest order. The programme set down for treatment was:—Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini); trombone solo, "Love Thoughts" (Pryor), Mr. Arthur Pryor; suite, "Maidens Three" (Sousa)—(a) The Coquette, (b) The Summer Girl, (c) The Dancing Girl; soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song" (from "Lakme") (Delibes), Miss Estelle Liebling; largo from symphony, "The New World" (Dvorak); mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa); (a) novellette, "Sizilietta" (von Blon), (b) march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa); violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell; plantation songs and dances (Chambers). These items were supplemented by encores which were demanded in almost each instance, Mr. Sousa courteously complying. From the overture to the concluding item the peculiar Sousaesque character-

which the band has acquired was in evidence. To watch Sousa himself in the course of his conducting was in itself an attraction not to be resisted. He seemed to possess tremendous power over his subordinates, who faithfully responded to his movements, the like of which has never been seen in Belfast. After the trombone solo just referred to, the suite "Maidens Three," arranged as follows:—(a) "The coquette," (b) "The summer girl," (c) "The dancing girl." Into this selection a truly abandon spirit was introduced, in which the audience was soon carried away, particularly in "The dancing girl," where the tambourines were manipulated with refreshing briskness. For an encore they gave "Coon band contest," and again "The Washington Post," the march which has made Sousa's name a household word throughout the land. The gaiety and lightness of the composition was never heard to greater advantage. Miss Estelle Liebling sang the "Indian Bell Song" and "Maid of the Meadow," in each of which she exercised to the full her magnificent soprano voice, and evoked the greatest applause. A largo from "The new world symphony" (Dvorak) was given by the band with great unity of expression. At times one imagined he was listening to a chime of well tuned bells, the music was so subdued and melodious. The playing of Godfrey's selection of Irish airs betrayed the same consummate art as in the other pieces, and the cornet solo, "The last rose of summer," was really sympathetic. Again and again in the second part were the players encored, especially Miss Maud Powell, whose violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen," was rapturously applauded. The closing item by the band further showed the finished artists. In their hands such old airs as "Swanee River" and "Kentucky Home" possessed a charm one would never think of associating with them. The rolling of the drums, blending with the depth of the combined bass instruments, gave great force and vigour to the selection, which brought to a close an entertainment which those who were present are not likely to soon forget. At night there was a fresh programme presented to a house filled to overflowing, large numbers having to be turned away for want of accommodation.

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SOUSA'S BAND IN GLASGOW.—It has long been the reproach of America that she has no distinctive art. So far, she has been mostly content to import her music and pictures, and, with a plentiful supply of dollars, she sees that what she buys is of the best quality. In this country the general public have been accustomed to associate home-made American music pretty much with Sankey, who, while having some qualities distinctive of his country, may be said to be the negation of art. In Sousa, roughly speaking, we have Sankey, minus evangelism, plus gilt and a double share of the American spirit. Sousa's is the art that "hustles." In a hundred little ways, yesterday's performance in the St Andrew's Hall smacked of America. Many people confess to having their musical dreams disturbed when, on raising their eyes to a concert platform, they see a few score of pleasant-looking gentlemen fiddling and blowing and smiting sheep-skin. So it was felt to be a step in the right direction when Wagner created the "mystic abyss" of Bayreuth, from which the sounds of the orchestra issue forth like a stream from a hidden source. Such a method one feels to be quite contrary to the American spirit. One cannot imagine Sousa and his expensive band in a mystic abyss. People go to see as well as to hear the "March King." Indeed, during the Exhibition visit not only were band and conductor visible to the eye, but, as each prominent theme was reached, the players to whom it was allotted sallied forth to the front, so that the audience could make no mistake in ascribing to the flutes some excellent piece of work done by the trombones. America not only gives us gorgeous sounds, but she shows us how the wheels go round. Yesterday afternoon, however, the band mostly remained in their places, an exception being made only in the case of the "Imperial Edward" March. It may be said that Mr Sousa has done everything that dollars can do. His machine is as perfect as possible, but it is only a machine and not a living organism. The renderings of the Largo from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony and the overture to "William Tell" brought no conviction to our mind, only serving to show how imperfectly clarinets can do the work of strings. As for the endless Sousa numbers, after one has given the music credit for a certain "leg-for-leg jollity," one has said all that is possible in its favour. In short, as a force in music Sousa and his band have not the faintest significance. Miss Maud Powell's performance of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" we quite enjoyed, although, after so much rather cheap noise it was difficult to attain the repose of mind necessary for the appreciation of delicate, artistic playing. Miss Estelle Liebling's showy singing lent variety to the entertainment. The crowded St Andrew's Hall showed that Sousa and his manager know at least how to run their show.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The King's Indisposition.

There was a feeling of anxiety in the air on Tuesday when it was announced that King Edward was suffering from a feverish chill, but confidence was restored on the following day when His Majesty's indisposition was ascertained to be due to a mild attack of influenza from which there was every reason to hope that he would be completely recovered in a few days. On the advice of his physicians, however, the King decided to give up his proposed visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth, where preparations for his reception had been made on a scale of unusual magnificence. The principal carriage drive and the beautiful grounds were to have been brilliantly illuminated, a distinguished party of guests were assembled to greet their Majesties, a theatrical performance was to have been given by well-known amateurs, and a week's programme of brilliant festivities had been arranged. Naturally the disappointment at Chatsworth has been keen in the extreme. His Majesty is now being medically attended by Sir Francis Laking, whose professional services to the Royal Family have extended over some years, he having attended the late Duke of Clarence during his last illness, and also the Duke of York during his dangerous attack of typhoid in 1891.

By Royal Command.

Last Saturday evening Mr. John Philip Sousa and his famous band—so well known in Paris—gave a "command performance" before the Court at Windsor Castle. The concert took place in the Waterloo Gallery and was an unqualified success. Besides King Edward and Queen Alexandra there were present the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Charles of Denmark, Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein, as well as the United States Chargé d'Affaires, and Mrs. Henry White, the Bishop of London, the Earl and Countess of Selborne, Sir Nicholas O'Connor and others. In a gallery at the back sat the servants of the Royal Household, and in another gallery, by the King's special desire, sat the Band of the Scots Guards. "I want them to hear Mr. Sousa's band", said His Majesty.

In addition to the regular programme several extra pieces were played by special desire of their Majesties. King Edward expressed a yearning to hear the "Washington Post" and "The Stars and Stripes for Ever", and having listened to both with evident enjoyment, rendered, as they were, in Sousa's best form, His Majesty proceeded to call for another "coon" piece. Then Queen Alexandra asked for "Hands Across the Sea", and the Princess of Wales's request was for "Down South". At the conclusion of the entertainment King Edward shook Mr. Sousa warmly by the hand and gave him to understand that he would shortly be wanted again, "when", said his Majesty, "we will have nothing but American music". By thus setting the seal of their Royal approval upon the famous conductor's peculiarly rollicking style of melody, it seems to us that their Majesties have conferred an inestimable boon upon that section of fashionable humanity that in its heart cherishes a sneaking affection for "toney" music but has not the moral courage to say so, and in future those of us who detest classical compositions but enjoy a good rousing tune will be able to frankly own up to the fact without risking social ostracism.

"ERA,"
Wellington Street, W.C.

MR JOHN PHILIP SOUSA and his band gave a "command" performance before the Court at Windsor Castle on Saturday. The audience included the King, the Queen, Princess Charles of Denmark, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein; while among those also present were the United States Chargé d'Affaires and Mrs Henry White, the Bishop of London, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, and the Earl and Countess of Selborne. At the conclusion the King shook Mr Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert and praising it highly. "And how long, Mr Sousa," asked his Majesty, "do you propose to remain in this country?" "Until May," the famous conductor replied. "Ah!" exclaimed the King, "then I want you here again, and next time we will have nothing but American music." Mrs Sousa was presented to the King and Queen, and then, as his Majesty was about to quit the apartment, he paused, and, turning to the band, bowed and said, "Very fine! Very fine!"

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On Saturday Mr. Sousa's American band played before the King and the Royal Family at Windsor, being brought specially from Sheffield.

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Sousa at Windsor.

Mr. Philip Sousa and his band are to be congratulated on their command performance at Windsor on Saturday last, and on their gracious reception and entertainment by the King. We read that the music rendered was warmly applauded by the Royal audience, and that at His Majesty's request the programme was entirely confined to American compositions. At the Queen's wish the "Stars and Stripes," "Hands across the Sea," the "Washington Post," and "Coon Band Contest" were given, whilst at the special desire of the King, "The Star Spangled Banner" was played, His Majesty and the rest of the audience standing during its performance. The King and Queen afterwards graciously conversed with Mr. and Mrs. Sousa, complimenting the former on the playing they had heard. We do not wish in any way to depreciate the success or merits of Mr. Sousa's band, or the type of music—excellent in its way—of which it is the exponent. But too much importance from a musical point of view should not be attached to this favourable reception and interest shown by the King. It is highly probable that His Majesty, with his usual tact and consideration of public interests, was actuated to a great extent by diplomatic motives. It is well known that our American cousins are not over-pleased with the turn affairs have taken in Venezuela, nor with the action of Germany in that quarter; and rightly or wrongly, we in some degree are implicated in our European neighbour's proceedings. This courteous reception of Mr. Sousa and his band by His Majesty may perhaps have the effect of pouring oil on troubled waters. In any case the Americans will fully appreciate the compliment paid them, as the King has no warmer admirers outside the Empire than they.

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The Court

THE KING has been suffering from a mild attack of influenza, which, at the last moment, prevented their Majesties from paying their promised visit to Derbyshire. During the past week the King and Queen had entertained large parties of visitors at Windsor Castle. On Saturday the King paid a private visit to town, driving up from Windsor to Buckingham Palace in his motor-car, and returning by train. There was a very large dinner-party in the evening, when Prince and Princess Christian and their daughters joined the Royal circle, and afterwards followed a "command" performance by Mr. Sousa's American band in the Waterloo Chamber, to which additional guests were invited. At the King's request various American pieces were played in addition to the programme. Next morning their Majesties, with the Royal Family and guests, attended the morning Service in the private chapel, where the Bishop of London preached, and in the afternoon some of the visitors left for town. The party did not break up definitely till Monday, when the King and Queen had intended to leave for Derbyshire, but deferred their departure owing to King Edward's cold. He was able to drive out in the morning, however, with the Prince of Wales and little Prince Edward, in order to plant some trees in the Datchet Road, re-named Edward the Seventh Road. His Majesty planted an elm, and the Prince and his young son followed suit, Prince Edward working with such vigour that he smothered the Mayor's boots with the soil, much to the King's amusement. Later in the day, the Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, went back to Sandringham, as their Majesties had intended to leave for Chatsworth next day. By the morning, however, King Edward had developed influenza, and although the attack was very mild, it was thought unwise for the King to travel. Accordingly, the visit was put off most reluctantly, the special train not being commandeered till after the doctor's visit, while even the Royal luggage had been sent on. The greatest disappointment prevailed at Chatsworth, where elaborate preparations had been made. Happily the King is going on most favourably, so that it is hoped he will soon be out again as usual. He has not even been confined to bed; but in view of his late severe illness, it was thought necessary to take precautions. For the present the King will stay quietly at Windsor, and it is hoped he will be quite well enough to carry out the State opening of Parliament next Tuesday week.

'Watchman! what of the night? what of the night?'

'The watchman saith, "The morning cometh!"'

Isaiah.

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The capture of the National Church by romanising priests.
The steady drift of the masses from organised Christianity.
The Judgment Day.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

TO OUR READERS.—We have to thank a good many of our friends for kindly attention to our Note last month, respecting remittances. But the majority have still to respond. Perhaps it will hasten them if we tell them that in addition to having to do nearly all the work, unpaid, the Editor still has to bear a yearly loss. Perhaps, also, if this were taken to heart by some who could afford it, two copies might be ordered instead of one.

TRUCULENT PRAYERS.—We intended to notice the extraordinary prayer ordered by the Chaplain-General for the Thanksgiving Services on the return of the fighters from South Africa. A good deal of it is unobjectionable, but what can we say of this horrid little petition? 'Settle the country which Thou hast conquered within us, and let no rebel thought disturb Thy peaceful reign.' Is not this John Bull all over? God it was who conquered the Republics and it is God who is looked-to to stop the very thoughts of 'rebels,' and our reign will, of course, be His reign. What does the prayer mean by 'settle the country within us'? 'Within us' probably alludes to the mass we have swallowed: and perhaps 'settle' means digest. What a 'Philistine' the real John Bull is! The hymns chosen included 'New every morning is the love,' and 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.'

SOUSA'S BAND.—We confess to having found Sousa's Band entertaining and occasionally delightful. The noise is usually ample to satisfy the most exuberant rowdy-jingo, but it is a sensation, and so far is entertaining, for once. The overture to Rossini's 'William Tell' was nobly done, with abundant grasp, breadth, precision and 'colour.'

The folly of the performance was a Sousa 'Imperial Edward' March, and we suspect Sousa of satire. The whole thing was a brazen bit of bounce, modified by pantomime. In the middle of the March, a row of trumpeters bobbed up and played one bar of 'God save the King' and then bobbed down and blared; and at the close, the whole of the brass got up, marched in a row to the front of the platform, stuck their instruments in the faces of the audience and simply blared. We thought we heard Sousa laugh and say:—'There, you blatant Imperial bullies, that is how you look to me,—brazen, strident, insolent, mad!'

THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.—After an absence of about twenty years, we have again visited the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park:—a shocking spectacle! It is true there are a

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SOUSA BAND CONCERTS.

The first of the Sousa Band Concerts in the Theatre Royal on Tuesday afternoon attracted a great audience, and if one may judge from the applause which followed every selection in the programme, entertained and pleased the public. Undoubtedly the Sousa Band is well worth hearing. It is neither a revelation nor a marvel; but its work is sound and conscientious, and it is difficult to conceive of a much better rendering than it gives of any works which Sousa puts into his programme. When one comes to speak of bands, one's judgment must be influenced by comparison. Now, obviously, it would be unjust to compare Sousa's with the Hallé, or, indeed, with any band which employs strings. Sousa's effects are produced by means of a judicious combination of wood-winds and brass. The nearest approach to such a combination is a military band, though in the average military band there is this striking difference that the proportion of the brass to wood-winds is as a rule greater. Yet, despite the disadvantage consequent upon preponderance of brass, we have heard military bands which could more closely simulate orchestral playing than the Sousa Band. It does not, however, follow that Sousa's is not an excellent band. On the contrary, we recognise not only in the training and discipline, but in the all-round performance of his players a great deal that suggests genius. The individual performers appear to be artists, and the general effect of their work is delightful. From this it follows that Sousa, who inspires and directs them is himself an artist. His instrumentalists are so thoroughly trained that they play as if each instrument were sounded by one breath and fingered by one hand responsive to the same emotional impulse.

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The Sousa function at Windsor on Saturday was managed by Mr. Philip Yorke of the Tivoli.

"REFEREE,"

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When "the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la," peep out on the Savoy Embankment, a bust of Sir Arthur Sullivan may be expected to make its appearance amongst them. Is as it should be, tra-la!—That Mr. "Washington Post" Sousa possesses a lively imagination and inventive ability long been perceived, but, judging by his story, entitled "Fifth String," in the current number of the *Windsor Magazine*, his literary are as great as his musical qualifications. Its creepy tale dealing with the diabolical, but it holds the a

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Sousa and His Band.

They gave an afternoon and evening concert in the Cambridge Hall on Tuesday last, no fewer than fourteen encore numbers being added to the programme. Miss Maud Powell's violin playing, always delightful, was a very pleasant relief.

SOUSA'S BAND IN ABERDEEN.

At last the public of Aberdeen have had an opportunity of hearing the famous Sousa and his no less famous band. Many and conflicting have been the reports that have preceded them; and now that we have heard them we can well understand why it should be so. To the musical public with a taste educated to enjoy the symphonies, concertos, rhapsodies, etc., of the great masters as produced by such a body as the Scottish Orchestra, the music rendered by Sousa's band would appeal in a very limited degree; while the larger public that loves simple melodies and bright and sparkling music with plenty of noise and "go" in it would revel in the dash and verve and abandon of the American combination. In its own way, the band is perfect. Each member is a master of his own instrument, and the conductor has an original style of wielding the baton which certainly conduces to one's enjoyment as well as amusement. The mathematical precision with which every point is taken up and carried out is little short of marvellous. In fact, we saw and heard last night a band brought to as great perfection as is possible. The whole performance was intensely American—no false modesty, no keeping of individual players in the background, but plenty of spectacular effect and brilliance. Encores were granted very liberally. A programme of nine items was increased to one of twenty-three. Altogether, the novelty of the performance formed one of its chief attractions.

In the programme, both in the afternoon and in the evening, there were many compositions of the conductor. And this was as it ought to be, for we went there chiefly to hear and see Sousa. His marches have the true military ring about them—you can hear the tread of feet all through them. "Imperial Edward"—given at both performances yesterday—is one of Sousa's best pieces of work. It was encored repeatedly. The suite "Maidens Three"—(a) "The Coquette," (b) "The Summer Girl," (c) "The Dancing Girl"—was very bright and attractive. The Largo from Dvorak's well-known symphony "The New World" was one of the finest things done by the band. The encore to this was a most ingenious combination, "The Rose, the Shamrock, and the Thistle," in which "Soldiers of the Queen," "The Minstrel Boy," "He is an Englishman," and "Where and oh where?" were introduced and played against each other with wonderful skill. Another suite by Sousa, "Looking Upward"—(a) "By the Light of the Polar Star," (b) "Under the Southern Cross," (c) "Mars and Venus"—was full of tuneful music. One must not forget to mention the "Plantation Songs and Dances" (Chambers) and various other nigger ditties. The rendering of them was most realistic and delightful.

The trombonist, Mr Arthur Pryor, has not been overpraised. Never, probably, has such wonderful playing on a trombone been heard. While his own compositions "Love Thoughts" and "Love's Enchantment" were marvellous performances and showed what can be done with a trombone, his rendering of "My Old Kentucky Home" and the hackneyed "Honeysuckle and the Bee" will linger long in the memory. Miss Maud Powell is an artiste of rare power and quality. Her technique was very clever, while the delicacy of her playing and the beauty of tone produced were exceedingly fine, forming one of the most enjoyable features of the concert. Miss Estelle Lieblich has a fine soprano voice, which showed well in the songs she sang—"Indian Bell Song" from "Lakma" (Delibes), "Thou Brilliant Bird" (David), and "The Nightingale." Mr Marshall Lufsky played the flute obligato to "Thou Brilliant Bird" in a most masterly fashion.

VISIT OF SOUSA'S BAND.

Sousa's famous band made its first appearance in Aberdeen yesterday, giving afternoon and evening performances in the Music Hall. To those of us whose knowledge of the band was confined to wonderful tales gleaned from visitors to the recent Glasgow Exhibition, the visit was fraught with considerable interest. If, to the expectant ones, yesterday's performances fell short of the ideal the difference in conditions must be considered. One cannot carry one's critical spirit right through an exhibition, and, when to several other things that please is added Sousa's Band, the cup of enjoyment overflows. Sousa's combination is said to be the perfect exposition (or, in English, exhibition) band, and no one will deny it. It is frankly a popular band; it is the apotheosis of rhythm and precision; to treat it seriously as a musical force would be absurd. Every musician is bound to confess a preference for Sousa in what may be called his lighter moments, for it is in the various forms of march and dance that he is found at his best. Seriousness is fatal to his form of entertainment; one can enjoy the dash and vigour of Sousa's marches and become enthusiastic over the precision and expertise of his instrumentalists without thinking of higher art; and, after all, there is no little art in the perfection to which Sousa has brought the performances of his forces. Even if the strong points are the elements of music—richness, brilliancy, and power of tone, combined with strong rhythmic accentuation and absolute precision of attack—the music is bracing, and its rendering is characteristically fresh and American. The trail of sensationalism is, no doubt, over it all, but it claims credit for nothing more than it really is, and is therefore, as an American product, worthy of our consideration. Mr Sousa's mannerisms, it may be said, have been considerably magnified. Eccentricities he certainly has, but not to any greater extent than has been displayed, on the same platform, by a bandmaster in the British Army.

Last night's programme, while not very extensive at the outset, was swelled to a prolonged performance by the "Sousa encores," of which somewhere about ten were given. The heaviest items on the list were Berlioz's "Carneval Romaine" overture and Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody." Berlioz's overture in its orchestral form is quite a marvel of ingenuity and picturesque effect, but the military band version is rather a tame affair. One could admire the beautiful playing of the cor Anglais solo, and much of the wild fun and noise of the composition was brought out, but, without strings, it was impossible to produce the warmth of this musical picture of the Roman Carnival. The Liszt Rhapsody, on the other hand, was a most interesting and enjoyable performance. The colder and more virtuosic nature of the music, together with the fact that our experience of it has always been confined to piano renderings, gave new life and colour to its performance by the band. The arrangement was a masterly one, and it was played in masterly fashion. Among other numbers was a suite by Mr Sousa entitled "Looking Upward." The titles of the individual numbers were "By the Light of the Polar Star," "Under the Southern Cross," and "Mars and Venus," which sounded very pretty, but were quite devoid of application. The music, beyond that it was somewhat more elaborately scored, did not differ from Mr Sousa's other compositions. The trombone soloist, Mr Arthur Pryor, proved to be a player of remarkable ability. His execution is wonderful and his tone is superb from top to bottom of a very extended compass. Pryor's solo, a composition of his own, was entitled "Love's Enchantments"—rather a delicate theme for trombone treatment, but wonderfully effective in the softness and sweetness of Mr Pryor's tone. The vocalist, Miss Estelle Lieblich, a soprano with a flexible and well-trained voice, sang "Thou brilliant bird" (David) with neatness and effect, and had to respond to an encore. The violinist, Miss Maud Powell, an uncommonly capable and talented artiste, played the Andante and Finale from the Mendelssohn Concerto. The heaviness of the accompaniment, especially in the Andante, caused Miss Powell to force her tone a good deal, but her performance was, nevertheless, an exceedingly fine one. Recalled, she gave a splendid rendering of Vieuxtemps's arrangement of "St Patrick's Day." The Music Hall was crowded with a thoroughly enthusiastic audience, and the concert was in every way successful.

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND IN DUNDEE

The appearance of the great John Philip Sousa in the Kinnaird Hall yesterday scarcely attracted audiences so large as might have been expected. In the afternoon there was a fair house—for an afternoon—but in the evening the attendance was distinctly disappointing. Much enthusiasm, however, prevailed, and the programme, which in each case consisted of only nine numbers, was, by encores, almost doubled.

Mr Sousa's band consists of about sixty players, comprising woodwinds, brasses, and percussion instruments. Each player is a past master of his special instrument, and the results of years of combined work are obvious in the perfectly harmonious ensemble. Of course, the band cannot, because of its composition, be compared with a full orchestra, yet the realisation of orchestral effects and the imitation of instruments not in the band are truly marvellous.

A specially prominent and enjoyable feature of a Sousa concert is the rapidity with which everything moves along. Only a second intervenes between the time of the conductor stepping upon the platform and the first beat of the number to be played; there is scarcely a pause between any two numbers, and there is no time wasted in persuading the conductor to give an encore. As soon as the audience evinces a desire for more, Mr Sousa gives it then—or leaves the platform.

Each of the programmes contained items which might be called classical, and these were perhaps the least satisfactory from the point of view of comparison. Rossini's "William Tell" Overture, the Largo from Dvorak's Symphony, "From the New World"—quite fitting in a concert by an American band—Berlioz's "Carneval Romaine" Overture, and Liszt's Second Rhapsody, despite the cleverness of the arrangement and the brilliance of the performance, lose something from the absence of strings. The Liszt number, with its warm colour and whirling energy of movement, was the most stirring of these "classical" items.

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SOUSA'S BAND IN ABERDEEN.

At last the public of Aberdeen have had an opportunity of hearing the famous Sousa and his no less famous band. Many and conflicting have been the reports that have preceded them; and now that we have heard them we can well understand why it should be so. To the musical public with a taste educated to enjoy the symphonies, concertos, rhapsodies, etc., of the great masters as produced by such a body as the Scottish Orchestra, the music rendered by Sousa's band would appeal in a very limited degree; while the larger public that loves simple melodies and bright and sparkling music with plenty of noise and "go" in it would revel in the dash and verve and abandon of the American combination. In its own way, the band is perfect. Each member is a master of his own instrument, and the conductor has an original style of wielding the baton which certainly conduces to one's enjoyment as well as amusement. The mathematical precision with which every point is taken up and carried out is little short of marvellous. In fact, we saw and heard last night a band brought to as great perfection as is possible. The whole performance was intensely American—no false modesty, no keeping of individual players in the background, but plenty of spectacular effect and brilliance. Encores were granted very liberally. A programme of nine items was increased to one of twenty-three. Altogether, the novelty of the performance formed one of its chief attractions.

In the programme, both in the afternoon and in the evening, there were many compositions of the conductor. And this was as it ought to be, for we went there chiefly to hear and see Sousa. His marches have the true military ring about them—you can hear the tread of feet all through them. "Imperial Edward"—given at both performances yesterday—is one of Sousa's best pieces of work. It was encored repeatedly. The suite "Maidens Three"—(a) "The Coquette," (b) "The Summer Girl," (c) "The Dancing Girl"—was very bright and attractive. The Largo from Dvorak's well-known symphony "The New World" was one of the finest things done by the band. The encore to this was a most ingenious combination, "The Rose, the Shamrock, and the Thistle," in which "Soldiers of the Queen," "The Minstrel Boy," "He is an Englishman," and "Where and oh where?" were introduced and played against each other with wonderful skill. Another suite by Sousa, "Looking Upward"—(a) "By the light of the Polar Star," (b) "Under the Southern Cross," (c) "Mars and Venus"—was full of tuneful music. One must not forget to mention the "Plantation Songs and Dances" (Chambers) and various other nigger ditties. The rendering of them was most realistic and delightful.

The trombonist, Mr Arthur Pryor, has not been overpraised. Never, probably, has such wonderful playing on a trombone been heard. While his own compositions "Love Thoughts" and "Love's Enchantment" were marvellous performances and showed what can be done with a trombone, his rendering of "My Old Kentucky Home" and the hackneyed "Honeysuckle and the Bee" will linger long in the memory. Miss Maud Powell is an artiste of rare power and quality. Her technique was very clever, while the delicacy of her playing and the beauty of tone produced were exceedingly fine, forming one of the most enjoyable features of the concert. Miss Estelle Liebbling has a fine soprano voice, which showed well in the songs she sang—"Indian Bell Song" from "Lakma" (Delibes), "Thou Brilliant Bird" (David), and "The Nightingale." Mr Marshall Lufsky played the flute obligato to "Thou Brilliant Bird" in a most masterly fashion.

VISIT OF SOUSA'S BAND.

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Last night's programme, while not very extensive at the outset, was swelled to a prolonged performance by the "Sousa encores," of which somewhere about ten were given. The heaviest items on the list were Berlioz's "Carnaval Romaine" overture and Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody." Berlioz's overture in its orchestral form is quite a marvel of ingenuity and picturesque effect, but the military band version is rather a tame affair. One could admire the beautiful playing of the four Angliis solo, and much of the wild fun and noise of the composition was brought out, but, without strings, it was impossible to produce the warmth of this musical picture of the Roman Carnival. The Liszt Rhapsody, on the other hand, was a most interesting and enjoyable performance. The colder and more virtuosic nature of the music, together with the fact that our experience of it has always been confined to piano renderings, gave new life and colour to its performance by the band. The arrangement was a masterly one, and it was played in masterly fashion. Among other numbers was a suite by Mr Sousa entitled "Looking Upward." The titles of the individual numbers were "By the Light of the Polar Star," "Under the Southern Cross," and "Mars and Venus," which sounded very pretty, but were quite devoid of application. The music, beyond that it was somewhat more elaborately scored, did not differ from Mr Sousa's other compositions. The trombone soloist, Mr Arthur Pryor, proved to be a player of remarkable ability. His execution is wonderful and his tone is superb from top to bottom of a very extended compass. Pryor's solo, a composition of his own, was entitled "Love's Enchantments"—rather a delicate theme for trombone treatment, but wonderfully effective in the softness and sweetness of Mr Pryor's tone. The vocalist, Miss Estelle Liebbling, a soprano with a flexible and well-trained voice, sang "Thou brilliant bird" (David) with neatness and effect, and had to respond to an encore. The violinist, Miss Maud Powell, an uncommonly capable and talented artiste, played the Andante and Finale from the Mendelssohn Concerto. The heaviness of the accompaniment, especially in the Andante, caused Miss Powell to force her tone a good deal, but her performance was, nevertheless, an exceedingly fine one. Recalled, she gave a splendid rendering of Vieuxtemps's arrangement of "St Patrick's Day." The Music Hall was crowded with a thoroughly enthusiastic audience, and the concert was in every way a success.

SOUSA AND HIS BAND IN DUNDEE

The appearance of the great John Philip Sousa in the Kinnaird Hall yesterday scarcely attracted audiences so large as might have been expected. In the afternoon there was a fair house—for an afternoon—but in the evening the attendance was distinctly disappointing. Much enthusiasm, however, prevailed, and the programme, which in each case consisted of only nine numbers, was, by encores, almost doubled.

Mr Sousa's band consists of about sixty players, comprising woodwinds, brasses, and percussion instruments. Each player is a past master of his special instrument, and the results of years of combined work are obvious in the perfectly harmonious ensemble. Of course, the band cannot, because of its composition, be compared with a full orchestra, yet the realisation of orchestral effects and the imitation of instruments not in the band are truly marvellous.

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Messrs. Chappell, Ltd., write:—

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1. The obligation upon street hawkers to possess a license, as is necessary in the case of peddlars who hawk from house to house.

2. The imposing of a moderate penalty of so much a copy upon all contraband copies found in the possession of hawkers.

3. The power to obtain a search warrant, where proof is forthcoming that contraband music is being printed or warehoused on premises to which access is not otherwise obtainable.

4. The passing of a measure that would make it an indictable offence to sell, or expose for sale, in the streets or elsewhere, any printed matter that does not contain the name and address of a responsible printer and publisher.

It cannot be impressed too strongly upon the public generally, that the present agitation is not a trade or class agitation, but a question of broad principle. Composers and owners of copyright generally, are just as much entitled to Government relief or the protection of their property as any other citizens, and we personally mean to agitate until this intolerable scandal is dealt with. Meanwhile, the licensed robbery that exists in our streets can only tend to hold up the legislation to contempt and ridicule, and is a positive menace to public morals.

We notice that one or two of your correspondents, in their eagerness to find an excuse for the class of thief who is devoting his energies to the theft of copyright music, are endeavouring to draw a red-herring across the scent of the real issue that lies before the public. It is urged, to start with, that it is ridiculous to publish a popular song, or piece of music, at 1s. 4d., when book publishers can afford to publish a popular novel at 6d. per copy. Your ingenious correspondents forget to mention that a novel is never issued in a cheap form until the sale of a more expensive edition is practically exhausted. They also forget to point out that a popular novel, unless it be a classic, once read is thrown aside for ever, while a copy of a popular song will be in constant daily use for six months, or a year, or longer. When popular songs have exhausted their first run of popularity they are issued in cheap albums by the publishers themselves, as anyone can see by turning to the Cavendish Music Books, the Westminster Albums, and other well-known series.

Even were this not so, the publisher has a perfect right to issue his publications at what price he pleases, and, if he asks too much, the public can punish him by letting him severely alone. The fact that will have to be grasped by everybody is that musical property is just as much entitled to the protection of the Government of a civilised country as is any other property belonging to any private member of the community, and we ourselves are determined to maintain this attitude until the rights of music owners have been recognised.

The following letters, also addressed to the *Telegraph*, are to the point. Paul A. Rubens writes:—

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Colony in London turned out in great numbers for a concert of the Sousa band on Friday night. The combination achieved something like a record, for they reached England on Friday morning, yet in the evening they took their places in Queen's Hall, betraying none of the effects of fatigue and subsequent scamper across England. Of the concert it is somewhat difficult to speak. For myself, I must confess leaving the hall possessed of decidedly mixed opinions. A combination which can play the better and higher forms of music which were included in the programme with such skill and expression, and almost in the same breath perform such indifferent melody as the "Sunflower and the Sun" is somewhat of a puzzle—and must remain so. One thing the performance does help to do—and that is to explain the contempt of the true musician for the melodist as such. The official programme at a Sousa concert is of course merely a sketch of the evening's proceedings, and encores were enthusiastically demanded and granted with a lavish hand. The band gave artistic renderings of a "portrait," "Kammenoi Ostrow" (Rubinstein), Mascagni's "Dance Esotica," and a "Country Dance," by Nevin. The "Imperial Edward" march, by Sousa, was vociferously re-demanded. But why, in the repetitions, should almost the full force of the brass line the front of the platform and, assisted by snare drums, hurl the closing theme at the audience? Mr. Arthur Pryor proved what an artistic instrument the trombone may become in the hands of an expert, and was encored for his performance of "Love's Enchantment." Miss Estelle Liebling sang David's "Thou Brilliant Bird" with skill and taste, and as an encore gave "The Nightingale"; and Miss Maud Powell, solo violinist, played charmingly a fantasia on airs from "Faust," by Wieniawski, and received the inevitable encore. Mr. Sousa's suite "Looking Upward," is a pleasing composition, and proves the "March King" capable of better things than mere march writing. Possibly there is a parallel here to Sir Arthur Sullivan—"not what I would but what I have." The last item was "Chase of the Lion," a grand galop de cava, frankly an appeal to the gallery, concluding with—a revolver

to suppress the illegal disposal of copyright compositions on the sidewalk. The bill was drafted so inadequately that I, for one, proposed a strenuous opposition on its third reading. I was appeased by the argument that if we asked for all we knew would be effective we would get nothing at all. It is obvious to many, nevertheless, that, while giving us this sop of legislative protection, the Bill merely furnishes the pirate with means to defeat its operation. It is, in point of fact, a catalogue of restrictions on the procedure of any man who claims protection for his copyright. Prior to the passing of this Act certain copyright owners took what is known as the law into their own hands. What they did then to suppress piracy was, although technically illegal, much more effective, because of its summary process. Even then, all that accrued from a successful publication was frittered away in the employment of detectives, lawyers, counsel, and agents to discover the thief and bring him to court. At the same time, the indefiniteness of the law discouraged the pirate from retaliation, and, further, a certain vagueness in the procedure, through the novelty of the position, caused judges and magistrates to concede points in favour of the publisher. The hawker, however, was always assumed to be an innocent agent, and immune from interruption in his illegal trade, so that, although the printer was "injuncted," the hawker remained disposing of his prints for weeks afterwards, his supply coming to him mysteriously, but never exhausted. The source remained—and does to-day—as secret as the best-conducted haunt of the Nihilist. Then came the operation of the new Act. This measure explains away all indefiniteness to both printer and magistrate. The pirate knows now what not to do; the magistrate, under the guidance of the Act, supports him in his proceedings. The thief is protected by the law.

Ivan Caryll writes:—

After many years' residence in this country, I must confess that for the first time I have met with an example of English law that compares unfavourably with law upon the Continent. In Paris, were a thief to appropriate the work of my brains and sell it in the public streets in defiance of all law and order, the police would lose very little time in walking the gentleman off to gaol, and so making it impossible for him to pursue his barefaced robbery with impunity.

I do not imagine the law itself permits the sale of pirated music in this country, but it seems extraordinary, if it does not, that the arm of the law is not strong enough to enforce its authority. It appears I am powerless to seize or prevent the sale of the hundreds of copies of my music, including popular selections from "The Toreador," "The Runaway Girl," and other Gaiety successes, that are being sold at the corner of every street for the literal price of waste paper.

I cannot believe that the Government will not realise very shortly that this scandalous state of things calls at once for police interference and for a Police Act, regulating the dealings of these hawkers.

I beg you to use your powerful influence to enable us to defend the property upon which depends our means of livelihood. I cannot understand why ours is the only class of property that apparently may be stolen with impunity.

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SOUSA'S BAND IN FALKIRK.—None too frequently is an opportunity afforded the public of Falkirk of hearing or witnessing the performance of those in the profession of public entertainers who have raised themselves to the highest position in the particular department to which they have lent their talents. It was therefore with much interest and expectancy that the music-loving people of the town and district looked forward to the visit of Sousa and his world-famous band, and to the two concerts which were given in the Town Hall, Falkirk, yesterday afternoon and evening. Musicians are somewhat of a rarity in Falkirk, and it may be taken as a sufficient indication of the public's readiness to appreciate the exceptional nature of the entertainment provided for them, and the popularity of the "March King" and the musical combination which bears his name, that so many were found to turn out at an unaccustomed time. And while the attendance in the afternoon was a large and representative one, the performance in the evening, being at an hour more convenient to the bulk of the community, drew an audience which filled every available corner of the hall. On both occasions the programme submitted was in similar form, and was as follows:—

Overture—"William Tell".....Rossini.

Trombone solo—"Love Thoughts".....Pryor.

Mr Arthur Pryor.

Suite—"Maidens Three".....Sousa.

Soprano solo—"Indian Bell Song".....Delibes.

From "Lakine."

Miss Estelle Liebling.

Largo from Symphony—"The New World".....Dvorak.

Mosaic—"In the Realm of the Dance".....Sousa.

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(2) March—"Imperial Edward".....Sousa.

Viola Solo—"Zigeunerweisen".....Sarasate.

Miss Maud Powell.

Plantation Songs and Dances.....Chambers.

If the performance is almost unnecessary to say anything save that it was in keeping with the high reputation of the Sousa Band, and of greater praise than that there need not be. A striking feature of the band is its remarkable beauty of tone. It seems to combine all the best qualities of the military band and the orchestra, whilst every now and again there are produced some strikingly rich and novel effects which cannot be reached by the military band or orchestra alone. The chief characteristic of the combination appears to be its marvellous composition, organisation, and discipline, and their performance might almost be likened to that of one many-sounding and sweet-sounding instrument. Each item of the programme appeared to receive a more admirable and tuneful rendering than that which preceded it, and all in their turn met with the enthusiastic appreciation of the audience. Encores were demanded on every occasion, and, with ready courtesy, Mr.

Sousa responded to the requests, amongst the extra numbers given being:—"El Capitan," "In the Deep Cellar," "Coon Band Contest," "Washington Post," and "Stars and Stripes for Ever." Miss Estelle Liebling was recalled for her brilliant singing of the "Indian Bell Song," whilst Miss Maud Powell by her magnificent interpretation of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" earned the hearty plaudits of the audience and a cordial encore. Altogether the concerts, as was to be expected, were of the most excellent and enjoyable description, and our townsman, Mr. M. Wilson, to whom the public of Falkirk have been indebted for not a few high-class entertainments being brought to the town, is to be congratulated on the success of this, his latest and greatest enterprise.

Musical Piracies.

TO THE EDITOR OF "MUSICAL NEWS."

SIR,—There are pirates and pirates. Mr. Sousa, who bursts out with a personal grievance in that he gets no profit from the illegitimate sale of some of his music by our London street-sellers, is silent when the other side of the argument is put before him. I have before me, as I write, a Yankee production, containing in its 200 pages a number of copyright pieces not first composed and printed in America, and so, according to the U.S. law, entitled to no protection. This precious publication escaped the attention of our Customs officers, whose direction is to destroy such productions; it is sufficient evidence of what Yankee pirates think of rights. Nor is this alone. I see advertised on its covers another like issue containing all the popular songs of the day, words, music, and accompaniments. It is rather a pity that Mr. Sousa, in his triumphant progress in our hospitable islands, cannot find time to tell us what he thinks of the open piracy practised in his native land.

ITU QUOQUE.

SHEFFIELD.—The City Police Band, on January 29th, and Mr. Sousa's Band on the 30th, opened the second part of the present concert season, and were followed, on the 3rd instant, by the third Harrison concert. Each of these, appealing to a different class of audience, had a fair measure of success.—On the 6th February Miss Lillias Hawson gave an elocutionary recital, assisted by Mr. George F. Cawthorne and Miss Clara North. Mr. Cawthorne is one of our most able and tactful accompanists, and on such occasions as these proves himself an excellent solo pianist as well.—At the Sheffield Sunday School Union Festival held on Monday, 9th February, a curious variety was provided by a large chorus—some 500 strong—made up largely of children's voices, under Dr. Coward, organ solos by Mr. J. W. Phillips, and a mandoline band. H. A.

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intention whatever of forsaking the English stage. She has lately been engaged to play the Red-haired Girl in *The Light that Failed*.

When she was still a schoolgirl she played in German before the German Embassy, and, of course, her accent leaves nothing to be desired; but she always *thinks* in English, even while on the stage, and therefore finds acting in German less easy than would be imagined.

She had an odd experience on *Mafeking Night*, when she happened to be playing in Birmingham. The news of the relief had not reached the management, but it drifted into the house through a man in the gallery. Consequently, in the middle of the second act, while Miss Halstan was speaking, a terrific clapping began, mingled with shouts. The frightened actors and actresses stopped short, wondering what on earth was the matter, and thinking that the audience had taken offence at the acting, and had chosen this drastic method of stopping it! For fully five minutes the noise continued. Before it was quite over, the actors tumbled to the situation, and at last peace reigned once more, and the play went on without further interruption.



Sousa as composer and conductor we all know but Sousa as sportsman and athlete comes as a surprise. The March King, however, is one of the most active men on record, and includes baseball, tennis, cycling, boxing, and bag-punching among his gentle (?) recreations. He is a crack shot, and always carries a gun in his trunk when on tour, so as not to miss the opportunity of getting any sport which may arise.



Photo by Foulsham & Bonfield.
Miss Margaret Halstan is to play in Mr. Forbes Robertson's company in *"The Light that Failed."*



Photo by the Biograph Studio.
London has lately been delighted with the crisp march-music of Mr. John Philip Sousa.

"Coon" songs, with their "honeys" and "piccaninnies" and "ma babies," are popular with us still, and when Sousa was last over here they were even then in high favour. A story is told of an English lady who asked the March King to tell her about the coons of his native country and their sweet singing, by their cabin doors, in the silver moonlight.

"Do you mean the coons who wear cart-wheel hats on the backs of their heads, and knickerbockers on one leg and trousers on the other?" said Sousa.

"Yes," said the lady.

"And who walk like your coster men from the East End of London?"

"Yes," said the lady.

"Then," said Sousa, "when I go again into the country where they are supposed to live I'll search about for a real one, and let you know all about him. I have certainly spent many years in coonland, but I have never come across a coon!"



PRETTY MISS WINIFRED ARTHUR JONES, who has lately become Mrs. Leslie Faber, has played chiefly on tour. Her first London appearance was in *Ulysses*, in which she played Athene during the absence of Miss Nancy Price. She made a big hit, however, in *Chancé, the Idol*, as

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SOUSA'S BAND.

PERFORMANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Sousa, the incomparable; conductor, composer, and story writer, and his band appeared at the Opera House yesterday afternoon. A widespread desire was shown to hear this remarkable corps of musicians and their more remarkable conductor. Half the seats in the Opera House were engaged previously, and when the performance began standing room was scarcely available. Mr Sousa and his musicians, fresh from their journey from Windsor, where they played on Saturday night before the King and Royal Family, were heartily applauded, and the audience, expecting much, settled down to listen and enjoy themselves. There has been no band or conductor about which so much has been written as Sousa and his corps. The American Press agent, most industrious worker of his class, prepared the way for this and other tours. All the puffs enumerated by Sheridan were successfully employed, and Sousa, with many who had never seen this remarkable and resourceful man, was created a sort of musical demi-god, unique, and standing apart from other men. It must at once be conceded that most, if not all, the Press praise is deserved. It is almost impossible to write of Mr Sousa and his band in an exaggerated strain; they are unrivalled, and in their line of art absolutely alone. On the first visit to England the band was received with such extraordinary enthusiasm that when the players returned to their homes the people began to feel ashamed, and said, "When they come again we will be appreciative, but more subdued." Yet the old story is being retold, the same scenes of enthusiasm are being witnessed, and Sousa and his companions are going up and down the land in triumph. The best equipped and most finished band which Cork people had previously an opportunity of hearing was the Berliner Orchester, who played during the Exhibition, and between the two corps inevitable contrasts will be made. They really have very little in common. In the music of the great masters some critics will consider the Berlin players superior, and, possibly, they are right. Wagner, played by the Sousa band, would not be the Wagner understood and loved by the German musicians, and the American conductor has been criticised for the introduction into his programmes of such pieces as one of Liszt's Hungarian rhapsodies, selections from Giordani's "Andrea Chénier," contributions by Rubinstein, and others. Yet in yesterday's programme the overture to "William Tell" and the largo from Dvorak's symphony "The New World" were included—these were classical enough—and they were played with a sympathy and effect that could not be excelled, or even equalled, by the Berliner Orchester. When, however, we come to march music, downright American tune, of the school which Mr Sousa has created, the band stands absolutely apart from any other corps. They obtain results which cannot be surpassed. Yesterday's programme was made up of nine items, the encores numbered 11. The audience had only to ask and receive; there is no pretended diffidence on the part of the conductor, he scarcely leaves the rostrum when he returns to his place, and at once the band breaks into a jolly coon song or swinging march. The programme as arranged was as follows, and we will afterwards enumerate the encores:—

1. Overture "William Tell" Rossini.
 2. Trombone Solo... "Love Thoughts".... Pryor.
 3. Suite "Maidens Three" Sousa.
 - (a) The Coquette.
 - (b) The Summer Girl.
 - (c) The Dancing Girl.
 4. Soprano Solo... "Indian Ball Song" (From "Lakme")..... Delibes.
 5. Largo from Symphony... "The New World"..... Dvorak.
 6. Mosaic... "In the Realm of the Dance"..... Sousa.
 7. (a) Novellette... "Siziletta" von Blon.
 - (b) March... "Imperial Edward" Sousa.
 8. Violin Solo... "Zigeunerweisen"..... Sarasata.
 - Miss Maud Powell.
 9. Plantation Songs and Dances... Chambers.
- Here were the encores to the different items—
- (1) March, "Stars and Stripes for Ever."
 - (2) "In Ocellar Cool," or, as the bill displayed

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at the back of the stage put it, "In the Deep Cellar;" (3) "Coon Band Contest" and "Washington Post;" (4) "The Nightingale;" (5) Godfrey's Irish Selection; (6) "El Capitan," "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," and "King Cotton" March; (7) "Invincible Eagle" March; (8) Fantasia on St Patrick's Day. Noticing the rendering of this programme, it is almost impossible to write anything that can be regarded as excessive praise. It is a band composed of consummate artists, and completeness of ensemble constitutes its most striking quality. The famous overture to "William Tell" and the Dvorak excerpt were beautifully played, the brass in the latter having all the tone of an organ. But the marches, for nineteen out of twenty hearers, were "the thing," and their very familiarity in some cases seemed their highest recommendation. The stirring, swinging "Invincible Eagle," the perennial "Washington Post" and the well-defined rhythm of "Imperial Edward" (dedicated to the King), or "El Capitan" were played with a peculiar dash and spirit that was irresistible. In the suite "Maidens Three" and the mosaic "In the Realm of the Dance," founded on famous waltz themes, the rhythmic precision, the expression, the power, and the mass of this remarkable band were also revealed. In the humorous selection, "A Coon Contest," some novel effects were obtained. As instrumentalists, Sousa's players are practically all that can be desired. Constant association and practice have enabled them to play with the greatest precision—their work is distinctly emphatic and brilliant. Mr Arthur Pryor, whom the Press agents describe as the highest paid bandsman in the world, is a remarkable trombonist. The audience wondered as they listened to this performer, who obtained from an instrument not usually associated with solo work, a richness of tone that was really astonishing. In both the quoted selections Mr Pryor played with extraordinary dexterity and skill. Miss Estelle Liebling is a coloratura soprano, and her selections are apparently made with a view to exhibiting her peculiar qualities of voice. It is not a musical organ, but it is flexible, and the lady delights in roulades and show passages. Miss Maud Powell, the violinist of the party, is a brilliant executant, with a matured and finished style, and she was heartily applauded after each selection which she presented. In accompanying his singer or soloist, Sousa teaches a lesson to many conductors who over-ride and handicap the efforts of the single performer. In his case the orchestra accompany and assist the soloist. Sousa's conducting is strenuous and even eccentric. With almost playful gesture he leads and inspires his players, they understand his intentions, and he carried them onwards to unique success.

SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

VISIT TO BELFAST.

Belfast has at last had an opportunity of seeing and hearing Sousa and his band, and two of the largest audiences ever present in the Ulster Hall have been convinced that the famous combination is all it claims to be. It not infrequently happens that entertainers heralded with the greatest flourish of trumpets prove on closer acquaintance far from worthy of the esteem of a critical public, but in the case of the "March King" experience has proved the contrary. Sousa's fame preceded him, and Sousa, with that marvellous power that brought him into prominence years ago, has startled musical Belfast in a manner never before experienced in our midst. To say that the hall was crowded would, perhaps, be superfluous, for, from the moment the engagement was first announced the public wherever possible seemed determined not to lose the opportunity of witnessing the performance of what is deservedly spoken of as "unique amongst the world's musical organisations." Nothing else was so much discussed in musical circles for weeks past, and probably it will form the theme of much argument and criticism for some time to come.

The story of the Sousa Band is musical history. No other organisation in the world can boast of a record of accomplishments so imposing, and of a success so enormous and so enduring. During the ten years of its existence, the Sousa Band has given nearly 5,000 concerts in 393 weeks, playing in more than 175 different cities in the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, and Holland, and

taking travel equal to twelve times the circumference of the earth. Sousa has made his name and his music famous in every quarter of the globe, and he has advanced his particular form of musical art to the highest state of development it has ever known. And now for ten years has Sousa preached the gospel of melody throughout the length and breadth of the land. Twenty semi-annual concert tours have been made, five of which took his band into every State and territory in the United States. There is hardly a town of more than 10,000 inhabitants where Sousa has not been a visitor. No other musical organisation in the world has given more pleasure to as many music lovers at home and abroad, and no other conductor has so large and enthusiastic a following. Musical history does not chronicle an achievement approaching Sousa's, and it was with feelings of intense delight that between three and four thousand people yesterday afternoon hailed the brilliant conductor and his musicians. Every available seat in the balcony was occupied, and also in the unreserved and reserved areas and the platform. Sousa's appearance a few minutes after three o'clock was the signal for hearty applause. From the beginning his majestic personality, forceful conducting, and the fiery swing and verve of the music held the audience entranced, and no better proof of his triumph could be desired than the ready way in which the enthusiasm was manifested. The blending of the wood-wind and brass instruments was perfectly charming, showing that precision and accuracy begotten of tuition from a master mind. The supporting soloists, too, delighted the ear, and conspicuous in this respect was Mr. Arthur Pryor, a trombonist of rare excellence. He is the leading trombonist of the company, and when he treated his hearers to the beautiful composition "Love Thoughts" he brought out the harmony the instrument is capable of producing with ease and grace that simply astonished the audience. In the encore piece, "In Cellar Cool," Mr. Pryor produced the notes with a richness of tone and mellowness that stamped him as an instrumentalist of the highest order. The programme set down for treatment was:—Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini); trombone solo, "Love Thoughts" (Pryor), Mr. Arthur Pryor; suite, "Maidens Three" (Sousa)—(a) The Coquette, (b) The Summer Girl, (c) The Dancing Girl; soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song" (from "Lakme") (Delibes), Miss Estelle Liebling; largo from symphony, "The New World" (Dvorak); mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa); (a) novellette, "Sizilietta" (von Blon), (b) march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa); violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell; plantation songs and dances (Chambers). These items were supplemented by encores which were demanded in almost each instance. Mr. Sousa courteously complying. From the overture to the concluding item the peculiar Sousaesque characteristics which the band has acquired were in evidence. To watch Sousa himself in the course of his conducting was in itself an attraction not to be resisted. He seemed to possess tremendous power over his subordinates, who faithfully responded to his movements, the like of which has never been seen in Belfast. After the trombone solo just referred to, the suite "Maidens Three," arranged as follows:—(a) "The coquette," (b) "The summer girl," (c) "The dancing girl." Into this selection a truly abandon spirit was introduced, in which the audience was soon carried away, particularly in "The dancing girl," where the tambourines were manipulated with refreshing briskness. For an encore they gave "Coon band contest," and again "The Washington Post," the march which has made Sousa's name a household word throughout the land. The gaiety and lightness of the composition was never heard to greater advantage. Miss Estelle Liebling sang the "Indian Bell Song" and "Maid of the Meadow," in each of which she exercised to the full her magnificent soprano voice, and evoked the greatest applause. A largo from "The new world symphony" (Dvorak) was given by the band with great unity of expression. At times one imagined he was listening to a chime of well tuned bells, the music was so subdued and melodious. The playing of Godfrey's selection of Irish airs betrayed the same consummate art as in the other pieces, and the cornet solo, "The last rose of summer," was really sympathetic. Again and again in the second part were the players encored, especially Miss Maud Powell, whose violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen," was rapturously applauded. The closing item by the band further showed the finished artists. In their hands such old airs as "Swanee River" and "Kentucky Home" possessed a charm one would never think of associating with them. The rolling of the drums, blending with the depth of the combined brass instruments, gave great force and vigour to the selection, which brought to a close an entertainment which those who were present are not likely to soon forget. At night there was a fresh programme presented to a house filled to overflowing, large numbers having to be turned away for want of accommodation.

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND

IN THE ULSTER HALL.

THE PROGRAMME.—At the matinee performance, at which there was a record audience, though some of the higher-priced seats were vacant, the programme was as follows:—(1) Overture to "William Tell" (Rossini); encore, "Hands Across the Sea"; (2) Trombone solo, "Love Thoughts" (Pryor), Mr. Arthur Pryor; encore, "In Cellar Deep"; (3) Suite (a) "Coquette," (b) "The Summer Girl," (c) "The Dancing Girl"; encores, "Coon Band Contest," and "Washington Post"; (4) Soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song," from "Lakme" (Delibes), Miss Estelle Liebling; encore, "Nightingale Song"; (5) Largo from the "New World Symphony" (Dvorak); encore, Irish Melodies; (6) Mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance," founded on famous waltzes (Sousa); encores (a), "The Philosophic Maid," and (b), "Bundle of Mischief"; (7) (a), Novellette, "Sizilietta," (b) March, "Imperial Edward"; encore, a portion of the march repeated; (8) Violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell; encore, Handel's Largo in G; (9) Plantation Songs and Dances (Chambers). The time was about two hours and a quarter, with an interval after the encore to No. 5.

SOUSA AS CONDUCTOR.—John Philip Sousa is a man of personality and certainly impresses his individuality on his band. The so-called "Sousaesque" qualities, though much over-rated, are in evidence, and impart a picturesque effect to the look of the performance. By gesture, look, and general attitude, Sousa dramatizes the music that he plays, and while in no way carrying this ocular representation of the pieces to the extent of exaggeration, it forms an admirable commentary upon and exposition of the emotional significance of the music. He makes wonderfully few movements with the whole body, most of his intentions being conveyed to his performers by the baton held in his gloved right hand. The white gloves are a feature which is bound to impress anyone who



has seen conductors do the finest music ungloved! They come up as a standing reproach to slovenly work in soft, cantabile, or retarded passages, and represent to his left-wing (wood-wind) an idea of the utmost carefulness, neatness, and finish in phrasing and ensemble. When the left-hand glove, with upward-pointing finger, is let fall after a particularly rich clarinet phrase, a sense of relief come to all concerned, and the thing, not perhaps so tremendously difficult as would appear, is got over without a hitch. Does Sousa conduct, or is he led by his band? Many people put this query. Well, my opinion is that Sousa has led his band; now, perhaps, that band could pull through without Sousa for a time and preserve a semblance to their present form and style. But let a single new player, come upon the scene, and, in Sousa's absence, the band's characteristics will inevitably disappear. It is so well drilled that it seems to require little or no direction, except at tutti entries or cadential passages where the swing of a piece is dropped for a moment to get a more subtle nuance. No; without Sousa it would no longer be a Sousa band. His swinging arms give movement and verve, military precision to his marches; his vigorous, downward cut with the baton places a clean, clear, absolutely precise fortissimo on all instruments; and his sideward swing of the baton fetches any dynamic force of crash from percussion and heavy brass that is required. He has a way of coaxing delicate phrases out of his saxophones, clarinets, and oboes by merely beckoning on those phrases with the left hand gloved, and when he extends that glove, the finger pointing in the direction from which the right quality of tone will come, he lightly places a fantastic sprinkling of little notes on the instruments, and the delicacy is as casual as the gesture is undemonstrative. Sousa is urbane, energetic, precise, and secure. His band is inspired with these qualities. He promptly steps up again and gives an encore on the slightest indication of a desire for such on the part of the audience. A placard held by an attendant announces the name of the piece, otherwise one should conclude it was the next item on the programme.

HIS BAND.—The Sousa Band numbers about 50 musicians, and is made up of such instruments as are found in most military bands nowadays. There is a wonderfully and fearfully-made contra-bass helicon, which rests upon the ground and stands as high as its player, and produces notes as bodiless and profound as a 64 feet organ pipe—notes not heard, but felt. This, along with the most mellow trombones, imaginable, bassoons, and a bass clarinet contribute a foundation for the harmony that is a really beautiful, self-contained, well proportioned base. In soft passages this base is impressive, sometimes almost awesome. The individual players are good musicians, and there is no doubt that

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THE MUSIC.—Sousa's marches are well-known. The "Washington Post" is probably familiar to everyone except those who are hopelessly deaf. They are all of a type; exotic music, highly spiced, and every phrase of which is worn threadbare, it comes off best with the exhilarating handling Sousa's band gives it. It is most effectively orchestrated, and probably makes the most of the resources at his disposal. Certain peculiar tonal effects are noticeable not to be had with a modern orchestra, though the latter tends more and more to absorb the resources of military and brass bands. Sousa uses his band in a way characteristically enough in his scores. His suites and selections are peculiarly American; light fugitive effusions at best, they owe a deal to his magnificent playing. Excepting an occasional touch, they lack, on the whole, the charm and daintiness of Sidney Jones' comedy music.

COMPARED WITH OTHER BANDS. Sousa's band will hold its own in comparisons with other brass and military bands. The two marvellous brass bands from Yorkshire—"Besses of the Barn" and "Black Dyke," have certain traits peculiar to themselves which Sousa has not (apart from the one being a military and the others brass bands), and cannot hope to have. The Durham Light Infantry Band possesses greater beauty of tone in the upper brass; and the late Dan Godfrey's band was perhaps a more artistic and beautiful band all round. But Sousa's band undoubtedly possesses characteristics—its Sousaesqueness, which cannot be copied without cheapening them in the imitation. Sousa is its unique feature, and Sousa alone. Orchestral conductors and composers have nothing to learn from him. He has

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SOUSA'S BAND AT PERTH.

The great reputation achieved by John Philip Sousa and his band had the effect of drawing large audiences to the City Hall, Perth, on Saturday afternoon and evening, the attendance at night being particularly large and fashionable. Seldom, indeed, have lovers of high-class music in Perth been privileged to listen to such charming and inspiring melodies as discoursed by Sousa's band, and the applause was loud and frequent. The programme was varied enough to bring out the wonderful powers of the performers, and the marked unanimity and precision of the gifted instrumentalists indicated how thoroughly leader and led understood each other. The original and characteristic method of Sousa's conducting attracted marked attention, not so much for any display on his part but rather from the great variety of poses and attitudes when wielding the baton. The pieces given included several marches from the pen of the gifted leader, a popular number being the march "Imperial Edward," and the magnificent volume of tone and expression secured at once placed the band in the very front rank of similar combinations. Sousa's visit to Perth was, indeed, a great success.

Musical Opinion

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Scuttling the Pirate Ship!

BX THE MAN IN THE STREET.

ONE is naturally a bit wearied of seeing paragraphs headed "Music Piracy," or something of that sort; nevertheless, it is still difficult to avoid the subject altogether on account of the law's vagaries. Alluding to the matter a short time ago, I ventured to speak somewhat contemptuously of English law taken as a whole in connection with a certain amount of friction in the workings of the Piracy Act. I little thought how strongly my comments would be justified by future developments. The latest statements in the press appear to indicate that the act is a dead failure so far as concerns the putting an end at once and for all to the flagrant evil. Flagrant indeed, not only on account of the injustice to the sufferers but because the law is made ridiculous in the eyes of the multitude, and more especially in the eyes of foreigners. To read Mr. Sousa's excellent and most temperate letter is enough to make a decent Briton blush.

I am not about to discuss the weak point or points in this wretched act: I only wish to assert with all possible emphasis that any average man endowed with a fair modicum of brains and common sense, having been properly informed of the nature and extent of the wrong to be remedied, could draw up an act or regulations, or call it what you will, which would effectually put an end to the open and nefarious plundering of respectable music publishers. Anyhow, I should like to have a try. Of course, amateur work in this direction would necessitate putting into legal language, since what may be called sane English is abhorrent to the legal mind.

The act ought to begin somewhat in this way: "Whereas if any hawk or other person shall be found walking, running, hopping, loitering, or engaged in any other occupations similar or dissimilar to the aforesaid; and, furthermore, if the said hawk or other person shall be found

carrying, bearing, supporting, elevating, head, conveying in a cat's meat bar, other vehicle, sundry specimens of music, and it shall be duly proved, &c.

To come to the definite. Our government is supposed to be equipped with the keenest legal magnates. These embodiments of legal lore receive large salaries, in return for which they are supposed to advise our rulers for the time being with legal advice of every kind. The matters to be considered must usually be of a most important character; and surely every bill before parliament, small or large, ought to be at least glanced over by a legal expert, whose task should be to see that no means existed to defeat the obvious object of the bill. As matters now stand, it is clear that we shall need to have another act in order to remove the legitimate grievances of publishers and composers.

I have just read an amusing letter in *The Daily Telegraph* from that prince of song writers, Mr. Clifton Bingham. As the issue of the present state of affairs, this gentleman mentions the small fact that recently a vendor of stolen goods offered to him for the usual twopenny some of his (Mr. Bingham's) own songs. Upon this the song writer thought it desirable to proclaim his identity; and, although it is not so stated, I have an impression that Mr. Bingham thought that the intimation would at least confuse the audacious pirate. Nothing of the kind; for, with a jaunty air (I have no authority for this statement, but feel certain that it is true), he replies, "I don't care; the act's no good!" These two statements, advanced with such commendable brevity, are uncontrovertibly true.

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Performances in the Ulster Hall.

When Mr. John Philip Sousa and his band had given a "command" performance before the Court at Windsor Castle on Saturday evening his gracious Majesty the King went forward and shook Mr. Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert and praising it very highly. Mrs. Sousa was then presented to the King and Queen, and as his Majesty was about to quit the apartment he paused, and, turning to the band, bowed, and said, "Very fine! Very fine!" Those who had the good fortune to be present at the matinee performance given in the Ulster Hall yesterday will enthusiastically re-echo the Royal words of eulogy. Sousa and his band are burdened with the weight of a great reputation, and much is expected of them. Their enormous success is due to novel, attractive, but, above all, superlative originality in the production of popular music. The man in the street constitutes himself an infallible critic of the course of sweet sounds which Mr. Sousa generally serves up for our delectation; but few who hear the celebrated American conductor's band will go away without a feeling of wondering admiration for the skill with which new and undreamt of beauties are called forth from the old familiar airs, whose possibilities were supposed long ago to be exhausted. We venture to think that this is a summarised version of the general verdict which the musical folk of Belfast will pass upon yesterday afternoon's performance. There was no mistaking the cordiality and warmth of the welcome extended to those distinguished musicians by the people of our city. With the exception of a few seats in the reserved area, the Ulster Hall was densely packed with an audience whose keen appreciation and frequent applause showed that they had thoroughly realised their most sanguine expectations. This is Mr. Sousa's first visit to Ireland, but it is undoubtedly the wish of the people that it will not be the last. In Cork and Dublin he met with magnificent receptions, and Belfast has now worthily done its part. On the occasion of his visit to Dublin on Tuesday his band played in St. Patrick's Hall before their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and Countess of Dudley and a large assemblage of guests. It was three o'clock when Sousa and his fifty-six performers made their appearance in the Ulster Hall. They were all clad in the dark-blue uniform which the great conductor also dons, bearing the magic gold-worked letters "Sousa" on the collars of their coats. On one side of the stage were the players of the wood instruments; the brass instrumentalists occupied the other side and the back. The instruments employed include ten first B flat

first-rate soloists. His first clarinets can play violin music of the most florid kind; witness the storm-passages in runs in "William Tell," taken, too, at a speed few orchestras could beat. His clarinets are truly the violins of his band. There is something gorgeous, irresistible in the quality of the low notes of these instruments. A shake on the whole battery is a thing to take note of; it possesses solidity. The cornets, altohorns, and trombones are excellent; they can play, soft, and when a fortissimo is wanted it comes in noiggardly fashion. Trombones, sustained and soft are the most beautiful of brass instruments, after horns when played cantabile. The flutes are of beautiful quality, and actually penetrate that barrier of clarinets when necessary. What the horns have to do is well done, but in military bands this does not amount to much. The staccato of bass clarinets and bassoons has all the spring and elasticity of a plucked string, with greater resonance. The beauty of the tone of the band in ensemble passages is very fine, the balance perfect, the attack and nuance that of one man, and the whole effect exceedingly fine, indeed. Their soft playing is a treat, notably in accompaniments to solos; here they are probably unique.

THE SOLOISTS.—Miss Estelle Liebbling is a soprano of somewhat conventional type, possesses a clear, sweet, slender-toned, pure soprano, and sings such vocalisations as those on the programme in a perfect way. Her facial expression helps her out in much the same way as Sousa's gestures expound the intent of his music. She had an enthusiastic reception. Miss Maud Powell is a violinist with a certain technical acquirement, and played Sarasate's piece with abandon and passionate expression. Her tone is sweet, slender, and has a certain intensity which comes of her possession of temperament. Curiously enough her muted tone is the more penetrating of the two, and carries best across the band accompaniments. In Handel's Largo we had a piece of really artistic playing, not remarkably strong, but full of emotional power that was certainly not mere sentimentalism. Mr. Arthur Pryor is a wonderful trombone player; in his own solo the cadenza was an exhibition of virtuosity that was fairly astounding. His tone is soft and mellow, of a tirelessly beautiful quality, and does not invade the realm of the horn. No matter how soft and rich, it still remains the tone of a trombone. Mr. Pryor brought out those four or five extreme low notes which Berlioz first wrote for trombones, and which are so difficult and uncertain of production. Leaps of a tenth are, to Mr. Pryor, insignificant things, and come off with the utmost facility. Florid music has no terrors for him. A wonderful player! Several other solo players in the band pieces were excellent. The saxophone, first flute, first cornet, and the several desks of first clarinets were exceptionally fine. The kettle-drum player manipulated his sticks with freedom and aplomb.

THE MUSIC.—Sousa's marches are well-known. The "Washington Post" is probably familiar to everyone except those who are hopelessly deaf. They are all of a type; exotic music, highly spiced, and every phrase of which is worn threadbare, it comes off best with the exhilarating handling Sousa's band gives it. It is most effectively orchestrated, and probably makes the most of the resources at his disposal. Certain peculiar tonal effects are noticeable not to be had with a modern orchestra, though the latter tends more and more to absorb the resources of military and brass bands. Sousa's band in a way characteristically enough in his scores. His suites and selections are peculiarly American; light fugitive effusions at best, they owe a deal to his magnificent playing. Excepting an occasional touch, they lack, on the whole, the charm and daintiness of Sidney Jones' comedy music.

COMPARED WITH OTHER BANDS. Sousa's band will hold its own in comparisons with other brass and military bands. The two marvellous brass bands from Yorkshire—"Besses of the Barn" and "Black Dyke," have certain traits peculiar to themselves which Sousa has not (apart from the one being a military and the others brass bands), and cannot hope to have. The Durham Light Infantry Band possesses greater beauty of tone in the upper brass; and the late Dan Godfrey's band was perhaps a more artistic and beautiful band all round. But Sousa's band undoubtedly possesses characteristics—its Sousequeness, which cannot be copied without cheapening them in the imitation. Sousa is its unique feature, and Sousa alone. Orchestral conductors and composers have nothing to learn from him. He has merely

brought up the individual excellence of his bandmen to the level of orchestral players, and scarcely that; then imposed his individuality or the mass of talent thus evolved. That is Sousa's great achievement.

SOUSA'S BAND AT PERTH.

The great reputation achieved by John Philip Sousa and his band had the effect of drawing large audiences to the City Hall, Perth, on Saturday afternoon and evening, the attendance at night being particularly large and fashionable. Seldom, indeed, have lovers of high-class music in Perth been privileged to listen to such charming and inspiring melodies as discoursed by Sousa's band, and the applause was loud and frequent. The programme was varied enough to bring out the wonderful powers of the performers, and the marked unanimity and precision of the gifted instrumentalists indicated how thoroughly leader and led understood each other. The original and characteristic method of Sousa's conducting attracted marked attention, not so much for any display on his part but rather from the great variety of poses and attitudes when wielding the baton. The pieces given included several marches from the pen of the gifted leader, a popular number being the march "Imperial Edward," and the magnificent volume of tone and expression secured at once placed the band in the very front rank of similar combinations. Sousa's visit to Perth was, indeed, a great success.

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Scuttling the Pirate Ship!

By THE MAN IN THE STREET.

ONE is naturally a bit wearied of seeing paragraphs headed "Music Piracy," or something of that sort; nevertheless, it is still difficult to avoid the subject altogether on account of the law's vagaries. Alluding to the matter a short time ago, I ventured to speak somewhat contemptuously of English law taken as a whole in connection with a certain amount of friction in the workings of the Piracy Act. I little thought how strongly my comments would be justified by future developments. The latest statements in the press appear to indicate that the act is a dead failure so far as concerns the putting an end at once and for all to the flagrant evil. Flagrant indeed, not only on account of the injustice to the sufferers but because the law is made ridiculous in the eyes of the multitude, and more especially in the eyes of foreigners. To read Mr. Sousa's excellent and most temperate letter is enough to make a decent Briton blush.

I am not about to discuss the weak point or points in this wretched act: I only wish to assert with all possible emphasis that any average man endowed with a fair modicum of brains and common sense, having been properly informed of the nature and extent of the wrong to be remedied, could draw up an act or regulations, or call it what you will, which would effectually put an end to the open and nefarious plunderings of respectable music publishers. Anyhow, I should like to have a try. Of course, amateur work in this direction would necessitate putting into legal language, since what may be called sane English is abhorrent to the legal mind.

The act ought to begin somewhat in this way: "Whereas it any hawker or other person shall be found walking, running, hopping, loitering, or engaged in any other occupations similar or dissimilar to the aforesaid; and, furthermore, if the said hawker or other person shall be found

carrying, bearing, supporting, elevating head, conveying in a cat's meat bar, other vehicle, sundry specimens of music, and it shall be duly proved," &c.

To come to the definite. Our government is supposed to be equipped with the keenest legal magnates. These embodiments of legal lore receive large salaries, in return for which they are supposed to advise our rulers for the time being with legal advice of every kind. The matters to be considered must usually be of a most important character; and surely every bill before parliament, small or large, ought to be at least glanced over by a legal expert, whose task should be to see that no means existed to defeat the obvious object of the bill. As matters now stand, it is clear that we shall need to have another act in order to remove the legitimate grievances of publishers and composers.

I have just read an amusing letter in *The Daily Telegraph* from that prince of song writers, Mr. Clifton Bingham. As the issue of the present state of affairs, this gentleman mentions the small fact that recently a vendor of stolen goods offered to him for the usual twopenny some of his (Mr. Bingham's) own songs. Upon this the song writer thought it desirable to proclaim his identity; and, although it is not so stated, I have an impression that Mr. Bingham thought that the intimation would at least confuse the audacious pirate. Nothing of the kind; for, with a jaunty air (I have no authority for this statement, but feel certain that it is true), he replies, "I don't care; the act's no good!" These two statements, advanced with such commendable brevity, are uncontrovertibly true.

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SOUSA'S BAND.

Performances in the Ulster Hall.

When Mr. John Philip Sousa and his band had given a "command" performance before the Court at Windsor Castle on Saturday evening his gracious Majesty the King went forward and shook Mr. Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert and praising it very highly. Mrs. Sousa was then presented to the King and Queen, and as his Majesty was about to quit the apartment he paused, and, turning to the band, bowed, and said, "Very fine! Very fine!" Those who had the good fortune to be present at the matinee performance given in the Ulster Hall yesterday will enthusiastically re-echo the Royal words of eulogy. Sousa and his band are burdened with the weight of a great reputation, and much is expected of them. Their enormous success is due to novel, attractive, but, above all, superlative originality in the production of popular music. The man in the street constitutes himself an infallible critic of the concourse of sweet sounds which Mr. Sousa generally serves up for our delectation; but few who hear the celebrated American conductor's band will go away without a feeling of wondering admiration for the skill with which new and undreamt of beauties are called forth from the old familiar airs, whose possibilities were supposed long ago to be exhausted. We venture to think that this is a summarised version of the general verdict which the musical folk of Belfast will pass upon yesterday afternoon's performance. There was no mistaking the cordiality and warmth of the welcome extended to those distinguished musicians by the people of our city. With the exception of a few seats in the reserved area, the Ulster Hall was densely packed with an audience whose keen appreciation and frequent applause showed that they had thoroughly realised their most sanguine expectations. This is Mr. Sousa's first visit to Ireland, but it is undoubtedly the wish of the people that it will not be the last. In Cork and Dublin he met with magnificent receptions, and Belfast has now worthily done its part. On the occasion of his visit to Dublin on Tuesday his band played in St. Patrick's Hall before their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and Countess of Dudley and a large assemblage of guests. It was three o'clock when Sousa and his fifty-six performers made their appearance in the Ulster Hall. They were all clad in the dark-blue uniform which the great conductor also dons, bearing the magic gold-worked letters "Sousa" on the collars of their coats. On one side of the stage were the players of the wood instruments; the brass instrumentalists occupied the other side and the back. The instruments employed include ten first B flat

To the Editor: The Times.

SIR,—Mr. Sousa may well be amazed that a people who boast to be the most practical upon the face of the earth have not yet grasped the obvious fact that the product of men's brains is just as much entitled to protection from the government of a civilised state as is any form of material property. The recent act of parliament to suppress music piracy is admittedly a hopeless failure, and for the following reason:—

As it was a private and not a government measure, its only chance of becoming law during last session was by its being unopposed; and to enable it to be unopposed neither of the following four essential clauses, either of which might have made the bill operative, could be insisted upon:—

1. The obligation upon street hawkers to possess a licence, as is necessary in the case of pedlars who hawk from house to house.
2. The imposing of a moderate penalty of so much a copy upon all contraband copies found in the possession of hawkers.
3. The power to obtain a search warrant where proof is forthcoming that contraband music is being printed or warehoused on premises to which access is not otherwise obtainable.
4. The passing of a measure that would make it an indictable offence to sell or expose for sale, in the streets or elsewhere, any printed matter that does not contain the name of a responsible printer and publisher.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public generally that the present agitation is not a trade or class agitation, but a question of broad principle. Composers and owners of copyright generally are just as much entitled to government relief as any other citizens, and we personally mean to agitate until this intolerable scandal is dealt with.

Meanwhile the licensed robbery that exists in our streets can only tend to hold up the legislation to contempt and ridicule, and is a positive menace to public morals.

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trumpets, four second, two third, one E flat, one alto, and one bass; four flutes, two oboes, one cor Anglais, two bassoons, four saxophones, four cornets, two trumpets, one flugelhorn, four French horns, three trombones, two euphoniums, one saxophone, and three drums. Mr. Sousa was one of the last to take his place, but he was speedily recognised, and loud greetings rang throughout the spacious building. Mr. Sousa's style of conducting seems to the ordinary man strange and unfamiliar. In many ways he shows a total disregard for conventionality, but one prevailing impression received from his methods is immense energy and overpowering mastery. In him is centred the predominating influence, and on him we look as if he alone were the entire band. When effect and emphasis are required he does not hesitate to call to his aid all that is to be obtained from wonderful and complex motions of the arms and hands. The programme was opened by the overture "William Tell" (Rossini). This beautiful work is one with which the Belfast people are well acquainted, and thorough knowledge of its exquisite peculiarities and brilliant suggestive qualities only added to the enjoyment which the Sousa band interpretation can alone create. There are few who will dispute the assertion that it was given with the greatest possible success one can hope to obtain from a brass and reed band. The storm movement was particularly fine, and in itself epitomised the marvellous control which Mr. Sousa exercises in the midst of the greatest of musical complexities. The collocation "El Capitan" (Sousa) proved a very welcome encore, wherein the instrumentalisation was glorious. A pleasing variety and fullness of tone characterised Mr. Arthur Pryor's trombone solo "Love Thoughts" (Pryor). In reply to an enthusiastic encore he played with impressive intensity the well-known drinking air "In Cellar Cool." Following this was a suite by Mr. Sousa, entitled "Maidens Three"—viz., "The Coquette," "The Summer Girl," and "The Dancing Girl." Much of the music is in the waltz description, vitalised here and there by the marvellously effective Sousa. Beautiful tone and beautiful structure are not wanting, clever descriptive harmony being one of the principal features. On the rendition of "The Coon Band Contest" and "The Washington Post" it is needless to dwell. Suffice it to say that never before were both well-known airs played to such perfection in Belfast. Miss Estelle Lieblich's thrills in the "Indian Bell Song," from "Lakine" (Delibes), fascinated and enthralled, though some were inclined to think that her voice had too great a tendency to vocal gymnastics. Nothing could be more pleasing than the beautiful largo from symphony "The New World" (Dvorak). All the parts were played with great delicacy and beauty, and were perfectly shaded. One of the most interesting items was the selection of Irish airs arranged by Godfrey. It consisted of "Let Erin Remember," "Believe Me, if I all," "Last Rose of Summer," "The Harp that Once," &c. Here the same skill found in the interpretation of all other classes of music by the band was brought to bear on the production. The harmony was perfect, and the variations executed in masterly style. After an interval, a recommencement was made with the mosaic "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa). It is to a great extent founded on waltz themes, though a little remarkable by reason of its floral embellishments. "The Philosophic Maid" and "Bundle of Mischief" were played as encores. After novelette "Soziletta" (Von Blon), the "Imperial Edward March" was played, and provoked delight. This is the march for whose dedication Mr. Philip Yorke secured august authority. It is a composition of great power and strength, and played by such accomplished musicians it necessarily created a vivid and last impression of its virility. Miss Maud Powell, who appeared as a solo violinist, played "Zigenerweisen" (Sarasata). It was, however, in a largo by Handel that she scored success. She proved herself an accomplished executant, well versed in technique, and the devotional feeling which she imparted into the rendition was worthy of special praise. The matinee concluded with a rather interesting item, entitled "Plantation Songs and Dances," which, if not acceptable to the æsthetic taste of the few, was keenly relished by the many. In the evening a second concert was given in the Ulster Hall, which was again filled to its utmost capacity.

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SOUSA v. BESSES.

"Birmingham Bandmaster" writes—"It may be interesting to compare what the Birmingham press says of Sousa's Band with what it said of Besses when they were first brought here by Gisborne the great. Of Sousa's concert the *Birmingham Daily Post* says—"In the new march, 'Imperial Edward,' the five trombone players rise and give out the first phrase of 'God Save the King.' We thought it was intended as a motive for contrapuntal development, but nothing more was heard of it. When the piece was repeated the seven cornet players and five trombonists, at a given point, ranged themselves in line in front of the orchestra and played the march subject in unison with an effect that was more astonishing than agreeable. Of the six pieces in the programme the best in all respects was the overture to 'William Tell.' This was capitally scored for wind and splendidly played, the 'Gallops' going at a break-neck speed without loss of a note. The large from Liszt's symphony, 'From the New World,' suffered from the absence of string tone, but it was well played. Mr. Sousa's own suite, 'Maidens Three, has some pretty strains, but the music is very slight. The excerpts from Massenet's 'Scenes Napolitaines' brought out the full power of the percussion section, and the effect was deafening. The applause always met with a ready response, and there were ten extra pieces given. These were mostly marches, and when the 'Washington Post' was started it was greeted as an old friend. Mr. Arthur Pryor displayed great skill in a trombone solo, 'The Blue Bells of Scotland.' The vocalist and the two instrumental soloists were also encored, so there were 13 extras altogether. But these things had been prepared for, and there was no hesitation or loss of time in meeting the redemands. In like manner Mr. Sousa loses no time. When he comes on the platform he makes his bow, turns to the band, and starts off without a moment's delay. The audience was most enthusiastic, and the various performances were evidently suited to the taste of those present. We hope, however, that no English bandmaster will attempt to imitate Mr. Sousa. The original may be enjoyed now and again, the imitation would be intolerable. But of such a thing we have no fear."

The *Gazette* says—"Every piece was applauded, but the greatest pleasure was evinced after the 'Tale of a Bumble-bee,' in which was an effect as of the butcher's boy whistling in the arena, and after the 'Imperial Edward' march, in which a dozen of the brass instruments marched to the front of the orchestra, and there blew mightily. When they had regained their places it was decided that the piece was encored, like every other piece, and the twelve good men and true marched to the front again, exactly as before, though with what purpose of a musical character was not quite clear. The trombone-playing of Mr. Pryor, as an example in the overcoming of difficulties, was interesting. With respect to the band as an organism, the quality of music given, and the ability of the conductor, we refrain from any criticism in the hope that Mr. Sousa will not a second time labour under the delusion that we have any prejudice against him and his band."

Now read what the same papers said of Besses :—

Now read what the same papers said of the *Besses-o'-th-Barn* show that fine artistic results can be obtained from brass bands, and that what can be done by strings and reeds can be reproduced by cornets, saxhorns and euphoniums. The execution of the most difficult passages is simply marvellous, the gradations of tone are managed with the utmost skill, and the beauty of tone and the purity of intonation, whether in loud or soft playing, is most striking. They play with an accent that is almost defiant; give staccato chords short and sharp as pistol shots; work up a crescendo to a point that positively thrills one, and yet in the fortissimum never cease to remain musical. To hear such volume of tone combined with purity was an experience not to be forgotten. The audience was wild with excitement and some of the effects must have stirred the most apathetic listener, and the applause came in salvos that was absolutely deafening.

Birmingham Daily Post, November, 1894.—"This fine combination paid us another visit on Saturday last. As before, the fine precision, smart attack, beautiful shading and artistic phrasing form the principal features of the ensemble. But the remarkable execution attests the presence of the genuine artist everywhere. The audience was most enthusiastic, quite 3,000 persons attended the evening concert, and money was refused at the doors."

Birmingham Daily Gazette, April 30th, 1894.—"The Besses-o'-h'-Barn Band is one of the most celebrated instrumental combinations of the present day. Their performance on Saturday was a revelation to the majority of the audience. Among the details that secure the perfection of their performance (for no other word can sufficiently express its quality), is the wonderful precision of attack, the real crispness of the staccato passages, the extreme delicacy of the pianissimos, and the minute graduation of the crescendo passages, the full rich tone and pure intonation, and the artistic phrasing that prevailed throughout. Every one of the 24 instrumentalists must be individually an artist, and the conductor, Mr. Alexander Owen, a musician of a high order of merit. The band fairly delighted the audience, and aroused a display of enthusiasm, such as is rarely found at a concert of any description."

Birmingham Daily Gazette, November, 1894.—“For a second time the famous Besses-o-th’ Barn paid us a visit; as before, their performance was a revelation to local musicians. Not only was perfection of technique attained, but the tone of the instruments was delightful to listen to, being powerful without noise, bright and clear without hardness, the cornets having especially a beautiful velvet tone. The hall was densely crowded and hundreds reluctantly turned away from the doors. The applause was of the heartiest description, and a warm welcome awaits the band at any time in this city.”

Birmingham Daily Mail, April 30th, 1894.—"What impressed us most is the extraordinary and almost electrifying power of sound in their process, and we question if another orchestra of double the size could equal them in this respect. Another remarkable feature is the clocklike precision and the requisite purity of tone and light and shade which characterised their performances. Apparently no technical difficulties exist for this orchestra, and the most difficult violin and flute passages are given on their instruments with almost phenomenal rapidity and exactness. The enthusiasm throughout was intense, and portions of most of the pieces had to be repeated in response to overwhelming applause."

Birmingham Daily Mail, November, 1934. "The favour-
able opinion we were previously formed of the 'Sessies of the' Barn-
Band is marvellously confirmed, we again endorse their ex-
traordinary crispness of attack, is certainly unrivalled by
anything we ever heard on a concert platform. It is im-
possible to accomplish more than they do, and their per-
formance in every way is a revelation. The applause
throughout the evening was deafening."

Sousa and his band have once more been with us. This time it is said to be a farewell visit for many years. They had a rather rough experience of Atlantic weather on their way to us, and I thought that some of their number looked a little travel-worn as they came upon the platform at Queen's Hall to commence their first concert on Friday evening, January 2nd. They were—a wonder!—it was to be later than the advertised time for starting; it was to be eight o'clock, but the minutes were on until the patience of the cheaper portion of the house began to wear out. That folks had not fallen over each other—it was just a trifle evident, for the hall was not over-full. It must have been, too soon after Christmas perhaps; indeed it must have been, for a different state of things prevailed at the remainder of the concerts. In the main the composition of the band is much as it was in 1901; and the same may be said of its performances. I dealt then at some length with the details, and it is not now necessary to reprint that which is fresh in the minds of my readers. I cannot agree with those who go into ecstasies over the Sousa Band, nor can I endorse some of the stringent criticisms upon it. The tone of the reed section of the band is as fine as ever; and all round executive ability is there also. In this latter respect Mr. Sousa is exceedingly fortunate. I have heard very many of the finest conducting military bands, and in some of these the executive ability has been undoubtedly great, and the tone superb; and I can fairly say that I am of opinion that in these respects the Sousa Band suffers nought by comparison. It is rather in the compilation of the programmes that comparison would tell. But Mr. Sousa comes here to give us the class music which has made him famous; and to give it in his own way. Here, he and his band succeed beyond doubt. When, however, they give us some standard work, something which we have been accustomed to hear from the Royal Artillery Band for instance, then they challenge comparison. There is one beautiful effect which Mr. Sousa obtains which should not be lost sight of by our reed-band conductors, and arrangers. He has four or five flutes in his combination, and the use he makes of the four flutes in harmonics is wonderful. Given in their lower register the support they give in soft passages is delicious. Of course I am not so little experienced as to expect that our military bandmasters can lay on four flute players forth with, to obtain these effects. As a rule the flute power in our military combinations is limited to one flute and one piccolo—both melody-playing, except in rare cases. Cherubini, who had a personal dislike to the flute in the orchestra, on being asked what he considered worse than a flute, promptly replied, two flutes! wonder what he would have thought of Mr. Sousa's *four*? But as the effects are legitimately obtained, the result proves the presence of the hand of a master. All the familiar marches were in the performance—if not in the programme—of the initial concert, as also was a new one, which should speedily become popular here. A new suite in three numbers by Mr. Sousa, and named "Looking upwards," is a very musically piece of work, and cleverly scored. It is well worth hearing. Here, again, Mr. Sousa takes a notch out of us. Most of the pieces of classic form which our military bands play are "arrangements"; his in a great measure are scored in the first instance for the military combination. The audience, though not a crowd, was very enthusiastic, and gave the American conductor and his men a warm welcome. Encore pieces were, as beforetime, quite as plentiful as those set down for performance; it was but to ask—and hardly down for and have; and everything went well. Mr. Sousa thanked the pleased, his band looked pleased, and so did the listeners—and what more could be expected for after all they were not at school, but at an entertainment. Mr. Sousa has with him a young vocalist, Miss Estelle Lieblich, who is well worth hearing; also Miss Maud Powell, the American violinist, who made her mark here some time ago. And I must not forget Mr. Arthur Pryor, whose marvels on the slide trombone are still marvellous. A good many of my readers will no doubt take the opportunity of hearing the glorious combination during its provincial tour now in progress, so I will content myself by saying, as I did twelve months ago, that the visit of Mr. Sousa has taught our wind bands the great and useful lesson that it is not necessary for a wind band to take an interval of ten minutes more between each item of a programme.

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THE SOUSA BAND.

The second matinee performance by Mr. Sousa's Band took place yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock, in the Theatre Royal. The house was filled to overflowing in every part, and those who came late got either merely standing room or no entrance at all. The first of yesterday afternoon's items was Tchaikowsky's Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav." The features thus indicated were splendidly realised. In response to encores of this and subsequent items several pieces not named in the programme were played. Miss Maud Powell's admirable violin playing was one of the very best features of the matinee. As already said, her tone is not powerful, but her technique is excellent. No doubt it was difficult to make the instrument heard with such a crowded house. The concluding item was the Introduction to the Third Act of "Lohengrin," which was performed in a splendidly effective way.

In the evening the Sousa Band gave a concert in the Rotunda, which drew an overflow attendance. The programme consisted mainly of items which had been performed at the two matinees.

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SOUSA AGAIN.

Excepting on occasions when grand opera was in season, the Theatre Royal was never so congested as it was yesterday, when Sousa and his Band reappeared at an afternoon performance after a flying visit to Belfast. Every inch of space in pit, balconies, boxes, and gallery was occupied, and standing room in any part of the house was gladly availed of. It was pretty evident that musical-some people would say curious—Dublin has been startled in a manner never before experienced in our midst. On this occasion we had Sousa the incomparable in what was to us a new mood. On Tuesday we were brought into touch with Sousa the March King. We heard his band in its lively moods, in its stirring, swinging, irresistible, martial numbers, in its unequalled sound pictures of plantation life and its imitations of nigger frolics. Yesterday we heard the Sousa Band in the music of the great masters, and we can now understand why it is that persons are found to adversely criticise the American conductor for introducing into his programmes contributions by Liszt, Giordani, Rubenstein, and others. Yesterday we had pieces from Tchaikowsky, Robaudi, Rubenstein, and Wagner—and Wagner as played by the Sousa Band is not the Wagner understood and loved by German musicians. The introduction of the act of "Lohengrin" was the Wagner selection, and, while the fullest justice was done to the strength and grandeur of those parts where brass preponderates, the true magnificence of the creation lacked in faithful interpretation. "Lohengrin" is a work, beyond all others, from the pen of Wagner in which the master has given expression to the richest and deepest thoughts. In the reproducing of these thoughts, orchestration, and daring orchestration at that is essential, and without orchestration the powers of the composer are not revealed at their best. We also had Tchaikowsky yesterday, the piece being the Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav." Here the band was more in touch with the meaning of the composer. Assuredly, the work displays the earlier methods of this genius, is wild and unrestrained, with touches of the martial spirit and the peasant songs and dances of his native land, and, above all, has an overwhelming finale. "Slav" is a march that affords a striking illustration of Tchaikowsky in that mood where he allows his enthusiasm free scope, and gives full rein to his inborn love for almost ferocious intensity and barbaric splendour. The bassoons softly sigh a plaintive yet impassioned melody of a funeral march, the Slavic character of which in its peculiar progression is not to be mistaken. This is soon joined by martial trumpet calls, and followed by a little motif. The production of orchestral effects at this point was admirably conceived. The motive leads to a gradual development of a climactic repetition of the principal theme by the full band. The trio is largely constructed on the same general plan, but here an additional stirring feature is provided by the introduction of a strain of the Russian National Anthem, the continuation of which is preserved to the climax. It was a really magnificent interpretation. In the same composer's "Capriccio Italien" the resourcefulness of the band was strikingly demonstrated. Here certainly we had rhythm, unison, sympathy, and effect. A fanciful creation is this, for the most part in graceful gavotte measure, demanding the introduction of agencies that can produce the whimsical oddities of bizzaro as well as the soft, sweet tone of a celestina. With strings at his service a conductor could easily obtain these effects, but Sousa obtained them through the reeds by methods characteristic of him, and with results that were simply marvellous. We had a tone portrait by Rubenstein—the celebrated "Kammenoi Ostrow," in which the composer attempted to portray in a set of pieces some of the Court guests at a favourite summer resort near St. Petersburg. Here again the band triumphed. By some invisible, mysterious agency Sousa seemed to actually draw forth from the instrumentalists those sounds that give a touch of finish, a light and shade, a heavy softness that reminded one of the clearness and smoothness and oneness of an organ, yet which in itself is indescribable. Sousa in his treatment of this portrait by Rubenstein succeeded to an extraordinary degree. In orchestration the colouring would have been less aggressive, yet withal the reproduction was really fine. From the pen of Sousa himself there appeared three items on the set programme—many others were introduced as encores. One of the three was the suite, "Three Quotations," in which the author makes his musicians describe how the King of France marched up the hill. With twenty thousand men. The King of France marched down the hill, And ne'er went up again. The second of the three quotations was: "I, too, was born in Arcadia," and the third was "Nigger in the Wood Pile." One of the encores to these was "Passing of Rag Time," a strange medley of brass, reeds, tambourines, sounds to represent the flapping of Christy

minstrel big boots, and of clog dancing. While any one of the sounds might be a dissonance, the combination was a strange exhilarating concord. But why prolong the notice of this performance, consisting of nine items and ten encores. The players confirmed all that has been said of them as unrivalled in their line of art. Their playing has thrilled Dublin. The methods of their remarkable conductor has surprised all who witnessed them. Of solo items we had three. One was a fluegelhorn rendering by Mr. Franz Halle, of Robaudi's "Bright Star of Hope." It is a scholastic form of composition, in the interpretation of which the band and soloist ingeniously wove the subject and counter-subject into an harmonious whole. Miss Estelle Lieblich again exhibited the peculiar qualities of her coloratura soprano. A most difficult violin solo, "Sarabonde and Tambourine," was given by Miss Maud Powell, in which she played the air in harmonics in a decidedly skilful manner. Throughout the entire performance the audience extended a deserved meed of applause to the band, that deservedly ranks as the most unique amongst the world's musical organisations.

AT THE ROTUNDA.

Sousa and his band appeared last night at the Rotunda. Every seat reserved and unreserved was occupied twenty minutes before the performance commenced. At eight o'clock even standing room was not to be had in any part of the auditorium or passages, and the doors had to be closed to prevent further overcrowding. The programme throughout was of a high order of merit, the majority of the pieces being from the works of the great composers. With encores the items numbered twenty in all. The audience were very appreciative, and the able conductor on behalf of himself and those associated with him expressed himself at the conclusion of the performance as extremely pleased at the cordial support extended to the band during its tour in Ireland, and especially on each occasion played in public in Dublin. The following was the programme:—Symphonic Poem, "Le Preludes" (Liszt); Trombone Solo, "Lov Thoughts" (Pryor); Mr. Arthur Pryor; Suite "From Foreign Lands" (Moszkowski); Soprano Solo, Mad Scene from "Lucia" (Donizetti); Miss Estelle Lieblich, flute obligato; Mr. Marshall Lufsky; Excerpts from "Siegfried" (Wagner); Second Polonaise (Liszt); (a) Myll, "In a Clock Store" (Orth); (b) March, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa), dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King; Violin Solo, "Rondo Capriccioso" (Saint-Saens); Miss Maud Powell; Theme Variations and Carnival Time from "Scen in Naples" (Massenet).

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THE SOUSA BAND CONCERTS.

The programme of the second Sousa concert in the Theatre Royal yesterday was more welcome than that of the first, because it contained a greater number of selections which come within the term great music. It was at once less showy and more satisfying than that of Tuesday, and we cannot but regret that Sousa did not see his way to give us during his brief visit a more liberal supply of works like those of Tchaikowsky, Rubenstein, and Wagner, which were such a pleasant feature of the concert yesterday. This regret upon the part of music lovers will be all the more intense when they reflect that Sousa has a band which can do justice to great compositions. We do not, of course, suggest that those American selections which have proved so large a part of Sousa's bill of fare should be abolished utterly in favour of a higher type of work. Their presence adds a piquant interest to a programme. But no man of taste who heard the fine performances of instrumental masterpieces of which the band is capable could fail to wish for fewer coon songs, cake walks, clever marches; and more works which display alike the power of the band and the surpassing beauty of tone pictures painted by a master hand. The interpretation of Tchaikowsky's Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav," gave at the outset some idea of the breadth, the power, the variety, the fine intelligence which Sousa's artists can reveal in any reading of a first-class work. The march itself is a piece of singularly brilliant writing. Fine ideas, gorgeous colouring, infinite variety and charm of treatment stamp it as the unmistakable creation of a genius. The band appreciated and revealed each subtle beauty in the colour scheme. The performance, in a word, was worthy of the work. Take, again, the Rubenstein piece "Kammenoi Ostrow." It

is a piece of programme music of the finest type, and Sousa's playing of it won the admiration of the audience. One could have sacrificed at least one coon band contest for a second work possessing the poetical enchantment of a Rubenstein. Nay, we could have even sacrificed a league of cake walks for a stave of Mozart. There was, however, a substantial compensation in the performance of Tchaikowsky's "Capriccio Italien," and the dainty "Serenade Rocco" by Meyer-Helmund was certainly enjoyable. A clever suite of Sousa's illustrating Three Quotations was much appreciated, and after the "Imperial Edward" march and a number of characteristic and enjoyable American pieces, many of them written or arranged by Sousa, the band programme came to a fitting close with an excellent performance of the introduction to the third act of "Lohengrin." Mr. Franz Halle contributed a fluegelhorn solo, "Bright Star of Hope," which was tastefully phrased, and, if we except a few notes which appeared to tax him, capably played. Miss Estelle Lieblich sang very successfully Sousa's song? "Will you love when the lilies are dead," and Miss Maud Powell (violin) gave a fine interpretation of Le Clair's "Sarabande and Tambourine," and in response to an imperative recall played a most skilfully written piece, of which the subject is a well-known Irish air. Sousa was very generous in responding to applause, and his American selections were thoroughly appreciated. The house, it may be added, was crowded to the doors. In the evening the final concert took place in the Round Room of the Rotunda, which was also packed, and the programme was admirably chosen and performed. Mr. Sousa at the close made a short speech, in which he thanked the people of Dublin for their appreciation of his band.

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MUSIC AND ART.

"Mr. John Philip Sousa, with his celebrated Band, received a Royal Command to appear at Windsor Castle on Saturday evening. . . . The concert was given in the Waterloo Chamber, a magnificent hall, made more brilliant by the distinguished audience who listened attentively and with great enthusiasm to the great American composer's inspirations. His Majesty the King has evidently a great liking for this lighter form of music, as this is the second time that Mr. Sousa has been so honoured, and on the last occasion at Sandringham His Majesty decorated the Band master with a Victorian Order. . . . Many encores were demanded, and after a most interesting and enjoyable evening, during which the whole of the performers were entertained at supper, special train with sleeping cars attached conveyed the tired musicians on their way. . . . etc., etc.

We have pleasure in giving these extracts from a notice which has been sent to us for publication because they afford so interesting an illustration of the most "up-to-date" American methods. The accuracy of the criticism we cannot doubt since it comes from headquarters, which should be well informed, but the promptitude with which it has been despatched is remarkable even in these days of rapid transit. Indeed, we should imagine that Mr. Sousa must keep a prophetic critic, or a critical prophet, on his establishment since while he informs us that the concert began in Windsor Castle at 10 o'clock on Saturday night, the copy of the despatch which was sent to us by letter post was delivered at Leeds before midnight on the same day. Like a lady's letter the sting of the notice lies in a postscript. "Sousa and his band will appear in this town on February 23rd and 24th." We do not grudge Mr. Sousa this little puff preliminary, though it is hardly necessary to secure him a big audience. He supplies exactly what the public want, trivial music, performed with the utmost spryness and precision, and a highly amusing spectacle. So long as Mr. Sousa does not meddle with serious music, he may be regarded as a person who adds to the exhilaration of the community. According to one report a drum was burst at one of his Liverpool concerts; but it does not appear whether this sensation is always provided, or was an "extra."

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SECOND SOUSA CONCERT

Packed from floor to ceiling is the only expression adequate to describe the dimensions of the audience at yesterday's concert in the Theatre Royal, when Sousa and his band made their second appearance before the Dublin musical public. On this occasion the programme was decidedly of a higher class than that previously presented, and consequently afforded a better opportunity of judging the ability of the band to interpret musical works of lasting worth, and not the mere ephemera productions which appeal to a taste vitiated not to say vulgar. On this question much might be written; certainly much has been written, and the most diverse views expressed. One critic states, "The orchestra was simply a living, breathing orchestration; the music (Sousa's) a jingle of music hall melody." Another pronounces "the band the finest collection of musicians at present before the public." As is usually the case, the truth will be found to be between these extremes, for each of these expressions of opinion contains a certain modicum of truth. It has been asserted that any comparison with the Halle band, for example, is out of place, as the latter is an orchestra, while the former is not. But, in reality, such a comparison is the very best means of arriving at a correct judgment, for it immediately suggests the disadvantage under which a band of the Sousa type labours, a disadvantage which is inherent, and which the most cunning combinations and the best technical manipulation are powerless to overcome. There are whole regions in the domain of emotion controlled by the potent forces of the strings, which neither the brass nor wood-wind can ever enter upon; the cor anglais and the saraphone are excellent instruments, no doubt, but they are poor substitutes for the viola or the cello. If anyone is disposed to question the truth of this proposition, let him try to recall an instance where an audience was moved to tears by the most skilful performer on clarinet or bassoon. Are not the most beautiful effects in music connected with the emotions of love and sorrow, the awakening and portrayal of which is the peculiar province of the strings, and the strings alone? On the other hand, such effects as may be described as dynamic are well within the powers of a brass and reed band, and in movements of that class Sousa's band is undoubtedly excellent. A further criticism which naturally suggests itself is that a brass and reed arrangement of a work originally written for an orchestra may be very fine, but it is not the work as it presented itself to the mind of the composer. It must be confessed that yesterday's programme was skilfully chosen, the selections being of such a character as to bring out the strong points of the band while concealing its weaknesses. The Grand Russian Festival March, "Slav," which opened the concert, is a fine work in the best style of the great Russian composer, Tchaikowsky. This was certainly the best item on the programme; the funeral march theme was beautifully played by the bassoons, and the finale, based on the solemn strains of the Russian National Hymn, was splendidly given. Mr. Frank Helle contributed a couple of solos on the flugelhorn, and proved himself an admirable performer on that difficult instrument. There was, however, little justification for alteration of Robandi's beautiful song, "Bright Star of Hope," better known as "Alla Stella Confidente," and for some reason or other the opening bars were very slightly flat. A soprano song following without interval a very brassy selection is rather trying to the soloist, but Miss Estelle Lieblich, who possesses a soprano with a range up to high E flat, if we mistake not, was much applauded. The set of pieces in which, under the title of "Viummendi Ostrow," Rubinstein attempted to portray some Russian Court scenes and personages, is both unequal in merit, and possibly for that reason was unequal in execution, but the finale was again very good. Another admirable Tchaikowsky selection was the "Capriccio Italian," while Meyer-Halmund's Rococo Serenade was principally remarkable for the opportunity it afforded of displaying the executive powers of various members of the band, mainly in the wood-wind department. Miss Maud Powell is an excellent violinist, and was warmly encored for her rendering of Le Clair's "Sarabande" and "Tam-bourine"; she was even better in her rendering of a Capriccio Irlandaise, founded on St. Patrick's Day, which might have been, if it was not, arranged by Papini. Her rendering of the difficult cadenza showed her high powers of technique, and her tone also is very good indeed. The only Wagner item was the well-

known Introduction to Act III. of "Lohengrin," which was splendidly rendered, the grand climax being admirably worked up, and concluding in a magnificent volume of tone. Ample opportunity was afforded during the concert of forming a judgment of Mr. Sousa's merits as a composer. The items on the programme for which he was directly responsible may, perhaps, be described as programme music. The first was a suite, "Three Quotations," the aforesaid quotations being "The King of France marched, etc." "And I too was born in Arcadia," and "Nigger on the wood pile"; the march, "Imperial Edward," dedicated to his Majesty the King, being presumably of the same class. Of the suite it is sufficient to say that the ideas suggested by the titles give poor warrant of anything but the commonplace, and as for the march, were it not that a few bars of the National Anthem are introduced, with no sufficient musical excuse either, there is nothing Imperial about it: it is simply a Sousa march, much like other Sousa marches, but by no means as good as the "Washington Post" or "El Capitan" either. But besides these there were half a dozen other well known compositions of the "March King," all of which displayed the same characteristics. One of the prettiest was a Spanish or Mexican valse, which was charmingly played, though it scarcely received as much applause as a noisy production having some relation to coons. One fair member of the audience gushingly described Mr. Sousa's music as heavenly—and so it is—but it is a heaven in which the "Angel of the Slack-wire" and the "Queen of the Rolling-globe" are the bright particular stars. It is, indeed, impossible to imagine that Mr. Sousa's marches even would ever play any soldiers to any but a stage battle in front of the footlights. The atmosphere of the circus is everywhere, and even Sousa himself seems aware of it, for he conducts his own compositions in quite acrobatic fashion, in a manner in fact which we suspect has little to do with the ultimate result, for the band is composed of such excellent performers that they have long since passed beyond the stage when demonstrative directions are necessary or excusable. The moral of the concert, for it has a moral, is that the old world is not yet played out musically at any rate, and our energetic Yankee cousins have something yet to learn, while they can teach us little that is worth learning in the art of music, whatever they may accomplish in the art of business and advertisement.

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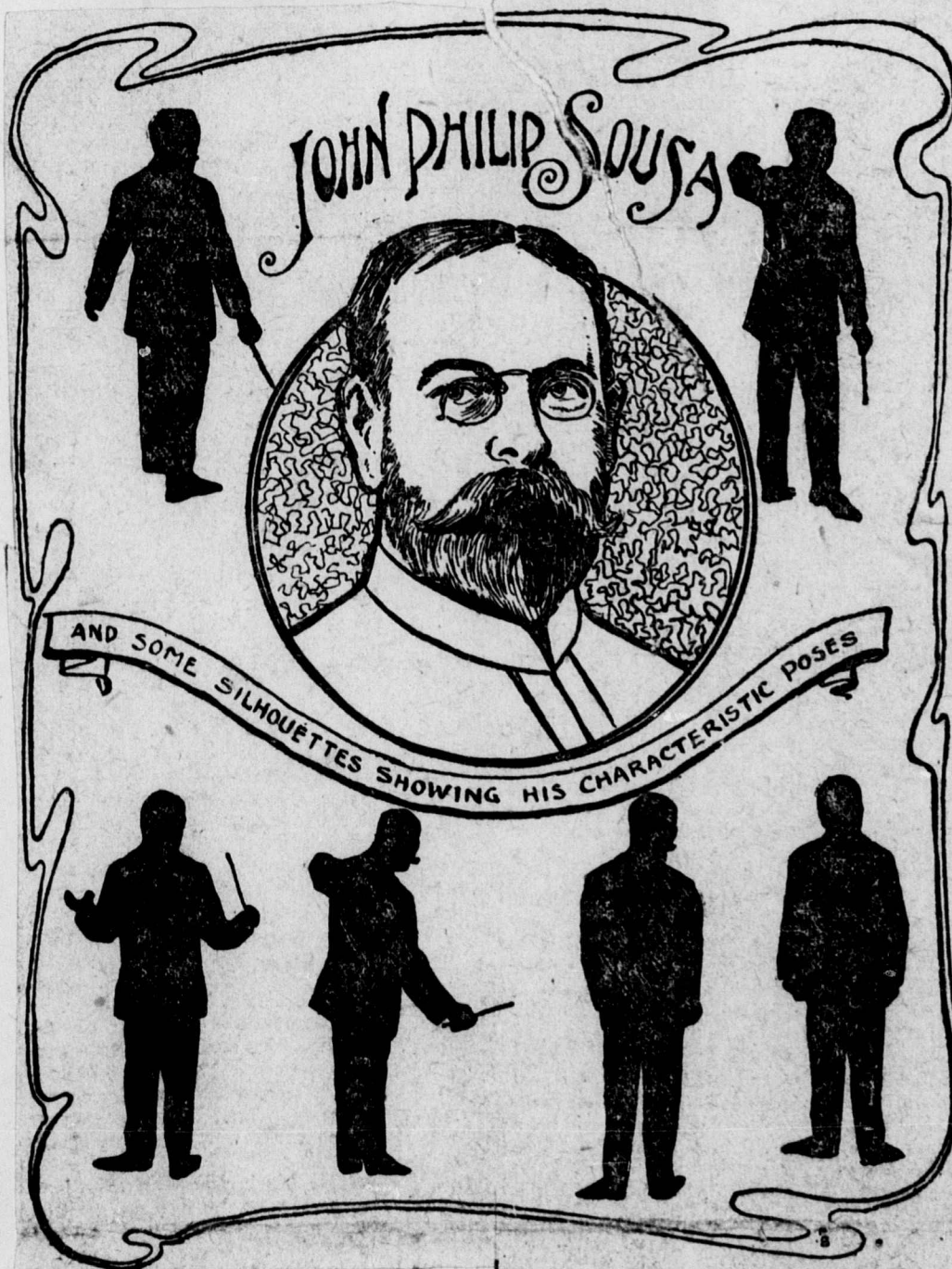
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Sousa at Windsor.

By command of the King, Mr. Sousa's American Band played before his Majesty and the members of the Royal family at Windsor Castle on Saturday night. The band travelled by special train from Sheffield to Windsor to obey the King's commands. The concert was given in the Waterloo Chamber, and the audience, about eighty in number, included the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Princesses Victoria and Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein. The King requested Mr. Sousa to play some of his own American compositions, and in obedience to his Majesty's wishes the band rendered the well-known "Washington Post," "Hands Across the Sea," "The Stars and Stripes," and "The Coon Band contest." At the conclusion of the concert the American and English National Anthems were played, audience and performers upstanding. Subsequently the King and Queen shook hands with Mr. Sousa, and Mrs. Sousa was presented to their Majesties. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Sousa, together with the manager, Mr. Philip Yorke, were entertained at supper, while the members of the band partook refreshments. Later Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and Mr. Yorke were conducted through the State rooms. At half-past two o'clock on Sunday morning the party left Windsor for Ireland.

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Sousa filled every seat in the Theatre Royal on Tuesday afternoon with an eager audience; and he filled the remaining space with the music of his band, which is a typical American band that delights the Yankee seaside resorts in summer. It is no better than Gilmore's was, which was heard in Dublin, or Coterno's or Bauer's, or any such other big American musical combination; but it is Sousa. That is, he dominates the band, an din action too much dominates the programme. Out of nine items on Tuesday's programme five set down



were Sousa's, and nearly all the encores were also his own compositions. The first item on the programme was the famous overture to "William Tell," and it was marvellously well played, both in section and ensemble. The next best was a largo by Dvorak. The rest, of course, were played with great precision and fine phrase, but they were mostly band marches of monotonous, dominating theme, and coon songs and dances of a very much alike character. All the same, the whole performance was a treat, a vocal item, which Esbo sang, displaying a fine effort of trick singing, and a violin solo varied the programme. Sousa repeated his successes again on Thursday at the Royal and at the Ro-

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

FAMOUS AMERICAN COMBINATION IN
GLASGOW.

Whatever the position Mr. John Philip Sousa and his American band may take in the future—and it has not yet and probably never will be exactly defined—it cannot be denied that among bands of the world it occupies a unique position. It is not an orchestra, and to call it as a military band is altogether incorrect. Perhaps the best way out of the difficulty is to call it Sousa's Band and let the name speak for itself. It is certainly a remarkable band, and its first learned during its career. Each instrumentalist has contributed but to the concert, and the result is as the result of a combination to the at

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

A UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

Sousa and his band was the attraction that drew crowded audiences to the City Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening. The entertainment was of a unique character, and was most thoroughly enjoyed. The large combination has been trained to a degree of perfection which is sensitive to the slightest inclination of the renowned conductor. And Sousa as a conductor is eloquent in his every movement. There is a gracefulness in the rhythmic swing of his baton, and the movement of a finger, hand or arm, on the slightest inclination of the body are all indicative of some special colouring to be given to the music. The bandmen respond with a precision truly marvellous, and with an efficiency which could only have been attained by long and consistent rehearsals. Sousa's band playing Sousa's marches is a treat. The March King's music has gained a world-wide reputation, and many a dusty mile have the Sons of the Empire marched to Sousa's enlivening music. "El Capitan," "The Washington Post," and "Stars and Stripes" were rendered with the finest effect and all the beautiful colouring of the composer's conception. The patriotism of the audience was aroused by Sousa's tribute to the King, Imperial Edward, and the enthusiastic swinging march was repeated, with a very effective grouping of the brass solo instruments. The plantation songs and dances was a unique and pleasing selection, introducing many novelties in rag time and cake-walk music. An echo of the pantomime season was the rendering of "Annie More," and a very clever melange was "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle," introducing representative music from the three sections of the United Kingdom and mingling the whole in "Soldiers of the King." Among other pieces played by the band in the evening were Berlioz's overture to "Carneval Romaine," Sousa's "Looking Upward," Listz's "Second Rhapsody," Mascagni's "Danse Exotica," Niven's "Country Dance," and Kolting's "Chase of the Lion." Sousa keeps his programme going merrily, and gracefully accedes to the many encores with a slight nod of compliance—the "extra" being commenced immediately he has mounted the dias. In addition to selections by the band, solos were rendered by Miss Estelle Liebling, soprano; Miss Maud Powell, violinist; Mr Arthur Pryor, trombonist; and Mr Marshall Lufsky, flautist. All the accompaniments to these items were rendered with rare skill and marvellous tone by the band. We are indebted to Messrs Paterson, Sons, & Co. for the excellent arrangements.

"Maidens Three" (a) the coquette, (b) the mer girl, and (c) the dancing girl, from Sousa's ready pen is an excellently descriptive composition, and again the audience testified their pleasure to such an extent that the band were good enough to give a characteristic piece "The Coon Band Contest," and subsequently as a second encore the famous "Washington Post." Perhaps their finest effort, however, was in Dvorak's largo from symphony, "The New World," and here the beautiful flowing, generous, melodies of the great Russian composer received a rendition which even the most hypercritical could not cavil at. It was indeed a performance and a selection which went far to blot out the recollection of "rag-time" and "coon" melody. A nicely arranged selection of Irish airs was given in response to the recall. "In the Realm of the Dance" is aptly entitled a "mosaic," and it is a composition arranged by Sousa founded on famous waltz themes. Again those present were not slow or restrained in their plaudits, and "The Philosophic Maid" and "Bundle of Mischief" were played. Later there followed (a) Novelette, "Siziletta" (Von Blon), and Sousa's march, "Imperial Edward," which was dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King. The latter is a fine rousing piece of music, full of martial spirit and vigour, and in it are introduced some novel tonal effects. That it met with cordial and hearty approval there could be no manner of doubt, and it had to be repeated to satisfy the clamorous applause. Chamber's "Plantation Songs and Dances" was the last item by the band, and here they were perfectly at home, playing with great dash and faithfulness. Comparisons are said to be always odious, but one could not help thinking that personally we infinitely prefer the playing of, say, the Royal Horse Guards (Blue), the Royal Marines, the newly-formed Irish Guards, or the Grenadier Guards Bands to the much-talked-of Sousa's Band. It struck one that the undoubted popularity and success of the American combination have been achieved by two things—first, the application of business methods and system to matters musical, and, second, studying what the great public want and giving it to them. The programme was agreeably relieved by vocal and solo instrumental items. Mr. Arthur Pryor gave a finished and artistic rendering of his own composition, the trombone solo, "Love Thoughts." He was deservedly recalled to play in excellent style "In cellar deep." Miss Estelle Liebling, who has a very sweet and charming soprano voice, sang the "Indian Bell Song," from Delibes' "Lakme," and as an encore a very melodious song, "The Maid of the Meadow." Miss Maud Powell played the violin solo, Zigeunerweisen (Sarasate), in admirable style, her technique being perfect and the tone production mellow and beautiful. Both movements received artistic rendering, and the applause was loud and long. The talented violinist responded by giving a large of Handel's, a really exquisite solo, in which Miss Powell was again heard to excellent advantage, and, indeed, one is tempted to say that this was quite the most acceptable item in the whole performance. We understand that a second performance by Sousa and his band was given in the evening.

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SOUSA'S BAND IN GLASGOW.—It has long been the reproach of America that she has no distinctive art. So far, she has been mostly content to import her music and pictures, and, with a plentiful supply of dollars, she sees that what she buys is of the best quality. In this country the general public have been accustomed to associate home-made American music pretty much with Sankey, who, while having some qualities distinctive of his country, may be said to be the negation of art. In Sousa, roughly speaking, we have Sankey, minus evangelicalism, plus gilt and a double share of the American spirit. Sousa's is the art that "hustles." In a hundred little ways, yesterday's performance in the St Andrew's Hall smacked of America. Many people confess to having their musical dreams disturbed when, on raising their eyes to a concert platform, they see a few score of pleasant-looking gentlemen fiddling and blowing and smiting sheep-skin. So it was felt to be a step in the right direction when Wagner created the "mystic abyss" of Bayreuth, from which the sounds of the orchestra issue forth like a stream from a hidden source. Such a method one feels to be quite contrary to the American spirit. One cannot imagine Sousa and his expensive band in a mystic abyss. People go to see as well as to hear the "March King." Indeed, during the Exhibition visit not only were band and conductor visible to the eye, but, as each prominent theme was reached, the players to whom it was allotted sallied forth to the front, so that the audience could make no mistake in ascribing to the flutes some excellent piece of work done by the trombones. America not only gives us gorgeous sounds, but she shows us how the wheels go round. Yesterday afternoon, however, the band mostly remained in their places, an exception being made only in the case of "Imperial Edward" March.

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SOUSA'S BAND AT PERTH.

The great reputation achieved by John Philip Sousa and his band had the effect of drawing large audiences to the City Hall, Perth, on Saturday afternoon and evening, the attendance at night being particularly large and fashionable. Seldom, indeed, have lovers of high-class music in Perth been privileged to listen to such charming and inspiring melodies as discoursed by Sousa's band, and the applause was loud and frequent. The programme was varied enough to bring out the wonderful powers of the performers, and the marked unanimity and precision of the gifted instrumentalists indicated how thoroughly leader and led understood each other. The original and characteristic method of Sousa's conducting attracted marked attention, not so much for any display on his part but rather from the great variety of poses and attitudes when wielding the baton. The pieces given included several marches from the pen of the gifted leader, a popular number being the march "Imperial Edward," and the magnificent volume of tone and expression secured at once placed the band in the very front rank of similar combinations. Sousa's visit to Perth was, indeed, a great success.

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VISIT OF SOUSA'S BAND.

PERFORMANCE IN THE ULSTER HALL.

Yesterday afternoon in the presence of a very and enthusiastic audience John Philip Sousa and his band made their first appearance in Belfast when they gave a performance in the Ulster Hall. Perhaps one's expectations were too high, certainly the impression left upon the writer was one of disappointment. Absolute precision in time, crispness and smartness to the beat, due expressiveness in tone, and a fine regard for the spirit and rhythm of the compositions, all were exhibited; but somehow there was no inspiration to be derived from the music, and one was tempted to paraphrase a famous remark and say, "It is magnificent, but it is not music." Seldom did the playing reach to that high level of excellence when the deepest emotions of the human heart are aroused, and for the most part it left the auditor cold and unmoved. At the same time it must be clearly stated that one could not but admire the marvellous accuracy of the instrumentalists, and the splendid manner in which they obeyed the slightest movement or gesture of the conductor. It was like watching a beautiful piece of mechanism, each portion of which moved surely, smoothly, and swiftly in its allotted place, and controlled in every part with the greatest ease. And yet there was something wanting. The first item was the overture "William Tell" (Rossini), and it was given so much to the taste of the audience that they applauded most enthusiastically, and a spirited and dashing performance of "El Capitan" was played as an encore. The suite

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THE SOUSA CONCERT.

The world-renowned composer, John Philip Sousa, and his marvellous band of instrumentalists gave a couple of performances in the City Hall on Saturday. On both occasions the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and in the afternoon especially a large number of the county gentry were present. The fame of Sousa's Band has penetrated to every part of the globe. On the occasion of the visit to the Glasgow Exhibition they met with an extraordinary flattering reception. Their visit to the Fair City was looked forward to with the keenest interest. From the magnificent performances they gave on this occasion rumour had not over-rated their capabilities as musicians of the highest order. Never have we heard such precision as that manifested by this Band. Although a considerable part of the programme comprised pieces by the distinguished leader himself, selections from other works were also given. The programme was nothing if not eminently popular. We are sure in saying that the people of Perth have not hitherto had an opportunity in the city of hearing such splendid playing. Besides the Band there were several other artistes of the first rank.

SOUSA'S BAND.

Extract from local criticism upon the performance at the Ulster Hall:— "Absolute precision in regard to time, crispness, and smartness to the beat, due expressiveness in tone, and a fine regard for the spirit and rhythm of the compositions, all were exhibited, but somehow there was no inspiration to be derived from the music, and one was tempted to paraphrase a famous remark and say— 'It is magnificent, but it is not music.'"

The hall was packed, all tickets sold, much clamouring for more. You couldn't get a knife-blade in, or find an inch of floor.

The ventilation perfect, for no one did a faint. Officials courteous, stewards kind, enough to please a saint.

You'll wonder how I got there. Well, it was somewhat unique.

They didn't send me tickets, so I hardly like to speak.

Suffice to say, I managed it, and live to tell the tale.

But, after all, you know this Sousa's rather stale.

The instruments were perfect, and the time was quite precise.

Each man attended to the beat with smartness really nice.

The tone was beautifully sweet, each movement quite an feat.

Composer's spirit clearly shown, and not a word to say.

But still it wasn't music—I wonder what it was? Was it liver or dyspepsia that made us think and pause?

You will see we had the instruments, the tone, and time, and rhythm.

It must have been that Sousa's men had no free tickets with 'em

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SOUSA'S BAND IN GLASGOW.—It has long been the reproach of America that she has no distinctive art. So far, she has been mostly content to import her music and pictures, and, with a plentiful supply of dollars, she sees that what she buys is of the best quality. In this country the general public have been accustomed to associate home-made American music pretty much with Sankey, who, while having some qualities distinctive of his country, may be said to be the negation of art. In Sousa, roughly speaking, we have Sankey, minus evangelicalism, plus gilt and a double share of the American spirit. Sousa's is the art that "hustles." In a hundred little ways, yesterday's performance in the St Andrew's Hall smacked of America. Many people confess to having their musical dreams disturbed when, on raising their eyes to a concert platform, they see a few score of pleasant-looking gentlemen fiddling and blowing and smiting sheep-skin. So it was felt to be a step in the right direction when Wagner created the "mystic abyss" of Bayreuth, from which the sounds of the orchestra issue forth like a stream from a hidden source. Such a method one feels to be quite contrary to the American spirit. One cannot imagine Sousa and his expensive band in a mystic abyss. People go to see as well as to hear the "March King." Indeed, during the Exhibition visit not only were band and conductor visible to the eye, but, as each prominent theme was reached, the players to whom it was allotted sallied forth to the front, so that the audience could make no mistake in ascribing to the flutes some excellent piece of work done by the trombones. America not only gives us gorgeous sounds, but she shows us how the wheels go round. Yesterday afternoon, however, the band mostly remained in their places, an exception being made only in the case of the "Imperial Edward" March. It may be said that Mr Sousa has done everything that dollars can do. His machine is as perfect as possible, but it is only a machine and not a living organism. The renderings of the Largo from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony and the overture to "William Tell" brought no conviction to our mind, only serving to show how imperfectly clarinets can do the work of strings. As for the endless Sousa numbers, after one has given the music credit for a certain "leg-for-leg jollity," one has said all that is possible in its favour. In short, as a force in music Sousa and his band have not the faintest significance. Miss Maud Powell's performance of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" we quite enjoyed, although, after so much rather cheap noise it was difficult to attain the repose of mind necessary for the appreciation of delicate, artistic playing. Miss Estelle Liebbling's showy singing lent variety to the entertainment. The crowded St Andrew's Hall showed that Sousa and his manager know at least how to run their show.

SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

A UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

Sousa and his band was the attraction that drew crowded audiences to the City Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening. The entertainment was of a unique character, and was most thoroughly enjoyed. The large combination has been trained to a degree of perfection which is sensitive to the slightest inclination of the renowned conductor. And Sousa as a conductor is eloquent in his every movement. There is a gracefulness in the rhythmic swing of his baton, and the movement of a finger, hand or arm, on the slightest inclination of the body are all indicative of some special colouring to be given to the music. The bandmen respond with a precision truly marvellous, and with an efficiency which could only have been attained by long and consistent rehearsals. Sousa's band playing Sousa's marches is a treat. The March King's music has gained a world-wide reputation, and many a dusty mile have the Sons of the Empire marched to Sousa's enlivening music. "El Capitan," "The Washington Post," and "Stars and Stripes" were rendered with the finest effect and all the beautiful colouring of the composer's conception. The patriotism of the audience was aroused by Sousa's tribute to the King, "Imperial Edward," and the enthusiastic swinging march was repeated, with a very effective grouping of the brass solo instruments. The plantation songs and dances was a unique and pleasing selection, introducing many novelties in rag time and cake-walk music. An echo of the pantomime season was the rendering of "Annie More," and a very clever melange was "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle," introducing representative music from the three sections of the United Kingdom and mingling the whole in "Soldiers of the King." Among other pieces played by the band in the evening were Berlioz's overture to "Carnaval Romaine," Sousa's "Looking Upward," Listz's "Second Rhapsody," Mascagni's "Danse Exotica," Niven's "Country Dance," and Kolling's "Chase of the Lion." Sousa keeps his programme going merrily, and gracefully accedes to the many encores with a slight nod of compliance—the "extra" being commenced immediately he has mounted the dias. In addition to selections by the band, solos were rendered by Miss Estelle Liebbling, soprano; Miss Maud Powell, violinist; Mr Arthur Pryor, trombonist; and Mr Marshall Lufsky, flautist. All the accompaniments to these items were rendered with rare skill and marvellous tone by the band. We are indebted to Messrs Paterson, Sons, & Co. for the excellent arrangements.

"Maidens Three" (a) the coquette, (b) the mer girl, and (c) the dancing girl, from the ready pen is an excellently descriptive composition, and again the audience testified their pleasure to such an extent that the band were good enough to give a characteristic piece "The Coon Band Contest," and subsequently as a second encore the famous "Washington Post." Perhaps their finest effort, however, was in Dvorak's large from symphony, "The New World," and here the beautiful flowing, generous, melodies of the great Russian composer received a rendition which even the most hypercritical could not cavil at. It was indeed a performance and a selection which went far to blot out the recollection of "rag-time" and "coon" melody. A nicely arranged selection of Irish airs was given in response to the recall. "In the Realm of the Dance" is aptly entitled a "mosaic," and it is a composition arranged by Sousa founded on famous waltz themes. Again those present were not slow or restrained in their plaudits, and "The Philosophic Maid" and "Bundle of Mischief" were played. Later there followed (a) Novelette, "Sizilietta" (Von Blon), and Sousa's march, "Imperial Edward," which was dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King. The latter is a fine rousing piece of music, full of martial spirit and vigour, and in it are introduced some novel tonal effects. That it met with cordial and hearty approval there could be no manner of doubt, and it had to be repeated to satisfy the clamorous applause. Chamber's "Plantation Songs and Dances" was the last item by the band, and here they were perfectly at home, playing with great dash and faithfulness. Comparisons are said to be always odious, but one could not help thinking that personally we infinitely prefer the playing of, say, the Royal Horse Guards (Blue), the Royal Marines, the newly-formed Irish Guards, or the Grenadier Guards Bands to the much-talked-of Sousa's Band. It struck one that the undoubted popularity and success of the American combination have been achieved by two things—first, the application of business methods and system to matters musical, and, second, studying what the great public want and giving it to them. The programme was agreeably relieved by vocal and solo instrumental items. Mr Arthur Pryor gave a finished and artistic rendering of his own composition, the trombone solo, "Love Thoughts." He was deservedly recalled to play in excellent style "In cellar deep." Miss Estelle Liebbling, who has a very sweet and charming soprano voice, sang the "Indian Bell Song," from Delibes' "Lakwe," and as an encore a very melodious song, "The Maid of the Meadow." Miss Maud Powell played the violin solo, Zigeunerweisen (Sarasate), in admirable style, her technique being perfect and the tone production mellow and beautiful. Both movements received artistic rendering, and the applause was loud and long. The talented violinist responded by giving a Largo of Handel's, a really exquisite solo, in which Miss Powell was again heard to excellent advantage, and, indeed, one is tempted to say that this was quite the most acceptable item in the whole performance.

We understand that a second performance by Sousa and his band was given in the evening.

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VISIT OF SOUSA'S BAND.

PERFORMANCE IN THE ULSTER HALL.

Yesterday afternoon in the presence of a very large and enthusiastic audience John Philip Sousa and his band made their first appearance in Belfast, when they gave a performance in the Ulster Hall. Perhaps one's expectations were too high, but certainly the impression left upon the writer was one of disappointment. Absolute precision in regard to time, crispness and smartness to the beat, due expressiveness in tone, and a fine regard for the spirit and rhythm of the compositions, all were exhibited; but somehow there was no inspiration to be derived from the music, and one was tempted to paraphrase a famous remark and say, "It is magnificent, but it is not music." Seldom did the playing reach to that high level of excellence when the deepest emotions of the human heart are aroused, and for the most part it left the auditor cold and unmoved. At the same time it must be clearly stated that one could not but admire the marvellous accuracy of the instrumentalists, and the splendid manner in which they obeyed the slightest movement or gesture of the conductor. It was like watching a beautiful piece of mechanism, each portion of which moved surely, smoothly, and swiftly in its allotted place, and controlled in every part with the greatest ease. And yet there was something wanting. The first item was the overture "William Tell" (Rossini), and it was given so much to the taste of the audience that they applauded most enthusiastically, and a spirited and dashing performance of "El Capitan" was played as an encore. The suite

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THE SOUSA CONCERT.

THE world-renowned composer, John Philip Sousa, and his marvellous band of instrumentalists gave a couple of performances in the City Hall on Saturday. On both occasions the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and in the afternoon especially a large number of the county gentry were present. The fame of Sousa's Band has penetrated to every part of the globe. On the occasion of the visit to the Glasgow Exhibition they met with an extraordinary flattering reception. Their visit to the Fair City was looked forward to with the keenest interest. From the magnificent performances they gave on this occasion rumour had not over-rated their capabilities as musicians of the highest order. Never have we heard such precision as that manifested by this Band. Although a considerable part of the programme comprised pieces by the distinguished leader himself, selections from other works were also given. The programme was nothing if not eminently popular. We are sure in saying that the people of Perth have not hitherto had an opportunity in the city of hearing such splendid playing. Besides the Band there were several other artists of the first rank.

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SOUSA'S BAND.

PERFORMANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Sousa, the incomparable; conductor, composer, and story writer, and his band appeared at the Opera House on Monday afternoon. A widespread desire was shown to hear this remarkable corps of musicians and their more remarkable conductor. Half the seats in the Opera House were engaged previously, and when the performance began standing room was scarcely available. Mr Sousa and his musicians, fresh from their journey from Windsor, where they played on Saturday night before the King and Royal Family, were heartily applauded, and the audience, expecting much, settled down to listen and enjoy themselves. There has been no band or conductor about which so much has been written as Sousa and his corps. The programme as arranged was as follows, and we will afterwards enumerate the encores:—

1. Overture....."William Tell".....Rossini.
2. Trombone Solo—"Love Thoughts".....Pryor.
Mr Arthur Pryor.
3. Suite....."Maidens Three".....Sousa.
(a) The Coquette.
(b) The Summer Girl.
(c) The Dancing Girl.
4. Soprano Solo—"Indian Bell Song" (From "Lakme").....Delibes.
Miss Estelle Liebling.

5. Largo from Symphony—"The New World".....Dvorak.
6. Mosaic—"In the Realm of the Dance".....Sousa.

7. (a) Novellette—"Sizilella".....von Blon.
(b) March—"Imperial Edward".....Sousa.
8. Violin Solo—"Zigeunerweisen".....Sarasate.
Miss Maud Powell.

9. Plantation Songs and Dances.....Chambers.

Here were the encores to the different items:—(1) March, "Stars and Stripes for Ever;" (2) "In Cellar Cool," or, as the bill displayed at the back of the stage put it, "In the Deep Cellar;" (3) "Coon Band Contest" and "Washington Post;" (4) "The Nightingale;" (5) Godfrey's Irish Selection; (6) "El Capitan," "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," and "King Cotton" March; (7) "Invincible Eagle" March; (8) Fantasia on St Patrick's Day. Noticing the rendering of this programme, it is almost impossible to write anything that can be regarded as excessive praise. It is a band composed of consummate artists, and completeness of ensemble constitutes its most striking quality. The famous overture to "William Tell" and the Dvorak excerpt were beautifully played, the brass in the latter having all the tone of an organ. But the marches, for nineteen out of twenty hearers, were "the thing," and their very familiarity in some cases seemed their highest recommendation. The stirring, swinging "Invincible Eagle," the perennial "Washington Post" and the well-defined rhythm of "Imperial Edward" (dedicated to the King), or "El Capitan" were played with a peculiar dash and spirit that was irresistible. In the suite "Maidens Three" and the mosaic "In the Realm of the Dance," founded on famous waltz themes, the rhythmical precision, the expression, the power, and the mass of this remarkable band were also revealed. In the humorous selection, "A Coon Contest," some novel effects were obtained. As instrumentalists, Sousa's players are practically all that can be desired. Constant association and practice have enabled them to play with the greatest precision—their work is distinctly emphatic and brilliant. Mr Arthur Pryor, whom the Press agents describe as the highest paid bandsman in the world, is a remarkable trombonist. The audience wondered as they listened to this performer, who obtained from an instrument not usually associated with solo work, a richness of tone that was really astonishing. In both the quoted selections Mr Pryor played with extraordinary dexterity and skill. Miss Estelle Liebling is a coloratura soprano, and her selections are apparently made with a view to exhibiting her peculiar qualities of voice. It is not a musical organ, but it is flexible, and the lady delights in roulades and show passages. Miss Maud Powell, the violinist of the party, is a brilliant

MR. SOUSA'S BAND AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

His Majesty the King honoured Mr. Sousa and his famous band with a command to perform at Windsor Castle on Saturday evening last before the Royal Family, and the concert was an unqualified success. The band was to have appeared at Manchester the same day, where prepayments for seats had reached the substantial figure of £600. Arrangements are, therefore, being made for a visit to the cotton city at the beginning of next month. The band, about sixty in number, travelled direct from Sheffield, where they had given a matinee performance, arriving at Windsor at half-past eight, and were conveyed to the Castle in cabs. Mr. Sousa, however, arrived early in the afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Sousa, Miss Estelle Liebling (vocalist), and Miss Maud Howell (violinist), and proceeded to the "White Hart" Hotel, where he had engaged apartments. By a later train, Mr. Sousa was joined by his manager (Colonel Hinton), by whom all the arrangements were made.

The concert took place in the Waterloo Chamber, where many splendid entertainments have taken place. Chairs were arranged at the end of the apartment for their Majesties' and the rest of the audience. The concert commenced about twenty minutes past ten, after dinner, when the King and Queen and other guests walked into the Waterloo Chamber, the band playing the National Anthem on their entrance. The Waterloo Chamber was lavishly decorated with flowers, but no platform was erected for the performers; they occupied the floors of the room opposite their royal audience. Besides the King, in the front row, sat the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Charles of Denmark, Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of

Schleswig-Holstein, his Excellency the Turkish Ambassador and Madame Musurus, the United States Chargé d'Affaires and Mrs. Henry White, the Earl and Countess of Selborne, Lord Herbert Vane Tempest, the Bishop of London, the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, the Hon. Sidney Greville, Rear-Admiral the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, the Right Hon. Sir Nicholas O'Connor (his Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople), Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone, Sir John Murray Scott, Bart., the Countess of Gosford (Lady-in-Waiting), the Hon. Charlotte Knollys (Woman of the Bedchamber), the Hon. Dorothy and the Hon. Violet Vivian (Maid of Honour in Waiting), Lord Lawrence (Lord in Waiting), General the Right Hon. Sir Dighton-Probyn (Keeper of the Privy Purse), Lord Farquhar (Master of the Household), Colonel Lord Edward Pelham Clinton (Groom in Waiting), Captain the Hon. Seymour Fortescue and Captain F. Ponsonby (Equerries in Waiting), Major C. Frederick (Deputy Master of the Household), Lady Eva Dugdale and Commander Godfrey-Faussett (in attendance on their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales), and Mr. Hansell (tutor to the young Princes of Wales). All the above were included in the King's dinner party, and the following had the honour of being invited to the concert:—The Rev. Canon the Marquis of Normanby, the Lord and Lady Dunboyne, and the Hon. Blanche and Linda Butler, the Lord and Lady Knollys, Sir Walter and Lady Parratt and Miss Parratt, the Rev. Canon Dalton, the Rev. Canon Smith and Mrs. Smith, Captain and Mrs. Walter Campbell, Mrs. F. Ponsonby, the Misses Eliot, Mr. and Mrs. R. Holmes and Miss Holmes. In a gallery at the back sat the servants of the Royal Household, and in another gallery, by the King's special wish, sat several members of the Guards' bands, his Majesty having expressed a desire that they should hear Mr. Sousa's band. A tastefully designed programme, printed in blue and gold with portraits of Mr. Sousa and his instrumentalists, had been provided. The following was the programme:—

- 1 Collocation....."El Capitan".....Sousa.
2 Trombone Solo—"Love's Enchantment".....Pryor.
Mr Arthur Pryor.
3 Suite....."Looking Upward".....Sousa.
(a) By the Light of the Polar Star.
(b) Under the Southern Cross.
(c) Mars and Venus.
4 Soprano solo—"Thou Brilliant Bird".....David.
Miss Estelle Liebling.
Flute Obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky.
5 "Bardina".....Herbert.
6 (a) Idyl....."In a Clock Store".....Orth.
(b) Caprice—"The Passing of Rag Time".....Pryor.
(c) March....."Imperial Edward".....Sousa.
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At the King's special request all the pieces were American, and, in addition to the programme, extra numbers were provided for his Majesty's selection. The music was warmly appreciated by the royal audience, the King leading the applause, and being greatly pleased with the performance of Miss Maud Powell (violin) and Miss Estelle Liebling (solo vocalist), who were accorded by his Majesty an occasional "bravo." The original programme was interspersed with several extra compositions, the Queen requesting the "Stars and Stripes," "Hands Across the Sea," the "Washington Post," and "Coon Band Contest." "The Star Spangled Banner" was given at the desire of his Majesty, who, with the rest of the audience, stood up while it was being played. "God Save the King" was given at the close of the concert, which terminated shortly after midnight. The King, Queen, and Prince of Wales afterwards shook hands with Mr. Sousa, whom his Majesty thanked, and he complimented the band on its playing. The King also introduced Mrs. Sousa, who shook hands and chatted for a little while before the royal party entered the Waterloo Chamber.

Mrs. Sousa and the members of the band afterwards entertained to supper, at which the toast of "The King and Queen" was enthusiastically honoured, and subsequently they left Windsor by special sleeping car train for Chester, en route for Cork, via Holyhead. Before leaving Windsor, Mr. Sousa expressed to an interviewer the delight of himself and the band at their reception and the gracious treatment by the King and Queen and Royal family, and their delight also with all they witnessed at the Castle.

An eye-witness thus conveys his impressions to the *Daily News*:—

"To the programme several additions were made. Thus the performance began with 'God Save the King.' Then the first three appointed items were given, and each were heartily applauded. But Miss Liebling's trills in 'Thou Brilliant Bird' provoked special appreciation, cries of 'Bravo! Bravo!' arising. Amid this demonstration Lord Farquhar (Master of the Household) stepped across to Mr. Sousa with a slip of paper on which he had written the names of four pieces specially asked for by the King, the Queen, and the Princess of Wales. His Majesty wished to hear the 'Washington Post' and 'The Stars and Stripes for Ever.' Queen Alexandra asked for 'Hands Across the Sea,' and the Princess of Wales' request was for 'Down South.' In their very best form, Sousa and his Band rendered these pieces, which wrought the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. And this enthusiasm developed as the remaining items in the programme were given. The 'Imperial Edward' March, in particular, provoked delight. This was the first time that the King had heard it played by the Band, though it was 'run through' in his presence when, last summer, Mr. Philip Yorke secured august authority for the dedication. After 'In the Realm of the Dance' had been given, once more Lord Farquhar stepped across to Mr. Sousa. This time it was to inform him that his Majesty desired to hear another 'coon' piece, as well as the American National Anthem. Greatly elated at all these proofs of Royal approval, Mr. Sousa and his clever associates played 'The Coon Band Contest.' Then they broke into 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' the King and Queen and all others present standing throughout the performance. This item, according to the King's direction, was to have concluded the performance, but Mr. Sousa dared to be disobedient. On a sudden he turned and faced the Royal gathering, the band once more playing 'God Save the King'; and they played it with more fire, with more 'human electricity,' than they have probably ever before expended on the effort. Such was the dramatic conclusion of a memorable performance.

"The King now went forward and shook Mr. Sousa by the hand, thanking him for the concert and praising it highly. 'And how long, Mr. Sousa,' asked his Majesty, 'do you propose to remain in this country?' 'Until May,' the famous conductor replied. 'Ah!' exclaimed the King, 'then I want you here again, and next time we will have nothing but American music.' Mrs. Sousa was presented to the King and Queen, and then, as his Majesty was about to quit the apartment, he paused, and, turning to the band, bowed and said: 'Very fine! Very fine!'

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1 Collocation—"El Capitan" Sousa.

2 Trombone Solo—"Love's Enchantment" Pryor.
Mr. Arthur Pryor.

3 Suite—"Looking Upward" Sousa.
(a) By the Light of the Polar Star.
(b) Under the Southern Cross.
(c) Mars and Venus.

4 Soprano solo—"Thou Brilliant Bird" David.
Miss Estelle Liebling.

Flute Obligato by Mr. Marshall Davies.

5 "Bardings" Herbert.

6 (a) Idyl—"In a Clock Tower" Orth.
(b) Caprice—"The Passing of Time" Pryor.
(c) March—"Imperial Edward" Sousa.

7 Violin Solo—"Zigeunerweisen" Sarasata.
Miss Maud Powell.

8 Mosaic—"In the Realm of the Dance" Sousa.
(Founded on famous waltz themes).

Under the direction of Mr. Philip Weiss.

At the King's special request all the pieces were American, and, in addition to the programme, extra numbers were provided for the Majesty's selection. The music was warmly appreciated by the royal audience, the King leading the applause, and being greatly pleased with the performance of Miss Maud Powell (violin) and Miss Estelle Liebling (solo vocalist), who were accompanied by his Majesty an occasional "bravo." The original programme was interspersed with several extra compositions, the Queen requesting the "Stars and Stripes," "Hands Across the Sea," the "Washington Post," and "Coon Band Contest." "The Star Spangled Banner" was given at the desire of his Majesty, who, with the rest of the audience, stood up while it was being played. "God Save the King" was given at the close of the concert, which terminated shortly after midnight. The King, Queen, and Princess of Wales afterwards shook hands with Mr. Sousa, whom his Majesty thanked, and he complimented the band on its playing. The King also introduced Mrs. Sousa to the Queen, who shook hands and danced with her for a little while before the royal party quitted the Waterloo Chamber.

Mr. and Mrs. Sousa and the members of the band were afterwards entertained to supper, at which the toast of "The King and Queen" was enthusiastically honoured, and subsequently they left Windsor by special sleeping car train for Chester, en route for Cork, via Holyhead. Before leaving Windsor, Mr. Sousa expressed to an interviewer the delight of himself and the band at their reception and the gracious treatment by the King and Queen and Royal family, and their delight also with all they witnessed at the Castle.

An eye-witness thus conveys his impressions to the *Daily News*:—

"To the programme several additions were made. Thus the performance began with 'God Save the King.' Then the first three appointed items were given, and each were heartily applauded. But Miss Liebling's trials in 'Thou Brilliant Bird' provoked special appreciation, cries of 'Bravo! Bravo!' arising. And this demonstration Lord Basingham (Master of the Household) stepped across to Mr. Sousa with a slip of paper on which he had written the names of four pieces specially asked for by the King the following day."

SOUSA'S BAND. PERFORMANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Sousa, the incomparable; conductor, composer, and story writer, and his band appeared at the Opera House on Monday afternoon. A widespread desire was shown to hear this remarkable corps of musicians and their more remarkable conductor. Half the seats in the Opera House were engaged previously, and when the performance began standing room was scarcely available. Mr Sousa and his musicians, fresh from their journey from Windsor, where they played on Saturday night before the King and Royal Family, were heartily applauded, and the audience, expecting much, settled down to listen and enjoy themselves. There has been no band or conductor about which so much has been written as Sousa and his corps. The programme as arranged was as follows, and we will afterwards enumerate the encores:—

1. Overture "William Tell" Rossini.

2. Trombone Solo—"Love Thoughts" Pryor.
Mr Arthur Pryor.

3. Suite "Maidens Three" Sousa.
(a) The Coquette.
(b) The Summer Girl.
(c) The Dancing Girl.

4. Soprano Solo—"Indian Bell Song" (From

"Lakme") Delibes.
Estelle Liebling.

The concert took place in the Waterloo Chamber, where many splendid entertainments have taken place. Chairs were arranged at the end of the apartment for their Majesties' and the rest of the audience. The concert commenced about twenty minutes past ten, after dinner, when the King and Queen and other guests walked into the Waterloo Chamber, the band playing the National Anthem on their entrance. The Waterloo Chamber was lavishly decorated with flowers, but no platform was erected for the performers; they occupied the floors of the room opposite their royal audience. Besides the King, in the front row, sat the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Charles of Denmark, Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of

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SOUSA'S BAND AT PERTH.

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Had all the pieces in last night's programme been of the nature of Rubinstein's "Kammenoi Ostrow," which we cite as a genuine art-work, and as music exceptionally suitable to a military band, and exceedingly well transcribed for it from the original score, there would be no need for any qualification in regard to refinement of tone and execution. But Mr. Sousa in catering for mixed audiences is compelled to play music of a more vulgar and blatant kind, and such music is indubitably hardly tolerable in a hall. On the other hand, it may be further remarked that such a composition as Berlioz's "Carnaval Romain," although belonging to high art, does not lend itself to transcription, and therefore falls into the category of music that, while it serves to display the virtuosity of the Sousa instrumentalists and so excites our admiration, is yet unsuitable for the medium into which it is forced. In contrast, Mascagni's "Danse Erotica" was excellently well adapted for it.

As for Mr. Sousa's own compositions—his suite "Looking Upward" and inimitable marches—they were as exhilarating as ever, and won a lion's share of the applause—the new "Imperial Edward" March, in particular, being encored unanimously.

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Mr. Sousa's picturesquely artistic conducting was as fascinating as of yore, and the playing of his Band was wonderfully perfect in technique, though it would be still more effective if it had for motive greater geniality and enthusiasm, instead of an almost unvaried cold brilliancy and automatic precision.

SOUSA'S BAND IN GLASGOW.—It has long been the reproach of America that she has no distinctive art. So far, she has been mostly content to import her music and pictures, and, with a plentiful supply of dollars, she sees that what she buys is of the best quality. In this country the general public have been accustomed to associate home-made American music pretty much with Sankey, who, while having some qualities distinctive of his country, may be said to be the negation of art. In Sousa, roughly speaking, we have Sankey, minus evangelicalism, plus gilt and a double share of the American spirit. Sousa's is the art that "hustles." In a hundred little ways, yesterday's performance in the St Andrew's Hall smacked of America. Many people confess to having their musical dreams disturbed when, on raising their eyes to a concert platform, they see a few score of pleasant-looking gentlemen fiddling and blowing and smiting sheep-skin. So it was felt to be a step in the right direction when Wagner created the "mystic abyss" of Bayreuth, from which the sounds of the orchestra issue forth like a stream from a hidden source. Such a method one feels to be quite contrary to the American spirit. One cannot imagine Sousa and his expensive band in a mystic abyss. People go to see as well as to hear the "March King." Indeed, during the Exhibition visit not only were band and conductor visible to the eye, but as each prominent theme was reached, the players to whom it was allotted sallied forth to the front, so that the audience could make no mistake in ascribing to the flutes some excellent piece of work done by the trombones. America not only gives us gorgeous sounds, but she shows us how the wheels go round. Yesterday afternoon, however, the band mostly remained in their places, an exception being made only in the case of the "Imperial Edward" March. It may be said that Mr. Sousa has done everything that dollars can do. His machine is as perfect as possible, but it is only a machine and not a living organism. The renderings of the Largo from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony and the overture to "William Tell" brought no conviction to our mind, only serving to show how imperfectly clarinets can do the work of strings. As for the endless Sousa numbers, after one has given the music credit for a certain "leg-for-leg jollity," one has said all that is possible in its favour. In short, as a force in music Sousa and his band have not the slightest significance. Miss Maud Powell's performance of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" was quite enjoyed, although, after so much rather cheap noise it was difficult to attain the repose of mind necessary for the appreciation of delicate, artistic playing. Miss Estelle Lieblich's showy singing lent variety to the entertainment. The crowded St Andrew's Hall showed that Sousa and his manager know at least how to run their show.

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LEVEE AND STATE CONCERT.

His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant inaugurated his first Dublin season on Tuesday with one of the most brilliant and successful levées ever witnessed at the Castle. So numerous was the attendance that the ceremony lasted until after ten o'clock. At its close a number of guests remained for luncheon with their Excellencies.

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SOUSA'S BAND AT NEWPORT.

TWO MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCES.

Newport is under an obligation to Mr. Sidney Cooper, the lessee and manager of the Lyceum Theatre, for his enterprise in bringing to the town the famous composer and conductor, John Philip Sousa, and his no less famous band; and the performances given yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon and evening demonstrated that the townspeople thoroughly appreciate really high-class music when it is literally before them, though they are often slow to manifest that appreciation beforehand. The theatre was full in nearly every part in the afternoon, and packed from stage to doors, from pit to gallery, in the evening. It was pleasant to find that keen advantage had been taken of the uniform and comparatively low charge asked for admission to the pit, gallery, and amphitheatre. It may be said in a sentence that the performances were brilliant throughout, and came to those present as a revelation of the possibilities of band instruments—woodwind and brass instruments, as distinguished from strings, for there are none of the latter in the band.

What is Sousa's band? We cannot spare space to trace its origin, though that is a most interesting story. But the band is a combination of some 50 performers, all picked musicians, all masters of their special instruments, and trained to a degree of precision and executive force that is marvellous. It is well to remember the title of the combination. It is not "Sousa's band," it is "Sousa and his band." The conjunction is all-important, for while it was the practical and business genius of Sousa that created the band (upon the foundation-ideas originally laid down by Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore), it is his personality and his musicianship that supply its verve and inspiration. Celebrated first in America, the band has become equally distinguished—equally pre-eminent, indeed—in Europe. It is remarkably strong in clarinets—a very necessary element in the entire absence of strings—as the following list shows: 16 clarinets, soprano, alto and bass; 2 hautboys, 2 bassoons, 4 basses (Sousaphones), 4 flutes and piccolos, 4 cornets, 3 trombones, 4 saxophones, 2 French horns, 3 trumpets, 1 Sarasaphone, 2 euphonias, and 3 tympani.

Sousa put before the audience on Wednesday afternoon a programme rich in its general composition, and presenting delightful variety—the latter element becoming more conspicuous when the many encores are included in a general survey, for Sousa is notoriously prodigal in yielding to encores, without fuss or sensation, but purely to give audiences as much pleasure as possible. The programme was as follows:—Overture, "Carnaval Romaine" (Berlioz); trombone solo, "Blue Bells of Scotland" (Pryor). Mr. Arthur Pryor; suite, "Three Quotations" (Sousa), (a) "The King of France, with twenty thousand men, marched up a hill, and then marched down again," (b) "As I too, was born in Arcadia," (c) "Night in the Woodpile"; soprano solo, "Indian Bell Song" from "Lakme" (Delibes); Miss Estelle Lieblich; Closing scene from "Andrea Chenier" (Giordana). Interval. Second Hungarian Rhapsody (Liszt); novelette, "Sizileta" (vom Blom); march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa), dedicated by special permission to His Gracious Majesty the King; violin solo, Chopin's Nocturne, arranged by Sarasate; Miss Evelyn Tyser; grand galop de concert, "Chase of the lion" (Killing).

The opening overture at once demonstrated the scope of the band's power. The trombone soloist, Mr. Pryor, is his own composer, and he proved that the trombone is not merely four feet of "blare," but an instrument capable of the softest cadences. The brilliant effect of the cornets was seen in the course of the accompaniment, Mr. Pryor being encored, "The Honeysuckle and the Bee" (which Sousa himself introduced from the States into England) was given, and for once people were able to realise the exquisite melody there is in this much suffering air. Sousa's suite was delightful, whether in the sustained effects of the reed instruments in the first item, or in the third of the set, which, opening with a clash of tambourines, shows that the composer has accurately caught and interpreted the soft, stealing, mellifluous spirit of plantation melody. An encore promptly followed the rendering of the Suite, and Sousa twice responded, giving first, Prior's "Coon Band Contest," and secondly "Washington Post," which his own fortunes are so intimately associated. Miss Estelle Lieblich is a remarkable singer, as her rendering of the "Indian Bell Song" proved. She has cultivated to a unique degree that light, florid style of vocalisation that in instrumental work would be described as staccato. She was heartily recalled to the platform. The concluding item of the first part revealed the full power of the band, and its admirable balance, and in particular the brilliant quality of the brass. The piece concludes with a really superb long-sustained chord of the full band. The march from Sousa's opera, "El Capitan," was given as an encore.

The second part was no less enjoyable. Liszt's characteristic writing in his Hungarian Rhapsody was in the strength of the band.

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The Perfect Party.

THE Duchess of Kennaquhair is a luxury-loving woman, and plans her parties regardless of expense. February may prove our coldest month, so the the garden as a flirtation paradise is not to be thought of. But a brilliant idea suggested itself; why not roof in the lawn and flower-borders, and turn them into a Winter Garden, like those at Brighton and Bournemouth? Of course, the music must be of the best. Why not engage Sousa's band, which has recently performed at Windsor Castle? And there should be some side-shows; a glorified gramophone sang songs the other day at Mrs. Ronalds's—that might be secured; and she could also engage a professional palmist from Bond Street. What happened at the Duchess's party may be told on another occasion.

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It was a late hour when the performance terminated and a move to the supper-room was made, the Lord Lieutenant leading the way with Lady Dudley, who was dressed in pale rose pink satin, veiled with white chiffon, trimmed with white ribbon work and set off with lovely jewels, including a dog-collared pearls and a diamond tiara. Amongst the house party were:—The Duke of Abercorn, the Duchess of Abercorn, in smoked pearl grey satin, with silver embroidered lace, and a touch of black on the corsage, on which were attached several orders. Catherine Duchess of Westminster looked handsome and stately in her sombre mourning attire; the Countess of Annesley, in pale satin, lace, and diamonds, looked very lovely. Lady Lurgan was in white satin with pink chiffon and sequin embroidery; Lady Castlerosse wore a black gown with some red flowers; Lady Evelyn Ward's gown had pale green chiffon softly draped on the corsage; Lady Mabel Crichton was in black; Lady Mary Grosvenor wore white; Lady Milbanke was beautifully dressed in white, the over dress of lace being embroidered in white and blue chiffon; the Countess Grosvenor wore soft ivory satin with lace and lovely emeralds; the Countess of Rosse was in black; Lady Muriel Parsons, too, wore black; the Countess of Kilmorey was in pink satin; Viscountess Massereene and Ferrard wore pink veiled with handsome black lace, and her daughter was in white; Lady Castletown had some lovely diamonds on her hair and corsage; the Ladies Howard were in grey satin gowns trimmed with lace; Lady Rachel Sanderson wore a handsome black toilette, and her daughters looked very handsome; Lady Musgrave wore orchid mauve satin, and a twist of tulle to match in her hair; Lady Holmpatrick had a black toilette with diamonds; Hon. Mrs. Pelham was becomingly dressed in black, with a cluster of green leaves on her corsage; Lady McGilchrist was in black; Lady Fingall in white satin and lace; Lady Inchiquin white, and the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Browne black and white. The

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It has been said that Sousa was a name to conjure with. That observation has proved correct in the past, and it holds good to-day. The popular American conductor and composer of a certain kind of music, in the course of his European tour, "struck" Glasgow to-day. He gave a concert in St. Andrew's Hall this afternoon, and he gives another in the same place to-night. At the afternoon performance the hall was very well filled, and when Mr Sousa appeared on the platform he had a reception which, for an afternoon concert, was quite enthusiastic. Sousa in the Band Kiosk is one thing, and Sousa in a covered hall quite another, and this was speedily demonstrated. The Tell overture was the opening piece, and it was, within the limits of the Sousa Band, wonderfully well played. The first half of it necessarily lacked delicacy, but in the stormy finale the pace was hurricane speed, and decidedly effective. A trombone solo followed by Mr Arthur Pryor, and this performance delighted the audience to the extent of an encore. Then came a Sousa Suite, "Maidens Three," of no special merit, and two encores, for Mr Sousa is nothing if not generous with his encores, one of them being the irresistible "Washington Post." This was given with inimitable dash and vim. The large movement from Dvorak's New World Symphony was cleverly rendered, bearing in mind the absence of strings from the Sousa combination. Other selections were a potpourri entitled "Mosaic," in which Mr Sousa has cleverly worked in well-known waltz themes; the "Imperial Edward March," as performed before the King the other day; and selections from Massenet and Von Blou. Miss Estelle Liebling, a lady with a flexible and highly-cultivated soprano voice, sang an extremely difficult scena from "Lakme," by Delibes, with considerable effect, and was warmly encored. The audience throughout was nothing if not appreciative.

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The reappearance of Mr. Sousa and his men in Glasgow was eagerly anticipated, and St. Andrew's Hall was almost crowded at the first performance yesterday afternoon. Naturally enough, the conductor's own compositions figured largely in the programme. Rossini's "Tell" overture was followed by "The Stars and Stripes for ever" and the Mexican Serenade; next the audience were served with a suite entitled "Maidens Three," in three movements—"The Coquette," "The Summer Girl," and "The Dancing Girl." It is decidedly effective, the second movement being particularly good, but any other titles would have been equally applicable. The piece was of course encored, and the "Coon Band Contest" and the now hackneyed "Washington Post" were played. After a wonderfully good account, considering the composition of the band, of the largo from Dvorak's "New World" symphony, more Sousa followed. It consisted of a mosaic—reason for the descriptive title not given and indeed unnecessary—called "In the realm of the dance," and founded on waltz themes. Although it made but a slight impression, Mr. Sousa was good enough to add "The Philosophic Maid," "El Capitan," and "Bundle of Mischief" for encores, and the march "Imperial Edward," about which so much has been heard of late, had to be repeated. The last-named is really one of Mr. Sousa's most effective works, full of martial spirit and vigour. Amongst other pieces were Von Blou's novelette "Sizilietta," and variations on a Massenet theme.

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It was a late hour when the performance terminated and a move to the supper-room was made, the Lord Lieutenant leading the way with Lady Dudley, who was dressed in pale rose pink satin, veiled with white chiffon, trimmed with white ribbon work and set off with lovely jewels, including a dog-collar of pearls and a diamond tiara. Amongst the house party were :—The Duke of Abercorn, the Duchess of Abercorn, in smoked pearl grey satin, with silver embroidered lace, and a touch of black on the corsage, on which were attached several orders. Catherine Duchess of Westminster looked handsome and stately in her sombre mourning attire; the Countess of Annesley, in pale satin, lace, and diamonds, looked very lovely. Lady Lurgan was in white satin with pink chiffon and sequin embroidery; Lady Castlerosse wore a black gown with some red flowers; Lady Evelyn Ward's gown had pale green chiffon softly draped on the corsage; Lady Mabel Crichton was in black; Lady Mary Grosvenor wore white; Lady Milbanke was beautifully dressed in white, the overdress of lace being embroidered in white and blue chiffon; the Countess Grosvenor wore soft ivory satin with lace and lovely emeralds; the Countess of Rosse was in black; Lady Muriel Parsons, too, wore black; the Countess of Kilmorey was in pink satin; Viscountess Massereene and Ferrard wore pink veiled with handsome black lace, and her daughter was in white; Lady Castletown had some lovely diamonds on her hair and corsage; the Ladies Howard were in grey satin gowns trimmed with lace; Lady Rachel Saunderson wore a handsome black toilette, and her daughters looked very handsome; Lady Musgrave wore orchid mauve satin, and a twist of tulle to match in her hair; Lady Holmpatrick had a black toilette with diamonds; Hon. Mrs. Pelham was becomingly dressed in black, with a cluster of green leaves on her corsage; Lady M'Galmont was in black; Lady Fingall in white satin and lace; Lady Inchiquin white, and the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Browne black and white. The Hon. Mrs. Ross of Bladensburg, in grey satin, was chaperoning the Misses Skeffington. Lady M'Donnell brought her daughter and Miss Stiffe; Lady Fitzgerald Arnott was accompanied by her daughters and Mrs. and Miss Bagwell. The Hon. May Trench, wearing a white gown, came with Mrs. and Miss Chenevix Trench. Lady Thomson looked smart. Mrs. Sharman Crawford, of Crawfordsburn, was one of the many Northerners present, the North having mustered very strong to do honour to the gracious Viceroy and his lady, who had with their regard and admiration during their memorable visit to Belfast last winter. As might have been expected from the Levée in the early part of the afternoon, the gathering country people was unusually large, and gave a slight forecast of what may be expected at the Drawingroom to-night, when, it is believed, record will be made.

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FAMOUS AMERICAN COMBINATION IN
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Whatever the position Mr. John Philip Sousa and his American band may take in art—and it has not yet and probably never will be exactly defined—it cannot be denied that among bands of the world it occupies a place unique. It is not an orchestra, and to describe it as a military band is altogether erroneous. Perhaps the best way out of the difficulty is to call it Sousa's Band and let classification alone. It is certainly a remarkable combination, as we first learned during the Exhibition of 1901. Each instrumentalist is a virtuoso in his own way, but to the conductor, who is quite as remarkable as the combination, is alone due the perfection to which the band has attained. His style at the desk is original and sometimes vastly amusing, and his own compositions are equally original and full of quaint and occasionally extraordinary effects. And yet, even when all these virtues are considered, one cannot eliminate the mechanical element from the performance.

The reappearance of Mr. Sousa and his men in Glasgow was eagerly anticipated, and St. Andrew's Hall was almost crowded at the first performance yesterday afternoon. Naturally enough, the conductor's own compositions figured largely in the programme. Rossini's "Tell" overture was followed by "The Stars and Stripes for ever" and the "Mexican Serenade"; next the audience were served with a suite entitled "Maidens Three," in three movements—"The Coquette," "The Summer Girl," and "The Dancing Girl." It is decidedly effective, the second movement being particularly good, but any other titles would have been equally applicable. The piece was of course encored, and the "Coon Band Contest" and the now hackneyed "Washington Post" were played. After a wonderfully good account, considering the composition of the band, of the largo from Dvorak's "New World" symphony, more Sousa followed. It consisted of a mosaic—reason for the descriptive title not given and indeed unnecessary—called "In the realm of the dance," and founded on waltz themes. Although it made but a slight impression, Mr. Sousa was good enough to add "The Philosophic Maid," "El Capitan," and "Bundle of Mischief" for encores, and the march "Imperial Edward," about which so much has been heard of late, had to be repeated. The last-named is really one of Mr. Sousa's most effective works, full of martial spirit and vigour. Amongst other pieces were Von Blon's novelette "Siziletta," and variations on a Massenet theme.

The soloists were Miss Estelle Liebbling, a very finished vocalist, who gave an excellent rendering of the Indian Bell Song from Delibes' "Lakme;" Miss Maud Powell, a violinist with wonderfully clever technique and much beauty of tone; and Mr. Arthur Pryor, the leader of the trombones, and one of the finest performers of the day on that instrument. He played "The Bluebells of Scotland," arranged by himself, and a melody in D as an encore.

At the evening concert the hall was again crowded with an enthusiastic audience.

CONCERTS IN ST ANDREW'S HALL.

John Philip Sousa and his superbly excellent military band of sixty performers, who are making a tour of Europe, visited Glasgow yesterday. They played in St Andrew's Hall in the afternoon and again in the evening to large audiences.

Exceedingly few are the military bands that have dared to engage in such an arduous enterprise, and fewer still those that have won success and fame in their appeal to the public of various nationalities. But the famous American conductor and composer, with his original and well-marked characteristics as artist and as man, is in his own domain, a unique personage who attracts the public magnetically, and who, moreover, in the organic form and training of his (above) genius of a rare kind.

We, in Glasgow, know how seductive were the performances of Scouse and his band *al fresco*, but yesterday by playing indoors they subjected themselves to the severest test possible for a military band. They triumphed, however, not merely in making their performances tolerable, but in exciting genuine enthusiasm, and in the still more difficult feat of retaining their audience in a concert of 'two hours' duration. It is quite true that as a rule it is decidedly more pleasant to listen to such a band in the open air, but the dynamics of Scouse's band are so perfect, and are so artistically varied, that the effect of the performances give a minimum of offence to sensitive and cultured ears.

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Beginning Well.

The Earl of Dudley's appointment to the post of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has turned out to be one that is very apposite. Lady Dudley's recent operation for the all too fashionable ailment which is known as appendicitis has happily been successful, and on Tuesday the Dublin Castle season was formally opened by a Levee; and everybody was pleased to notice how well Lady Dudley looked. In the evening, Mr. Sousa's band, coming hot-foot from Windsor, played for the amusement of the guests. Among the most notable of these were Prince Francis of Teck, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, the Earl and Countess of Essex, and Lord Vivian.

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The trombonist, Mr Arthur Pryor, has not been overpraised. Never, probably, has such wonderful playing on a trombone been heard. While his own compositions "Love Thoughts" and "Love's Enchantment" were marvellous performances and showed what can be done with a trombone, his rendering of "My Old Kentucky Home" and the hackneyed "Honeysuckle and the Bee" will linger long in the memory. Miss Maud Powell is an artiste of rare power and quality. Her technique was very clever, while the delicacy of her playing and the beauty of tone produced were exceedingly fine, forming one of the most enjoyable features of the concert. Miss Estelle Lieblich has a fine soprano voice, which showed well in the songs she sang—"Indian Bell Song" from "Lakma" (Delibes), "Thou Brilliant Bird" (David), and "The Nightingale." Mr Marshall Lufsky played the flute obligato to "Thou Brilliant Bird" in a most masterly fashion.

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THE SOUSA CONCERT.

Not a little interest is attached to the first appearance in Dundee of the famous Sousa Band, which will take place in the Kinnaird Hall on Thursday first. Two Concerts will be given on that day—afternoon and evening—and as the programmes will be entirely different, it may be anticipated that many lovers of music will endeavour to be present at both performances. Those who remember the great success which attended Sousa's Band at the Glasgow Exhibition of 1901 will be pleased to have another opportunity of listening to this very remarkable Orchestra. We say "Orchestra" advisedly, for the term "Band" is apt to give a false impression. This notable combination is in no sense similar to a military band. It was organised originally in September, 1892, for indoor performances; and only at the Paris Exhibition of 1900, and at the recent Glasgow Exhibition did the members of the Band play in the open air. The constitution of the Band is peculiar. There are no stringed instruments, but the effects usually obtained from the strings in an orchestra are produced by the reed instruments. As there have been few changes in the personnel of the Band since its organisation, the separate performers are so accustomed to playing together that the Conductor operates upon them as though the Band formed but one instrument. John Philip Sousa is himself a most interesting personage. He was born at Washington in November, 1856, and began his musical career as the conductor of a theatre orchestra in 1873. In 1876, he held the position of leader of violin in 1876, and held the position of leader of the U.S. Marine Band from 1880 to 1892. The latter year witnessed the formation of the Sousa Band, and with this company he has toured throughout the world as an "exceedingly popular composer, especially of Marches. This year he contemplates making a tour round the world, and his present visit to this country is a preliminary to this extensive undertaking. He has associated with him Miss Maud Powell, a very talented violinist, whose style has been compared to that of Lady Hallé, and Miss Estelle Lieblich, a gifted soprano vocalist, who has already won renown on the concert platform. Mr Arthur Pryor, the famous trombone-player and composer, who has been a member of the Band since its institution, is famed for his solo-playing, and his part in the programme is always a special feature.

The programmes for the Afternoon and Evening Concerts on Thursday contain music of the highest class, as well as that which is more popular than classic. Among the composers represented are Rossini, Dvorak, Berlioz, Rubinstein, Mascagni, and Mendelssohn, and these names might alone give a guarantee that the Concerts are to be much above the average. There will also be several of Sousa's own Marches performed, including his "Imperial Edward March," which was accepted by the King last year. Miss Powell will play a composition by Sarasate, and two movements from Mendelssohn's "Concerto." Messrs Methven, Simpson, and the organist of the

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A UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

Sousa and his band was the attraction that drew crowded audiences to the City Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening. The entertainment was of a unique character, and was most thoroughly enjoyed. The large combination has been trained to a degree of perfection which is sensitive to the slightest inclination of the renowned conductor. And Sousa as a conductor is eloquent in his every movement. There is a gracefulness in the rhythmic swing of his baton, and the movement of a finger, hand or arm, on the slightest inclination of the body are all indicative of some special colouring to be given to the music. The bandmen respond with a precision truly marvellous, and with an efficiency which could only have been attained by long and consistent rehearsals. Sousa's band playing Sousa's marches is a treat. The March King's music has gained a world-wide reputation, and many a dusty mile have the Sons of the Empire marched to Sousa's enlivening music. "El Capitan," "The Washington Post," and "Stars and Stripes" were rendered with the finest effect and all the beautiful colouring of the composer's conception. The patriotism of the audience was aroused by Sousa's tribute to the King, "Imperial Edward," and the enthusiastic swinging march was repeated, with a very effective grouping of the brass solo instruments. The plantation songs and dances was a unique and pleasing selection, introducing many novelties in rag time and cake-walk music. An echo of the pantomime season was the rendering of "Annie More," and a very clever melange was "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle," introducing representative music from the three sections of the United Kingdom and mingling the whole in "Soldiers of the King." Among other pieces played by the band in the evening were Berlioz's overture to "Carnaval Romaine," Sousa's "Looking Upward," Liszt's "Second Rhapsody," Mascagni's "Danse Exotica," Niven's "Country Dance," and Kolling's "Chase of the Lion." Sousa keeps his programme going merrily, and gracefully accedes to the many encores with a slight nod of compliance—the "extra" being commenced immediately he has mounted the dias. In addition to selections by the band, solos were rendered by Miss Estelle Lieblich, soprano; Miss Maud Powell, violinist; Mr Arthur Pryor, trombonist; and Mr Marshall Lufsky, flautist. All the accompaniments to these items were rendered with rare skill and marvellous tone by the band. We are indebted to Messrs Paterson, Sons, & Co. for the excellent arrangements.

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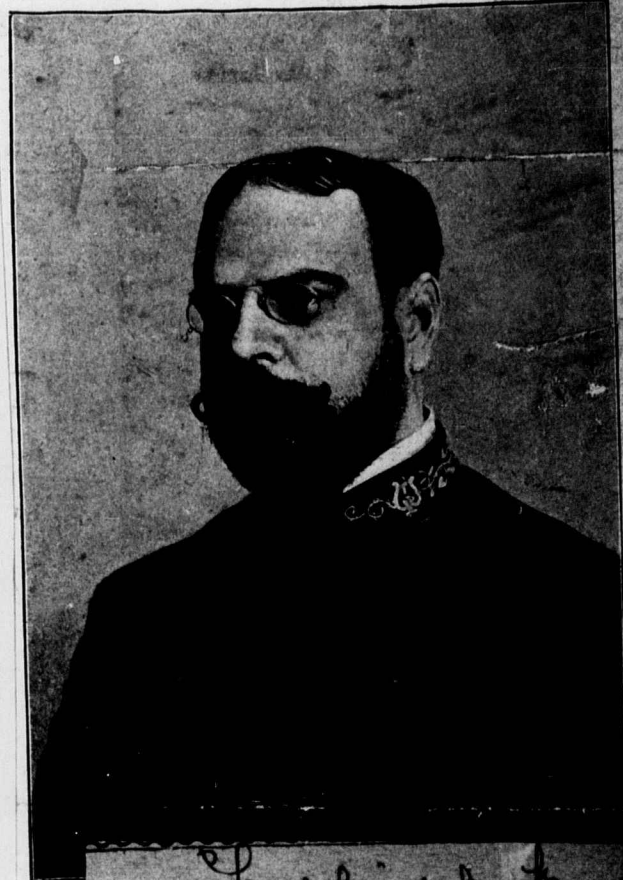


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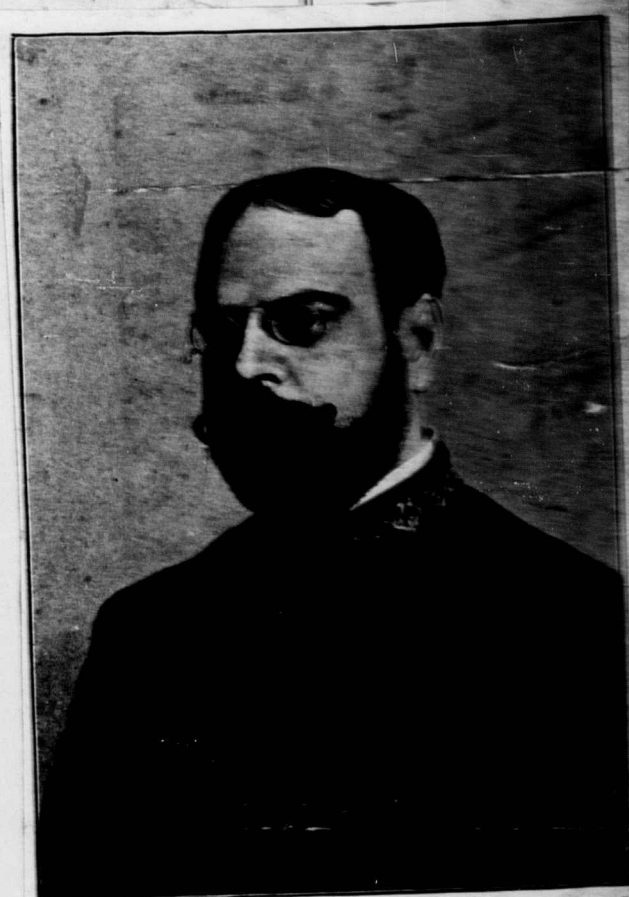


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Associated with Sousa's Band at these Concerts were Miss Estelle Liebling, soprano vocalist, and Miss Maud Powell, violinist. Miss Liebling has a voice which, in some respects, is phenomenal. She has a great range, and has studied voice-production to some purpose. Her "Indian Bell Song," from Leo Delibes' opera "Lakme," was rendered admirably; and her singing of David's "Bird Song," with its extremely difficult bravura passages, was quite unexceptionable. Miss Maud Powell recently appeared in Dundee with great success in connection with the Orchestral Concerts, and the very favourable impression then created was quite confirmed yesterday. At the Afternoon Concert she played Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" (which has been played by the composer in Dundee) with great executive skill; and responded to an encore with a very pleasing interpretation of Handel's "Largo." In the evening she gave two movements from Mendelssohn's famous "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra," and her execution almost reminded one of the finished style of Lady Hallé. A word of hearty commendation is also due to Mr Arthur Pryor, who showed, to the surprise of every one, that the "truer trombone" can be made a solo instrument of great expression and delicacy.

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JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.

The first visit of Sousa and his band naturally was an event of considerable interest to musical people in Edinburgh. Perhaps if the prices had been popular the attendance yesterday would have been greater; in fact there can be no doubt about it. The Synod Hall is big enough to allow of one popular price, and it would have been much better had many of the vacant 7s. 6d. seats yesterday afternoon been occupied by holders of 1s. tickets.

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It seems that the "Glasgow Herald" has a musical critic who has opinions of his own, and who declines to be led by the nose by the London critics who on Sousa's first visit made his reputation. This perverse man writes that Sankey was the negation of art, and that "in Sousa, roughly speaking, we have Sankey, minus evangelicalism, plus gilt and a double share of the American spirit. Sousa's is the art that hustles." Evidently we are face to face with a critic who would speak disrespectfully of the equator.

He is not content with this. Later he writes:—"It may be said that Mr. Sousa has done everything that dollars can do. His machine is as perfect as possible, but it is only a machine." As for the endless Sousa numbers, after one has given the music credit for a certain "leg-for-leg" jollity, one has said all that is possible in its favour. And after this we read that "as a force in music Sousa and his band have not the faintest significance." Still, the writer admits that "the crowded hall showed that Sousa and his manager know at least how to run their show." This last sentence is indeed painful. Not long ago a German critic was fined and imprisoned for calling a lady vocalist a "hippopotamus." Is there no fine and imprisonment for calling Sousa's band "a show"?

SOUSA'S BAND.—This renowned combination of instrumentalists visited Kirkcaldy on Wednesday last, when afternoon and evening performances were given in the Adam Smith Hall. It may be literally said of John Philip Sousa, as of Julius Caesar, that "he has come, he has been seen, and he has conquered." As a conductor he is unique in every respect, all the regulation ways of beating time and of indicating the required gradations of tone being done away with, and methods entirely new put in their places. The combination includes all known instruments found in military bands, and, judging by occasional unwonted sounds, a few that are unknown. The mastery that each player has over his instrument—due, of course, very much to incessant practice, and the frequent repetition of the same numbers—is quite wonderful. Encores were continuous, the number of items being practically doubled. Some of the effects belonged to the sensational order, as, for instance, in the "Obsequies of the Lion," where a shot was fired, and in the "Imperial Edward March," when twelve trombonists stepped to the front of the platform and blew a blast that could only have come from twelve trombones. Miss Maud Powell displayed extraordinary abilities in her two violin solos, and Mr Pryor, trombonist, may also be classed as a virtuoso. The two bird-like carols by Miss Estelle Liebling were quite in keeping with the unique character of the entertainment.

Sousa Concert.—On Wednesday.

John Philip Sousa and his world famous band made a long looked for visit to Adam Smith Hall, and gave two performances—afternoon and evening—before large and appreciative audiences. The programme submitted was a particularly attractive one, each of the pieces being heartily enjoyed by the audiences, who were not slow to express their appreciation by cheering. More than once had Sousa to answer to the wishes of the crowd by giving popular encores. Special points in the programme were the trombone solo, "Love's Enchantment," by Mr Arthur Pryor; and the soprano solo "Thou Brilliant Bird," by Miss Estelle Liebling. Mr M. Paul gave a wonderful exposition on the violin. The performance all through was one of high excellence.

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Though Mr Sousa's music is familiar enough here, he is at present making his first visit to Edinburgh with his famous band. Two performances were given yesterday in the Synod Hall, and these will be repeated in the same place this afternoon and this evening. The band includes fully 50 players, who perform on wood and brass instruments, some of the latter being of extraordinary size, and one of them, rejoicing in the name of the Sousaphone, is surely the largest trumpet ever invented. The fine tone of the brasses is really the most admirable feature of the band, though the players are all accomplished executants, who followed the directions of their conductor, given usually with quaint gesture, with great precision and unanimity. The programme yesterday afternoon chiefly consisted of Mr Sousa's own music, of which the "Washington Post" is the most widely known, and, after all, the best example. His themes are hopelessly commonplace, but catching rhythm and clever scoring, combined with the vigour and swing of the band, have given Mr Sousa's compositions a popularity beyond their musical deserts. Even in the band's performance real musical expression is conspicuously absent, although the elements of light and shade are well enough observed. This was strikingly illustrated in the Largo from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony, which became, under Mr Sousa's interpretation, a dreamy and meaningless affair. In the open air, with festive surroundings, the band would be a pleasing incident, but otherwise it has no musical importance. The violin playing of Miss Maud Powell was a real artistic treat, and that she is a fine artist was proved by her refined playing in circumstances where there was much temptation to indulge in meretricious display. Miss Liebling was also a fine soloist, and her trombone solo by Mr Pryor was a real artistic treat. The band's liberal selection of music, by Mr Sousa, was a real artistic treat.

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Mr. Sousa is out of tune—not in his conducting but—with one of our customs. He says that in coming to England he was under the soothing impression that our laws would protect his property. "You can," he says, writing to the Editor of the "Times," "imagine my astonishment, therefore, on arriving in London to find that pirated editions of my compositions were being sold broadcast in the streets of your city." It is one of the penalties of greatness. All the same it is a penalty too grievous to be quietly borne, and we thought we had pretty well remedied the grievance of which Mr. Sousa complains. Doubtless under the "conductorship" of Mr. Sousa the police will be able, with the help of the new Copyright Act, to put down the flagitious conduct of which the American composer complains.

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Mr Sousa and his band have visited Aberdeen, and with the notable exception of the Dvorak movement, they have not impressed the local musical portion. I have had an experience of over thirty years, and more trashy programs have never before been presented to local audiences. I do not blame the band. Both in brasses and reeds they did their duty nobly and well, but why should we have so much Sousa inflicted upon us? We are a long suffering people, but when clap-trap is foisted upon us, why need any one wonder that we kick? Sleigh bells do not belong to legitimate music any more than nigger bones. And, besides, we expect that a conductor is to be a conductor, and not a man who merely wears white gloves, flourishes a stick in his hand, and endeavours to carry the band with him. Sousa may, or rather his manager may be able to value printers' ink, but they do not seem to understand what is required of them in the matter of music. As I have already said, I have no fault to find with the band. From the solo trombone downwards every member seems to know his work.

As for the soloists, the lady seems a bit flighty; but the violinist is a treat of no ordinary excellence. Altogether, Mr Sousa may well consider whether it is worth his while to ever visit Aberdeen again with his band. They are not, combined, a patch upon J. W. Gilmore, who came to us in the beginning of the eighties, and—surprised us!

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Irish Letter

Sousa, by the way, has done most excellently well in Dublin. The performances of his band at the Theatre Royal and the Rotunda attracted enormous audiences of novelty-lovers, and the famous conductor could afford to snap his fingers at the critics who thought it "lamentable" that he did not compile his programmes from the works of Wagner and Greig.

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The number of clerics present at the Sousa concert on the 31st was rather noticeable. The Bishops and other Church dignitaries have been very eloquent of late years on the subject of Sabbath observance; yet, when twelve o'clock arrived the Bishop of London, the Dean of Windsor, Canon the Marquis of Normanby, Canon Dalton, and Canon Clementi Smith were all listening with perfect equanimity to the "Coon Band Song" in the Waterloo Chamber.

Nor can they have been ignorant that the performers to whom they were giving audience would have to spend the remainder of the Sunday in a long journey to the south-west of Ireland, and that a sumptuous supper was to be served to them in the Castle before they started at 2.30 a.m. for Holyhead, a repast that meant keeping the King's servants up until four or five o'clock. How is this for "Sabbath observance?"

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SOUSA'S BAND drew large audiences in the City Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening.

SOUSA AND HIS BAND IN FALKIRK.

When eighteen months ago Sousa and his famous American band made their first appearance in Scotland at the Glasgow Exhibition they quite took the town by storm, and one heard everywhere nothing but praise of the band and the bandmaster. Further acquaintance seems only to have deepened the first favourable impression, and since the beginning of their present British tour large and enthusiastic audiences have attended all the band's performances wherever they have appeared. On Tuesday, through commendable local enterprise, the inhabitants of Falkirk, and the large populous district of which it is the centre, had two opportunities of hearing the band, in the afternoon, when a largely attended matinee was given, and in the evening, when a very large and appreciative audience was present, both concerts in the Town Hall. Falkirk Town Hall considered aesthetically leaves very much to be desired, but it is splendidly arranged for seeing and hearing. In the evening the area and galleries were very well filled, the audience presenting a striking contrast to that which a similar entertainment would draw in Stirling. One was struck by the very large preponderance of men, and also by the fact that they were for the most part young working-men. Also, though the music played by the band had in almost

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SOUSA IN NEWCASTLE

The Newcastle Town Hall was crowded on Monday night to hear Sousa's famous band. There were nine pieces on the programme, a certain indication that an encore was expected for every piece, but, as a matter of fact, there were several double encores, so that the performance became quite an extensive affair. In such pieces as Sousa's own suite, "Looking Upward," the band is inimitable. The standard is no higher than the average of pantomime music, but it is quite the best thing of its kind. The bizarre effects which Mr Sousa is so fond of may be regarded by the "unco' guid" of the musical world as worthy of their contempt, yet we cannot escape from their exhilarating influences—and would not if we could. The fortes, so freely introduced, are suggestive of pandemonium, but it is a lively and even a joyous pandemonium which takes place there. There is also to be considered the national element, which is seldom long absent. It crops up in the suite, "Down South," in "Passing of Rag Time," and fairly dominates in "Down South." These are nearly all dance music as it is understood by Dvorak. As the Americans may, there is no getting away from the fact that the songs and dances of the plantations make the groundwork of their national music. All that remains to be done is to accept the situation and make the most of it. The "Imperial March" is a companion to the "Washington Post." In this march the cornets leave their seats and line up in front of the stage to give greater prominence to a particular passage. It is a good piece of stage management, but we want the thing done once only, or carried on until the entire orchestra lines up in file as a climax. Unfortunately, the stage facilities of concert halls do not admit of this, or Mr Sousa would probably carry out his idea in extenso. As an "Imperial March" Mr Sousa's composition is not to be taken seriously, but we imagine the humour of the title must have appealed forcibly to the King. Other numbers which were charming in their way included "Washington Post," "Philosophic Maid," and "Stars and Stripes." The performances of the arrangement of Liszt's "Second Rhapsody" was highly interesting if not wholly satisfying. Many of the effects were truly brilliant, and there is no gainsaying the ability either of the conductor or the individual performers. But it was rather in the accompaniments of the solos by Miss Maud Powell, the "Andante" and "Allegro Vivace" from Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto," that the fine artistic quality of the band made itself felt to the full. The solo part was played with exquisite sympathy in the "Andante" and brilliancy in the "Allegro Vivace," and the accompaniments by the band, so beautifully in tune and accurately balanced, were quite a revelation. To us, this was the triumph of the evening. The audience was equally if not more enthusiastic over it, and the clever violinist responded with variations on "St. Patrick's Day," Miss Estelle Liebling sang David's florid song, "Thou Brilliant Bird," excellently, and was admirably seconded by Mr Lufsky, who played the flute obligato. As an encore she gave "The Nightingale," which also exhibited to the full her mastery of the technique of the voice. A trombone solo by Mr A. Pryor, who is an exceptionally able exponent of his instrument, drew a well-deserved encore. Since he was last here Mr Sousa has toned down his style of conducting. This was the only disappointment of the evening.

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CONCERT IN NEWCASTLE TOWN HALL.

Though no band visiting this country in recent years has excited such varying opinions as Mr J. P. Sousa's, it is as true that none other has caught the appreciative ear of the British public to such an extent. In London the return visit to Great Britain was inaugurated with a phenomenally successful season, and since then throughout their greatly extended travels the concerts have been attended by crowded audiences everywhere, and Newcastle last night was no exception to the rule, for the Town Hall would not hold all those who were anxious to see and hear Sousa for the first time or to renew pleasant acquaintance with the band and its distinguished conductor. There are many reasons for the popular success of Sousa's tour, and not least is the fact that the million regard the conductor and composer with something akin to gratitude, in return for the melodious and stirring marches which are so indelibly associated with his name and fame. Then the band itself is a wonderful musical mechanism, and its methods are interesting and even amusing to those accustomed to the stereotyped order of the British military bands and their conductors. Sousa himself is a personality of commanding authority. That he has mannerisms is perfectly true. They are the essence of his very character on the platform, and though sometimes no doubt merely ornamental, they are for the most part effective in securing the vigour and precision for which the band is noted. Sousa's marches we all know, and to their enkindling strains our soldiers have stepped out with quickened steps and lightened hearts, often joyously whistling the tunes when the bands have rested. But it is when Sousa's musicians interpret these compositions that the popularity of the marches and the band is best understood. The effect is exhilarating to a degree, and as an entertainment a course of Sousa must be strikingly beneficial to those who like music, because it enlivens, and makes them forget themselves and their worries. Its educational value is perhaps slight, but there is a time for all things, and a place. Quite clearly a very large and representative section of the public in the north is ready for Sousa. Last night's programme included excerpts from the works of Berlioz, Liszt, and Mascagni, but what the audience was most interested in was Sousa and his marches, as well as characteristic descriptive pieces were received with exceptional warmth. Miss Maud Powell was the violin soloist, and Miss Estelle Liebling the vocalist. Both were successful. The programme was extended to more than double its length, but no time was wasted, and at the close the appreciative audience were loth to leave, having enjoyed a performance that, on its lines and within its not very wide limitations, could scarcely have been more enthusiastically received. Sousa reappears in the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

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persons object to, is not unknown in this country—where, by the way, despite the noise and show these bodies make, not one workman in ten belong to them. But that the President of a British Court of law could order penalties to be recovered from a citizen for playing in an orchestra where someone not belonging to his particular association happened to be playing, comes rather as a shock to us in London. The lesson should be taken to heart here, being significant as to what would happen if only certain persons could have their way. In Australia the working man almost rules, and he has it seems brought the colonies into a very unsatisfactory condition. Evil as has been the work some of the Unions have wrought here, they have happily not captured our Law Courts.

Sousa as an Author.

Mr. Sousa, not satisfied with his achievements in the musical world, longs for other fields of conquest. From Messrs. Ward, Lock, & Co., we have received a novel, "The Fifth String," written by the famous American conductor. This, as one infers from the title, touches on matters musical, and belongs to that immense class of sensational productions which deals with "creepy things." We cannot say that the book rises above the average plane of merit of works of this class, but it is interesting in that the author gives us some views of American impresarios and concert agents. Mr. Sousa should certainly be able to speak about this class of people as one having authority. Whether the pictures we get of them are meant to be exact or otherwise, the author is evidently not impressed by their virtues. One Mr. Perkins, a New York concert agent, is held up to ridicule throughout. The following brief extract will serve to show how this gentleman's attitude to a successful debutant is depicted:—

"Perkins called in the morning. Perkins was happy—Perkins was positively joyous, and Perkins was self-satisfied. The violinist had made a great hit. But Perkins, confiding in the white-coated dispenser who concocted his *matin Martini*, very dry, an hour before, said he regarded the success due as much to the management as to the artist. And Perkins believed it. Perkins usually took all the credit for a success, and with charming consistency placed all responsibility for failure on the shoulders of the hapless artist."

Many of the author's cynical remarks may, of course, be intended to be taken "cum grano," as they are evidently inspired by a desire to appear epigrammatical, or, to speak more correctly, "smart."

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THE SOUSA CONCERTS.

With the performances given in the Philharmonic Hall, on Saturday afternoon and evening, the return visit to this city of Mr. John Philip Sousa and his band came to a close. The organisers of the concerts in Liverpool, Messrs. Rushworth and Draper, of Basnett-street, have every reason to be gratified with the success which has crowned their efforts. Obviously the compilation of the programme in each instance was the work of an adept, for the capabilities of the members of the organisation were well considered throughout. Music of the lighter order predominated, but here and there a classic occurred. For instance, Tchaikowsky's "March Slav" figured as the initial work in the scheme of the afternoon, and this was played with considerable distinction. "Walter's Farewell," in Nessler's opera "The Trumpeter of Sakkingen," was given as a solo on the flugel horn by Mr. Franz Helle, who is an expert executant. That admirable vocalist Miss Estelle Lieblich delighted her hearers by her singing of Sousa's song "Maid of the Meadow," and Miss Maud Powell, to whose gifts and attainments frequent allusion has been made, played two movements from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. A Suite by Sousa, bearing the quaint title "Three Quotations," the march "Imperial Edward," Buraloss's waltz "La Gitana," a Serenade of Moszkowski, "Songs of Grace and Songs of Glory," a so-called mosaic pieced together by the conductor, and certain plantation songs and dances arranged by Chambers, were also in the programme. Profuse were the encores, and responses were yielded in "El Capitán," "Whistling Rufus," "The Washington Post," "The Passing of Rag Time," "The Rose, Thistle, and Shamrock," "The Stars and Stripes," and "King Cotton." As was the case in the afternoon, the spacious hall was crowded in the evening, when there were introduced Sullivan's Overture "Di Ballo," the Love Scene from Richard Strauss' "Petersen," Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody, and the Overture to Herold's opera "Zampa," together with Sousa's "Sheridan's Ride," a set of descriptive battle scenes. Mr. Arthur Pryor contributed a trombone solo "Love Thoughts," Miss Lieblich sang "Sweet Bird" from Handel's "L'Allegro il Penseroso," the flute obligato being assigned to Mr. Marshall Lufsky, and Miss Maud Powell brilliantly performed Winiawski's "Pazet" Fantasia. The enthusiasm of the public was at the highest point throughout.

CIVIC LUNCHEON TO MR. J. P. SOUSA.

On Saturday, the Lord Mayor (Mr. W. W. Rutherford, M.P.) and the Lady Mayoress entertained to luncheon at the Town Hall Mr. J. Philip Sousa and Mrs. Sousa. Amongst those invited to meet Mr. and Mrs. Sousa were Miss Enid Rutherford, Miss Derry, Miss Powell, Miss Lieblich, Mr. E. Rushworth, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rensburg, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Peace, Mr. Adolph Meyer, Mr. John Hargreaves, Miss Hargreaves, Mr. and Mrs. Sanxay, Dr. and Mrs. Ryder, Colonel G. F. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Houlding, Mr. Mignot, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. J. Hemelryk, Mr. and Mrs. Eckes, Mr. F. C. Weingaertner, Mrs. and Miss Edith Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rutherford, Madame Nourry, Mr. Stanley Fitzgerald, Mr. Arthur and Miss Hughes, Mr. R. B. Kilgour, Mr. E. H. K. Sanxay, Mr. J. McFarlane, Mr. F. R. Rosenheim, Mr. and Mrs. A. and Miss Sheldermine, Mr. McGregor Veitch, Mr. John and Miss Lea, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, the Rev. J. Colville, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Colton, Chevalier and Mrs. Barbosa, Miss Webster, Miss Le Couteur, Miss Margie Bennett, Miss Heyworth, and Mr. John Hargreaves, jun.

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The enthusiasm that has been evoked by Mr. John Philip Sousa and his famous American combination of instrumentalists during their visit to this country shows no sign of diminishing, but, on the contrary, increases with the passing of the time, and the scenes that greeted the reappearance of the band yesterday in the Town Hall, Newcastle, were quite remarkable for their fervour and for the spontaneity of their ardour. The band gave two performances, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening; and at each the hall was crowded.

The programme in the afternoon included, besides several of Mr. Sousa's own compositions, examples of the works of Tchaikoffsky and Wagner. Vocal and instrumental solos added a pleasant variety to the programme. Judging by the warmth of the applause which greeted the various items the efforts of Mr. Sousa and his clever combination were thoroughly enjoyed. Sousa's "Imperial Edward" march was again included in the programme, and was repeated in response to a hearty encore, with which its rendition was rewarded.

At night the doors were fairly besieged more than an hour before the time for commencing, and when the band—somewhat sombre in appearance because of its plain and unpretentious uniform—came upon the platform it looked over a sea of eager and expectant faces. The hall was filled from the floor space to the uppermost tiers of orchestra and gallery. There is an air of alertness about Mr Sousa's band that differentiates it from most other orchestras. The sensation it has made in this country has been probably partly due to this element—a characteristically American feature; but its remarkable success, we should say, has been brought about by two circumstances

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Indeed, one is in difficulty whether to regard Mr. Sousa's entertainment as a concert or a spectacle. In both respects it is enjoyable, but as a spectacle it is especially so; and though in York, on Saturday, he seemed hardly so alert as usual, Mr. Sousa's movements afforded an amusing commentary on the music which was being performed. We had a programme of eight pieces, to which were added no fewer than 12 encores, among which were some of the most piquant effects of the concert. The majority were Mr. Sousa's own compositions, and in them he had thoughtfully provided for the tastes of his supporters, who were treated to all kinds of pleasant surprises, from sandpaper to the human whistle. The march, "Imperial Edward," which Mr. Sousa has dedicated to the King, was, of course, in evidence, and, though not very distinguished as a composition, it contains its little surprise when the trombones suddenly blow, quite irrelevantly, a phrase from the "National Anthem," and yet another when the cornets solemnly rise from their places and march to the front—apparently to be nearer the audience. They were quite sufficiently audible before.

When Mr. Sousa conducts his own Transatlantic tit-bits the music, the methods, and the hearers are in perfect harmony, and one has nothing but admiration for the splendid smartness and force of this fine band. The trombones in particular are really fine artists, and one of them played a couple of solos with amazing dexterity. His low notes in "In Cellar Cool" produced as marked a sensation as the high notes of Miss Liebbling in her neat performance of David's "Couplets du Mysoli," and another piece of sky-rocket vocalisation; and a genuine artistic success was won by the brilliant violin-playing by Miss Maud Powell. There were three pieces by Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner, with some pretensions to be regarded as artistic music, and they were played with commendable spirit, though Mr. Sousa's readings were open to criticism. They served, moreover, as an effective background to the "Washington Post," "Stars and Stripes for ever," "The Coon Band Contest" (a clever burlesque, by the way), and other things of that kind. The Festival Concert Hall was crowded almost to suffocation with a perspiring but delighted audience, whose enthusiasm was boundless.

THE BAND AT HULL.

Sousa's Band had an enthusiastic reception at Hull on Saturday night. Most of the programme items were culled from classic sources, but dearer to the hearts of the audience were the conductor's own suites. A cheer broke out when the opening bars of the famous "Post" were delivered on Saturday night, and further cheers greeted its close. In fact the audience revelled in the boom and crash of drum and cymbals, and were filled with ecstasy by blasts of transatlantic melody reminiscent of coon-songs and cake-walks, clog dances, and sand-jigs.

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THE SOUSA BAND. ITS TEES-SIDE VISIT.

When twelve months ago, during the course of his first concert tour of Great Britain, the American "March King," John Philip Sousa, gave to the people of Middlesbrough an opportunity of hearing his world-famous band, the success attending the visit was not all that could have been desired and was certainly not so great as the merits of the band deserved. That a different state of affairs will be the case on Friday afternoon next, when, in the Middlesbrough Theatre, a second appearance is made on Tees-side, is already very evident, and the first visit to Darlington that evening gives equal promise of being a thorough success. The sixty instrumentalists composing the band are all masters of their particular branch of the musical art, and under the baton of Sousa may be relied upon to provide most enjoyable concerts. The brilliant marches, which have made the name of the American composer so deservedly famous, will naturally form the main items of the programme, and amongst them will be found a number of Sousa's most recent compositions, including the "Imperial Edward" march, written for and by special permission dedicated to his Majesty, before whom the band has had the honour of giving two performances—the second at the commencement of this second British tour. Whilst upon the band falls the heat and burden of the performances, the programmes are delightfully varied by solo numbers, rendered by artistes of high reputation. Chief amongst these is Miss Maud Powell, a violinist whose powers of execution and wonderful technique have previously delighted visitors to the Middlesbrough concerts. For this lady, the premier lady violinist of the day, a hearty welcome is in store at Middlesbrough, and in Darlington there is no doubt she will add to the lustre of her reputation. Another lady accompanies the band, in the person of Miss Estelle Liebbling, in praise of whose soprano singing, rich, clear, and brilliant, much has already been said and written. Then there is Mr Arthur Prior, the "March King's" chief assistant, a solo trombone player, enjoying the distinction of drawing the largest salary paid to any bandman in the world. With such an array of talented artistes, the programmes submitted in the Middlesbrough Theatre on Friday afternoon and in the Darlington Assembly Hall on Friday evening cannot fail to give the greatest possible enjoyment to all who hear them. It may be mentioned that it is to Messrs G. I. and J. C. Ineson, the managing directors of the Middlesbrough Theatre, that Middlesbrough owes this second, and Darlington this first, opportunity of meeting the great composer and hearing his famous band.

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND IN NEWCASTLE.

The enthusiasm that has been evoked by Mr. John Philip Sousa and his famous American combination of instrumentalists during their visit to this country shows no sign of diminishing, but, on the contrary, increases with the passing of the time, and the scenes that greeted the reappearance of the band yesterday in the Town Hall, Newcastle, were quite remarkable for their fervour and for the spontaneity of their ardour. The band gave two performances, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening; and at each the hall was crowded.

The programme in the afternoon included, besides several of Mr. Sousa's own compositions, examples of the works of Tchaikoffsky and Wagner. Vocal and instrumental solos added a pleasant variety to the programme. Judging by the warmth of the applause which greeted the various items the efforts of Mr. Sousa and his clever combination were thoroughly enjoyed. Sousa's "Imperial Edward" march was again included in the programme, and was repeated in response to a hearty encore, with which its rendition was rewarded.

At night the doors were fairly besieged more than an hour before the time for commencing, and when the band—somewhat sombre in appearance because of its plain and unpretentious uniform—came upon the platform it looked over a sea of eager and expectant faces. The hall was filled from the floor space to the uppermost tiers of orchestra and gallery. There is an air of alertness about Mr Sousa's band that differentiates it from most other orchestras. The sensation it has made in this country has been probably partly due to this element—a characteristically American feature; but its remarkable success, we should say, has been brought about by two circumstances

mainly. The first is the fact that each of the performers is, individually, a skilled musician, artistic to his finger tips; and the second is that all of them are under the influence of and thoroughly in sympathy with the conductor, every movement of whose baton is followed with absolute precision and oneness. Thus the combination is perfect. For last night's performance the usual printed programme had been drawn up; but Mr. Sousa willingly responded to demands for encores, and the regulation programme was more than doubled in this way. It began with the martial overture to "William Tell," always a favourite selection for orchestras; and immediately afterwards, by way of an encore, the band burst into the spirited strains of "El Capitan"; and, as a second encore, rendered an exceedingly pretty Mexican serenade. Then Mr. Arthur Prior contributed a capital trombone solo, "Love Thoughts," and, being recalled, followed it with "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," and secondly, with the popular bass "Drinking" song, in which his descent to the uttermost depths was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Sousa's own dainty suite "Maidens Three" succeeded; and, as encores, the band played "The Passing of Rag-Time" and the "Washington Post." Miss Estelle Liebbling, who has an exquisite voice, sang the Indian bell song from Delibes' "Lakme," and, as an encore, "The Nightingale." The mournful but beautiful largo movement from Dvorak's symphony "The New World" came next, and, to wind up the first half of the performance, a stirring selection of British patriotic airs was given. The items in the second part of the band were Sousa's "In the Realm of the Dance," Von Blon's "Sizitetta," Sousa's "Imperial Edward," and a selection of plantation songs and dances; and, for Miss Maud Powell, a skilful and artistic violinist, Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen." All these were encores, and the response was in every case acceptable. The orchestra offered the exhilarating aspect of music, although there were one or two mournful interludes, just to keep the audience from an excess of buoyancy. But the people sat for over two hours fairly revelling in the flowing strains, and the end of the concert came all too soon.

Miss Powell's violin item was one of the most enjoyable features in the programme, and she was enthusiastically encored. At the close of the performance Mr. Sousa was warmly cheered.

Within his legitimate domain of music which is first appreciated by the untutored savage, and Mr. Sousa's corybant rhythms would tickle the susceptibilities of a rhinoceros. His band interprets them admirably. Ably manned, it is drilled to such a pitch that the members need not watch their conductor's beat, but can leave him that perfect freedom of action which has made him the darling of the British public.

Indeed, one is in difficulty whether to regard Mr. Sousa's entertainment as a concert or a spectacle. In both respects it is enjoyable, but as a spectacle it is especially so; and though in York, on Saturday, he seemed hardly so alert as usual, Mr. Sousa's movements afforded an amusing commentary on the music which was being performed. We had a programme of eight pieces, to which were added no fewer than 12 encores, among which were some of the most piquant effects of the concert. The majority were Mr. Sousa's own compositions, and in them he had thoughtfully provided for the tastes of his supporters, who were treated to all kinds of pleasant surprises, from sandpaper to the human whistle. The march, "Imperial Edward," which Mr. Sousa has dedicated to the King, was, of course, in evidence, and, though not very distinguished as a composition, it contains its little surprise when the trombones suddenly blow, quite irrelevantly, a phrase from the "National Anthem," and yet another when the cornets solemnly rise from their places and march to the front—apparently to be nearer the audience. They were quite sufficiently audible before.

When Mr. Sousa conducts his own Transatlantic bits the music, the methods, and the hearers are in perfect harmony, and one has nothing but admiration for the splendid smartness and force of this fine band. The trombones in particular are really fine artists, and one of them played a couple of solos with amazing dexterity. His low notes in "In Cellar Cool" produced as marked a sensation as the high notes of Miss Liebbling in her neat performance of David's "Couplets du Mysoli," and another piece of sky-rocket vocalisation; and a genuine artistic success was won by the brilliant violin-playing by Miss Maud Powell. There were three pieces by Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner, with some pretensions to be regarded as artistic music, and they were played with commendable spirit, though Mr. Sousa's readings were open to criticism. They served, moreover, as an effective background to the "Washington Post," "Stars and Stripes for ever," "The Coon Band Contest" (a clever burlesque, by the way), and other things of that kind. The Festival Concert Hall was crowded almost to suffocation with a perspiring but delighted audience, whose enthusiasm was boundless.

THE BAND AT HULL.

Sousa's Band had an enthusiastic reception at Hull on Saturday night. Most of the programme items were culled from classic sources, but dearer to the hearts of the audience were the conductor's own suites. A cheer broke out when the opening bars of the famous "Post" were delivered on Saturday night, and further cheers greeted its close. In fact the audiences revelled in the boom and crash of drum and cymbals, and were filled with ecstasy by blasts of transatlantic melody reminiscent of coon-songs and cake-walks, olog dances, and sand-jigs.

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The fame which Sousa has gained by his compositions and by the performances of his band in England attracted an audience to the Festival Concert Rooms, York, on Saturday afternoon which densely crowded the building in every part. The compositions of the American bandmaster cannot by any stretch of imagination be called high-class music, but they have attracted the public ear, and attained a popularity which will probably be fleeting, but which will have served their purpose in giving pleasure to vast throngs of people in all parts of Europe. The band which Sousa has got together has, without doubt, reached a high point of excellence. It numbers just over fifty performers, and collectively and individually they are masters of their respective instruments. The tone which they produce is rich, and the instruments are so well balanced that no preponderance can be detected in either one or the other set. Every attention has been paid to detail, and it is on this that a great deal of the attractiveness of the band's performances rests. Sousa's compositions are characteristic of the American people, full of life and gaiety. Their melody is catching and lingers in the memory, and the introduction of little bits for the dulcimer, the tambourine, and the imitation of sand dances may be deemed somewhat tricky, but it is decidedly effective. It is only just to say that they do not confine themselves to the light and fanciful compositions for on Saturday Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner were laid under contribution, and the selections from their works could not have been played with a greater amount of excellence. Selection after selection was redemanded, and the exactions of the audience were most generously responded to by Sousa. The perfection attained by the band is, of course, due to a great extent to the members so constantly playing together, but, on the other hand, the ability of their conductor is not to be lost sight of. Sousa's great power in performing his duties as conductor lies in the quietness and confidence with which he carries them out. He is quiet, graceful, and dignified, and having confidence in himself and the musicians under his control he attains a result which would not be reached by a more excitable wielder of the baton. The time kept was perfect, and the general opinion was that a finer band of musicians has never been heard in the city of York. It is gratifying to the English to know that all the members do not come from across the Atlantic; several of them are Englishmen and have played in the bands of the British Army. Mr. Arthur Pryor gave a solo on the slide trombone, an instrument which the uninitiated may deem unfitted for solo playing, but when in the hands of such a competent instrumentalist as Mr. Pryor it is full of charm. Miss Maud Powell is a violinist whose playing is full of intense feeling, allied to admirable technique and tone production. The vocalist, Miss Estelle Liebbling, displayed a voice of marvellous range and beautiful quality. Her first song was "Thou Brilliant Bird," by David, with flute obligato, beautifully played by Mr. Marshal Lufsky. It was a fine example of bravura singing, and in the variations at the end Miss Liebbling took G in Alt. as clear, rich, and tuneful as the flute. We believe we are right in saying that there has only been one other singer ever known to have possessed such an enormous range, and that was a Miss Robertson, daughter of a Cornish clergyman, who gave a series of concerts more than thirty years ago in order to raise funds for the restoration of her father's church. The burst of applause which followed Miss Liebbling's song on Saturday was tremendous, and in response she sang "A Meadow Maiden," in which she repeated the wonderful note. Rare indeed are the occasions in which York audiences are aroused to such a pitch of enthusiasm as the one in the Festival Concert Rooms on Saturday afternoon.

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RE SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STANDARD AND EXPRESS"]

Sir,—In connection with the visit of the distinguished American conductor and composer to the Exchange Hall on Tuesday, March 10th, I have been inundated with queries re prices, etc. The kindness of the press generally has prompted me to ask you to allow me to use your columns to make matters clear.

In the first place, there is only one Sousa, and he is the only conductor in the world travelling with over 50 performers. The attendant expenses in a combination of this kind naturally are enormous, and when I mention the fact that the correspondence re this visit began over three months ago your readers will perhaps forgive me for saying that the expenses have been the chief item in discussion, the prices eventually agreed upon were: Booked and reserved seats, 5s. each; the rest of the hall to be divided into 3s., 2s., and 1s.

What I wish to make clear is this: Tickets will be issued in advance, and only an equivalent number to the accommodation of the hall will be sold. The doors will be opened at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and 6 o'clock in the evening to avoid any dangerous crush.

The purchaser of a ticket in advance will have the privilege of entering by these early doors without any further charge. A fact worth noting is that every holder of a ticket, providing they come between the hours of one o'clock to 2-30 and six o'clock to 7-30, will be guaranteed a seat. No money will be taken at the doors before 2-30 and 7-30. The 5s. seats, of course, will be numbered and reserved. Plan, etc., at Denham's, King William Street.

The question has often been asked, "How is it that Blackburn is invariably passed by when there is anything good?" It is hard to find an answer convincing enough to the general public. The visit of Sousa will give the Blackburn public an opportunity of trying to redeem the musical character of the town by giving their unanimous support, and making the concert a success.

An afternoon performance has been arranged to meet the wishes of a number of tradespeople that are otherwise engaged in the evening, also that residents from the districts may attend. The programme in every respect will be equal to the one given in the evening.

Speaking of Sousa and encores, it is said "that he is refreshingly honest in this respect. You have only to ask for them and you get them, and without delay. He does not go through the form of asking for them."

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SOUSA ON TEES-SIDE.

THE MIDDLESBROUGH AND DARLINGTON CONCERTS.

The Middlesbrough Theatre was packed almost to suffocation yesterday afternoon, when John Philip Sousa and his famous band paid a return visit to the town. Not only was the audience a big one, but it was an enthusiastic one, and that thorough enjoyment was derived from the programme submitted is fully proved by the fact that the nine items in the programme were the cause of ten requests for encores. Half-a-dozen items were arranged for the band—Berlioz's "Carnaval Romaine," Sousa's "Looking Upward," Liszt's "Second Rhapsody," Mascagni's "Dance Esotica," Neoni's "Country Dance," Sousa's "Imperial Edward," March, and Koling's "Chase of the Lion." Each one was played with the brilliance and dash which form the distinguishing characteristics of the Sousa Band, though in Neoni's daintily charming dance, force and vigour of execution were for once set aside, to enable the performers to give that lightness of treatment essential to success. Liszt's Rhapsody, though brilliantly handled, considering the fact that the band is composed of wind instruments only, was, perhaps, the one disappointing feature, the absence of the sweeter-toned strings being unpleasantly noticeable at times. The "Imperial Edward" March gained the triumph for its composer which he so richly deserves, and the repetition of the March was "thoroughly" welcome. The encore numbers were "Stars and Stripes for Ever," "Coon Band Contest," "Washington Post," (greeted with a perfect storm of applause), "The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle" (a fantasia on military airs, which brought down the house), "Bundle of Mischief," "El Capitan," and "The Broken Melody," which was greeted most warmly as soon as the first few notes were played. Sitting in the circle box was M. Van Biene, and it must have been a source of gratification to Mr. Sousa to notice the pleasant smile and warm applause which marked the appreciation of an excellent performance of the melody by the actor who has made it world-famous. The trio of soloists acquitted themselves with every credit and great success. Mr. Arthur Pryor's playing of his own solo composition, "Love's Enchantment," on the trombone led to an encore—"In the Deep Cellar," affording another success. Miss Estelle Liebbling's singing of David's "Thou Brilliant Bird" took the audience by storm, as also did her singing of "Maid of the Meadow" as an encore. Miss Maud Powell gained a striking success with her violin. The andante and allegro vivace movements from Mendelssohn's Concerto have not received better treatment than they did yesterday afternoon, and a thoroughly delighted audience demanded an encore, to which Miss Powell responded with "Nymphs and Satyrs." From beginning to end the concert was a most brilliant and triumphant success.

The band visited Darlington in the evening, and gave an excellent concert at the Assembly Hall, Northgate. There was a crowded attendance, every available space being occupied. A large number of people were present from the surrounding districts, including Bishop Auckland. At the close, Sousa expressed himself as having been delighted with the acoustic properties of the hall and its cheerful appearance. The audience were especially pleased with the performance on the violin by Miss Maud Powell.

TEENAGE DINNER AT DARLINGTON

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SOUSA'S COMPLIMENT TO VAN BIENE.

Sousa's band performed yesterday afternoon at the Theatre Royal, Middlesbrough. Seeing Mr. Auguste Van Biene in a private box, Mr. Sousa paid the actor-musician a nice compliment by playing with his band Mr. Van Biene's intermezzo on "The Broken Melody," which was received by the crowded house with vociferous applause.

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SOUSA AT YORK.

Mr. J. P. Sousa and his American band on Saturday gave a concert in the York Festival Concert Room, which was crowded to excess, many persons being unable to obtain permission.

The programme consisted of eight items, but no less than twelve encores were given from an apparently inexhaustible repertory. The items which met with most favour were Berlioz's "Carnaval Romaine," "Sweet Maidens Three," by Mr. Sousa; Liszt's "Second Rhapsody," and the introduction to the third act of Wagner's "Lohengrin." The encores included a medley of national British airs, which, in its turn was encored, when the band gave "Stars and Stripes for Ever," the "Novelette Smaletta," and Mr. Sousa's "Imperial Edward," for which three encores were demanded and responded to.

From an artistic point of view the greatest success, perhaps, was a violin solo by Miss Maud Powell, entitled "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarabate), in which that lady displayed herself a genuine virtuoso. She gave, as the second item of a double encore, a very finished performance of Handel's "Largo."

HULL APPRECIATES SOUSA.

If love begets love, appreciation begets appreciation. The reception which Sousa and his band had in Hull on Saturday night was so thoroughly appreciative that Sousa has declared that he hopes to return to this city before he leaves Europe. The performance of this celebrated band in the Assembly Rooms was before a thoroughly packed house. The programme was not all Sousa. His name appeared only once in each half, but the inevitable encore gave those present the opportunity of listening to all the favourites which are household words. The fact of their being rendered under the conductor's baton was a poser and a puzzle.

The cynicure of all eyes at Sousa's concert on Saturday night was a berry of beautiful sisters—Lady Chesterfield, Mrs. Guy Fairfax, and Miss Gwladys Wilson.

Lady Chesterfield and Miss Gwladys Wilson were both alike of cigar-brown tulle, with a single pink rose under the raised brim in front. Floating scarves of brown chiffon were brought carelessly over the shoulders from the back. The countesses wore a quaint old-world gown of light brown silk, and was cloaked in sable, while Miss Wilson's wrap was of grey squirrel, as was also the coat worn by Mrs. Guy Fairfax, in addition to a long flat stole of ermine lined with squirrel. The latter's gown was of black silk, soft and clinging, and made very simple with little cuffs and quaint tucker of fine lace threaded through with black velvet.

Her hat was an enormous one of fawn silk, much ruffled, and covered with natural-toned ostrich plumes shading to white, while it was tied under the chin with black velvet strings.

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The fame which Sousa has gained by his compositions and by the performances of his band in England attracted an audience to the Festival Concert Rooms, York, on Saturday afternoon which densely crowded the building in every part. The compositions of the American bandmaster cannot by any stretch of imagination be called high-class music, but they have attracted the public ear, and attained a popularity which will probably be fleeting, but which will have served their purpose in giving pleasure to vast throngs of people in all parts of Europe. The band which Sousa has got together has, without doubt, reached a high point of excellence. It numbers just over fifty performers, and collectively and individually they are masters of their respective instruments. The tone which they produce is rich, and the instruments are so well balanced that no preponderance can be detected in either one or the other set. Every attention has been paid to detail, and it is on this that a great deal of the attractiveness of the band's performances rests. Sousa's compositions are characteristic of the American people, full of life and gaiety. Their melody is catching and lingers in the memory, and the introduction of little bits for the dulcimer, the tambourine, and the imitation of sand dances may be deemed somewhat tricky, but it is decidedly effective. It is only just to say that they do not confine themselves to the light and fanciful compositions for on Saturday Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner were laid under contribution, and the selections from their works could not have been played with a greater amount of excellence. Selection after selection was redemanded, and the emotions of the audience were most generously responded to by Sousa. The perfection attained by the band is, of course, due to a great extent to the members so constantly playing together, but, on the other hand, the ability of their conductor is not to be lost sight of. Sousa's great power in performing his duties as conductor lies in the quietness and confidence with which he carries them out. He is quiet, graceful, and dignified, and having confidence in himself and the musicians under his control he attains a result which would not be reached by a more excitable wielder of the baton. The time kept was perfect, and the general opinion was that a finer band of musicians has never been heard in the city of York. It is gratifying to the English to know that all the members do not come from across the Atlantic; several of them are Englishmen and have played in the bands of the British Army. Mr. Arthur Pryor gave a solo on the slide trombone, an instrument which the uninitiated may deem unfitted for solo playing, but when in the hands of such a competent instrumentalist as Mr. Pryor it is full of charm. Miss Maud Powell is a violinist whose playing is full of intense feeling, allied to admirable technique and tone production. The vocalist, Miss Estelle Liebling, displayed a voice of marvelous range and beautiful quality. Her first song was "Thou Brilliant Bird," by David, with flute obligato, beautifully played by Mr. Marshall Lufsky. It was a fine example of bravura singing, and in the variations at the end Miss Liebling took G in Alt. as clear, rich, and tuneful as the flute. We believe we are right in saying that there has only been one other singer ever known to have possessed such an enormous range, and that was a Miss Robertson, daughter of a Cornish clergyman, who gave a series of concerts more than thirty years ago in order to raise funds for the restoration of her father's church. The burst of applause which followed Miss Liebling's song on Saturday was tremendous, and in response she sang "A Meadow Maiden," in which she repeated the wonderful note. Rare indeed are the occasions in which York audiences are aroused to such a pitch of enthusiasm as the one in the Festival Concert Rooms on Saturday afternoon.

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RE SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STANDARD AND EXPRESS."]

Sir,—In connection with the visit of the distinguished American conductor and composer to the Exchange Hall on Tuesday, March 10th, I have been inundated with queries re prices, etc. The kindness of the press generally has prompted me to ask you to allow me to use your columns to make matters clear.

In the first place, there is only one Sousa, and he is the only conductor in the world travelling with over 50 performers. The attendant expenses in a combination of this kind naturally are enormous, and when I mention the fact that the correspondence re this visit began over three months ago your readers will perhaps forgive me for saying that the expenses have been the chief item in discussion. The prices eventually agreed upon were: Booked and reserved seats, 5s. each; the rest of the hall to be divided into 3s., 2s., and 1s.

What I wish to make clear is this: Tickets will be issued in advance, and only an equivalent number to the accommodation of the hall will be sold. The doors will be opened at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and 6 o'clock in the evening to avoid any dangerous crush.

The purchaser of a ticket in advance will have the privilege of entering by these early doors without any further charge. A fact worth noting is that every holder of a ticket, providing they come between the hours of one o'clock to 2-30 and six o'clock to 7-30, will be guaranteed a seat. No money will be taken at the doors before 2-30 and 7-30. The 5s. seats, of course, will be numbered and reserved. Plan, etc., at Denham's, King William Street.

The question has often been asked, "How is it that Blackburn is invariably passed by when there is anything good?" It is hard to find an answer convincing enough to the general public. The visit of Sousa will give the Blackburn public an opportunity of trying to redeem the musical character of the town by giving their unanimous support, and making the concerts a success.

An afternoon performance has been arranged to meet the wishes of a number of tradespeople that are otherwise engaged in the evening, also that residents from the districts may attend. The programme in every respect will be equal to the one given in the evening.

Speaking of Sousa and encores, it is said "that he is refreshingly honest in this respect. You have only to ask for them and you get them, and without delay. He does not go through the farce of leaving the platform, returning to bow his thanks in pretended diffidence, but promptly resumes his place and calls his band to attention, and gives one of his Sousa's Marches or a jolly coon song without delay."

It may be of interest to your readers to know that Sousa's Band costs £25,000 per annum, which in itself will explain the prices charged for admission.

The band that will be at the Exchange Hall is the identical one that was commanded to play before His Majesty King Edward. To those intending to hear this famous band they will be well advised to secure their seats at once. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, in anticipation of your kindness in inserting these few remarks.—Yours, etc.,

W. KENYON,

Exchange Hall.

the fact that the band, was, perhaps, the one disappointing feature, the absence of the sweeter-toned strings being unpleasantly noticeable at times. The "Imperial Edward" March gained the triumph for its composer which he so richly deserves, and the repetition of the March was thoroughly welcome. The encore numbers were "Stars and Stripes for Ever," "Coon Band Contest," "Washington Post," (greeted with a perfect storm of applause), "The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle" (a fantasia on military airs, which brought down the house), "Bundle of Mischiefs," "El Capitan," and "The Broken Melody," which was greeted most warmly as soon as the first few notes were played. Sitting in the circle box was M. Van Biene, and it must have been a source of gratification to Mr. Sousa to notice the pleasant smile and warm applause which marked the appreciation of an excellent performance of the melody by the actor who has made it world-famous. The trio of soloists acquitted themselves with every credit and great success. Mr. Arthur Pryor's playing of his own solo composition, "Love's Enchantment," on the trombone led to an encore—"In the Deep Cellar," affording another success. Miss Estelle Liebling's singing of David's "Thou Brilliant Bird" took the audience by storm, as also did her singing of "Maid of the Meadow" as an encore. Miss Maud Powell gained a striking success with her violin. The andante and allegro vivace movements from Mendelssohn's Concerto have not received better treatment than they did yesterday afternoon, and a thoroughly delighted audience demanded an encore, to which Miss Powell responded with "Nymphs and Satyrs." From beginning to end the concert was a most brilliant and triumphant success.

The band visited Darlington in the evening, and gave an excellent concert at the Assembly Hall, Northgate. There was a crowded attendance, every available space being occupied. A large number of people were present from the surrounding districts, including Bishop Auckland. At the close, Sousa expressed himself as having been delighted with the acoustic properties of the hall and its cheerful appearance. The audience were especially pleased with the performance on the violin by Miss Maud Powell.

TENANTS' DINNER AT DARLINGTON

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SOUSA'S COMPLIMENT TO VAN BIENE.

Sousa's band performed yesterday afternoon at the Theatre Royal, Middlesbrough. Seeing Mr. Auguste Van Biene in a private box, Mr. Sousa paid the actor-musician a nice compliment by playing with his band Mr. Van Biene's intermezzo on "The Broken Melody," which was received by the crowded house with vociferous applause.

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HULL APPRECIATES SOUSA.

If love begets love, appreciation begets appreciation. The reception which Sousa and his band had in Hull on Saturday night was so thoroughly appreciative that Sousa has declared that he hopes to return to this city before he leaves Europe. The performance of this celebrated band in the Assembly Rooms was before a thoroughly packed house. The programme was not all Sousa. His name appeared only once in each half, but the inevitable encore gave those present the opportunity of listening to all the favourites which are household words. The fact of their being rendered under the conductorship of the composer and by his band, which has done so much to make march music popular, was the more pleasing. "The Washington Post," "El Capitan," "The Manhattan March," all these inspired and made one yearn for more. Other principal items of the band were Berlioz's "Carnival Romaine," Liszt's "Second Rhapsody," Mascagni's "Danse Exotique," and the welcome "Imperial Edward," March dedicated to His Majesty. The capacity of the band for pianissimo, as well as the brilliant effects, was demonstrated in the charming accompaniment of Miss Estelle Liebling's song "Thou brilliant bird." It was further shown in accompaniment to the andante and allegro vivace from Mendelssohn's violin concert of which Miss Maud Powell gave a violin solo.

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SOUSA'S BAND AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

On Monday afternoon, Sousa and his band submitted a choice programme to a large audience at the Opera House. Very few seats were available when the doors opened. The trombone solo, "Love Thoughts," Sousa's suite "Maidens Three," Largo from Symphony "The New World," and the march "Imperial Edward" (Sousa) were items keenly relished and enthusiastically encored.

THE COMING OF SOUSA.

BLARE OF TRUMPETS IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS.

(A SKETCH.)

Sousa comes! The great audience, thrilled with expectation, watching eagerly, discerns his black head and black-bearded face, as they rise from the opening in the flooring of the platform. A great cry of uproarious welcome rings forth.

Sousa is here! Mark the blackness of his hair, save for that circular spot in the rear of his head. Mark the close-cropped beard, the eyeglasses, the white-gloved hands, the little white baton.

Sousa is here! He walks towards his desk, bowing to the audience as he walks. He beats One, two, three, four—and the band is off. One's first impression is the beautiful tone of the wood wind instruments, the superb quality of oboe and clarinet. True, it is an "arrangement" the band is playing, but one forgets that in the sweet sensuousness of the sound. I always start with a bias against "arrangements"; that comes of endeavouring to cultivate one's tastes according to the strict canons of the best art. After a few bars of Sousa's sensuousness, I felt my prejudices falling away; and as the incoming tide of sound flowed on, my castle of bias melted away as does the child's castle of sand before the encroaching sea. I put my principles on a shelf, and listened for the sake of listening. But it takes Sousa's band to bring me to that state. By the time fifty bars of the transcribed "Roman Carnival" Overture of Berlioz had been played I had taken Sousa to my heart and had reached the conclusion that after all there are some things that America sends us that are worth having. This band of Sousa's, at any rate, has not been overpraised. No one who has exalted the sureness and unanimity of its attack, the marvels of its crescendo playing, the beauty of its tone, its tenderness in soft passages and its splendour in loud, has overshot the mark. Berlioz's overture satisfied me on that score. Who could longer have a vestige of prejudice against "arrangements" after hearing with what magnificence the gorgeous harmonies of the French master were hurled forth by Sousa's men? The deafening clap which ensued after the last bar was the audience thundering in applause.

"That's fetched 'em," I could see Sousa remarking to himself. "They want an encore."

There is no nonsense about Sousa. He recognises an encore at the first sound. Up goes his baton. The men are ready. In a moment the splendid rhythm of his own "El Capitan" march is pulling every one from their seats. I firmly believe that if the band had risen and marched out of the hall playing, they would have been followed by the entire audience marching after them, keeping time with their left foot first. A pretty Saturday night scene in Prospect-street it would have been—a thousand people in evening dress and many hundreds more in their ordinary attire, following Sousa as the rats followed the Pied Piper!

Sousa gave us many more marches after this. He proved himself to be a very generous King. The March King flung his pieces about as freely as the King in the fairy tale flings his pieces of money. He gave us a Suite, in three sections, called "Looking Upward"—a fine piece of music for a band constituted as this is, with plenty of work for the glockenspiel, and if I mistake not for the xylophone. Encored! Of course. Double-encored; treble-encored. The audience went wild with joy when the band struck up "The Coon Band Contest," and shouted hilariously as they recognised the opening passages of "The Washington Post."

Sousa presented quite a novelty in "arrangements" after this. He submitted an orchestrated version of Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody for piano. Here was another musical "outrage" to be condoned. The correct thing, I know, would be to denounce Sousa as they denounced Tausig when he orchestrated Weber's "Invitation to the Waltz;" but, as I have said, my scruples had all been swept away—I might say blown away, to vary the idea. I went to denounce but remained to applaud. "Ha!" Sousa said to himself, "there's another encore. Let's give 'em 'The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle.'" Before the audience knew where they were the band had dashed into an old podrida of British and national airs, winding up with glorious blatancy in "Rule Britannia."

Four encores came in rapid succession after Mascagni's Danse Erotica. Encored, too, was Sousa's "Imperial Edward" March. Towards the end of this march, as first played, after the theme

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SILVIA'S GOSSIP.

A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR, AND SOUSA'S BAND.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CONCERT.

Even the great Sousa must have been pleased with the marvellously enthusiastic reception the Hull public gave him on Saturday night. Not an empty seat was to be seen in the Assembly Rooms, and of this vast audience the great majority was masculine, applauding with such truly masculine vigour that every item received two encores, one alone drawing no less than five encore pieces from the accommodating conductor. The heat was intense, which is only to be expected when hundreds of people are packed like herrings in a barrel, and the smoke that came in during the interval did not add to the pleasantness of the atmosphere. As for the people themselves, the most delightful uncertainty prevailed as to the correct attire one should adopt at such a concert. Four-fifths of those in the five-shilling seats came in morning dress. Matinee hats were at a discount, causing a vast amount of discomfort and annoyance.

SOME STRIKING DRESSES.

Many there were who had to be content with an occasional glimpse of the conductor's white kid gloves, or the wave of a violin bow, seen through a bushy aigrette, by dint of much dodging and at the cost of an aching neck. The cynosure of all eyes were three lovely sisters, daughters of Mr Charles Wilson, picturesque as ever, and as faultlessly dressed as Mrs Wilson's family is renowned for. All were in neutral colours, morning dress and big hats. All wore floating scarves of gauze, and sumptuous fur coats of squirrel, ermine, or sable. Mrs Guy Fairfax's gown of black silk was made princess wise, gauged, puffed, and tucked, with cuffs and dainty chemisette of lace, a long squirrel coat, and a stole of the same lined with ermine, while her huge picture hat was of ruched fawn silk, covered with natural ostrich feathers, and tied under the chin with black velvet strings. The other two sisters wore big brown fluffy hats, a single pink rose stuck under the turned-up brims slightly to the left side, and hugely becoming they proved. One other member of the audience I noticed as looking exceptionally nice, and this was Miss Bessie Sanderson, whose heliotrope costume and big bunch of parma violets suited her exactly.

SOUSA AND HIS FAMOUS BAND IN HULL.

The assembly of such an audience on a Saturday night as that which filled the Assembly Rooms to overflowing on the occasion of the visit of John Philip Sousa and his band is something unique. Everybody who was anybody was there, and the "March King" could not be otherwise than delighted with the very cordial reception given him. But, then, Sousa is neither unknown nor unfamiliar, for have we not had reason to remember him by the inspiring marches which, in quick succession, have seized the nation and "haunted" us as no other marches have done. "The Washington Post," "El Capitan," "The Manhattan March," and others have set our heads and feet going many a time. Then, have we not also heard of the renown of his band, which started its triumphant career at the Chicago Exposition? On Saturday night we had, however, the opportunity, though Messrs Holder Brothers' enterprise, of seeing the composer and his band in person, and of hearing our favourite marches played by the organisation that launched them into the world. But the programme was by no means all Sousa. Modestly enough, his name appeared only once in each half, but whatever the selection an encore followed, and more often than not it was a Sousa march that formed the reply. So ere the evening was spent we had heard everyone of the favourites done as their composer intended them to be done.

As a well-balanced and effective organisation, Sousa's band can have very few equals. In all the concert military band there reached a very high pitch of perfection. The wonderful and almost electrical effects brought out now and again revealed the master hand of one with more than ordinary genius for discovering the possibilities of his orchestra. They came as very pleasant surprises, and gave point and piquancy to the other excellent work. One could believe that equally with the superb trombone player, the drummer was an artist, and Mr Arthur Peyor's trombone solo was indeed a brilliant achievement—every note as perfect as if the trombone had been keyed, and so round and mellow that one hardly recognised the instrument. But one had to hear the drums played as they were to realise what they are capable of. The wonderful degrees of light and shade were beautifully illustrated throughout the entire performance.

The principal items of the band were Berlioz's "Carnival Romaine," Liszt's "Second Rhapsody," Mascagni's "Danse Exotica," and of course Sousa's own "Imperial Edward" march, dedicated to His Majesty. The Liszt's Rhapsody, though excellently played, seemed somewhat disappointing at times. The "Imperial Edward" march, however, made a most favourable impression, and was deservedly redemanded. The capacity of the band for quieter as well as the brilliant effects was seen in the delightful accompaniment of Miss Estelle Lieblich's song, "Thou brilliant bird," which, with the flute obbligato, exercised a peculiar charm over the audience, who insisted on an encore. This was also marked in accompaniment to the andante and allegro vivace from Mendelssohn's violin concerto which Miss Maud Powell gave very pleasingly as a violin solo, and also gained an encore.

of the English... all the cornets came to the front of the stage in line, and blazed away. Played a second time, the cornets were reinforced by the trombones, all blowing in unison. The blare was tremendous beyond the telling—and still the roof of the Assembly Rooms remained intact.

Through all his long programme Sousa compacted himself with great calmness. Many people had, no doubt, expected to witness an exhibition of eccentricities such as the caricatures of the music-hall imitators have accustomed them to. They would be disappointed, for, though Sousa has mannerisms, he has no extravagances. With such a highly-trained body of men under him as he has there is not much need for "conducting" in the ordinary sense. All that is needed is a characteristic indication, a reminder, here and there; the details have all been mastered at rehearsal.

Opulent as was the programme from the point of view of the band, it was very markedly enriched by the introduction of certain individual contributions. Mr Arthur Pryor revealed himself as a man who has carried the art of playing the trombone to the point of virtuosity. His solo was a revelation of what the trombone can be in the hands of one who has investigated its mysteries and solved its difficulties. He played his own composition, "Love's Enchantment," with such tenderness that one began to suspect that the trombone has possibilities as a serenading instrument. His cadenza was remarkable for extraordinary agility.

For a violinist of Miss Maud Powell's class I have been looking out for a long time. She has power of a very rare order. This power comes not with striving, with the polishing of technique. It is the magnetic soul-influence which sets every note that comes from the strings a quiver with emotional fire. It is long since I drew more satisfaction from a violinist than I drew from Miss Powell's playing. Her technique is not to be disparaged by any means; indeed, both her hands are highly developed. Add her tone to her technique, and you have a perfect artist. I don't demand that anyone shall play with purity, sweeter, more soul-filled tone the stream of melody which makes the Andante movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto than did Miss Maud Powell.

Sousa brought us a very capable and finished vocalist, too, in Miss Estelle Lieblich, who sang the exacting "bird" song from Felicien David's opera, "La Perle du Brésil," with flute obbligato, and to the accompaniment of the band. Miss Lieblich's voice has an assertive nasal quality in certain middle-register notes, but it is of great upward range, and singularly flexible. Her delivery of the song, rich in ornamentation as it is, was a fine display of skill. The cadenza in duet with the flute (it may be remembered that when Mr Manners produced "Mertha" in Edd two years ago, Madame Sapio introduced it into the opera) was a delightful experience.

The concert opened with Berlioz. The close would have charmed that ingenious and resourceful composer. The end came with Kolling's Grand Concerto Galop, "Chase of the Lion." This is decidedly a piece of "program" music. The chase is carried on with dash and rush, and intensity of excitement. It ends with a tremendous swirl

bang of a pistol. So magnificently was it managed under Sousa that it seemed to end with the death of the lion all the lions in the band had burst!

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SOSA IN LEEDS AGAIN.

ENCORES GALORE.

Sousa and his band, who came, played, and conquered here a year ago, renewed a happy experience last night, when they appeared before a very large gathering in the Leeds Town Hall. There is no question as to the popularity of the Transatlantic musician, who was a full-blown conductor at seventeen years of age, and has gone on from one success to another until at present—well, one can hear his music in the mouth of every street boy, and his movements imitated by every child with a gift for mimicry.

Sousa is an obliging and agile man. Scarcely has he descended from his desk at the end of a piece than he is up again with an encore. And these encores are really the great feature of his concert. The public have but to raise one hand and they get it. There is no cynicism and no delay. And in almost every instance the encore given is a new march—just the thing desired—a lively marching strain, with a liberal sprinkling of drum-taps that sets every foot secretly tapping in sympathy. It is an appeal to primitive instincts, and there is none but feels its force.

Last night's programme embraced nine selections, which were doubled by means of encores. It opened with a rendering of Gounod's "Serenade" overture, the peculiar Oriental atmosphere of which is largely lost through translation for a military band. It, however, served to show how smoothly and easily the brass could play. Sousa knows well how to make the public jump, but he also knows that direct depends upon a mastery control of positions, and gets his men to recognise it too.

In a strong suite of his own, in which Sousa appears to have it all his own way, the band again played smartly, and in a couple of pieces that followed, including the delectable "Washington Post," afforded the audience a really good time. Liszt's Second Rhapsody was finely worked up, and at the close the conductor paid the audience the tribute compliment of playing a fantasia on Sousa's own, winding up with "Ralla, Britannia."

The "Imperial Edward" March, one of the latest of Sousa's successes, with a phrase from the National Anthem to point its application, was repeated, and followed by still another encore. One of the most enjoyable features was the rendering of the slow movement and Finale from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, with the solo part in the hands of Miss Maud Powell, a clever American violinist, who played extremely well, and was capably supported by the band. Miss Estelle Lieblich sang David's "Complaint du Moine" with great flexibility of voice, vying successfully with the dulcet tones of Mr. Lufbery's flute obbligato. A trombone solo was also contributed by Mr. Arthur Pryor, whose tone was commendably robust and round. The conductor did not indulge in so many little productions as possibly some looked for, but held a course, and at the same time decided, swing. The band will give two concerts to-day.

SOSA'S BAND AT HARROLITE.

A large audience greeted Sousa and his band at the Grand Opera House, Harrrogate, yesterday afternoon. The overture "William Tell," in which solo "Love Thoughts," suite "Maiden World" (Sousa), large from symphony "The New World," and the march "Imperial Edward" were amongst the items enthusiastically enjoyed.

SOSA'S BAND IN LEEDS.

What was the motive that impelled so many hundreds of Leeds people to go to the Town Hall last night? Was it to see Sousa, or to hear his band? Probably five out of six would confess that they were mainly influenced by the first consideration. Those who based their expectations of the great conductor upon the hurrahs of music-hall and pantomime activities would doubtless be disappointed. Sousa has his mannerisms, but they can hardly be described as antics; indeed, we know at least one church society conductor in the West Riding who could give him points in this respect. Of course, Sousa has to live up to his reputation, and, like Yankee that he is, he lives up to it, even to the graceful swaying of the body to the rhythm of waltz or march, the opening and closing of the uplifted white-gloved hand, and the occasional twirl of the dark mustache. Not that the hand need any of these extraneous aids. They have played together so often that they could play blindfold.

The overture ("Serenade"), with its financial opening, did not reveal any of the idiosyncrasies of Sousa. As a matter of fact, the audience did not seem to be much impressed. But then came the inevitable encore, and as this took the form of the familiar, "El Capitan," the conductor had an opportunity of indulging in some of those quiet little tricks of his play that give a distinct individuality to his manipulation of the baton.

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MUSICIAN AND THE PIRATES.

A BILL TO BE INTRODUCED.

The Musical Copyright Association has determined to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to musical piracy which recent proceedings have shown to be inadequate.

The new measure will contain search-warrant and penalty clauses, the latter affecting both printers and sellers. The Association have been in communication with Mr. Balfour on the subject, and the Prime Minister has assured them of his support. There is a possibility that if this amending Bill, which is to be introduced as a private measure by the same members who introduced the Act of last year fails to pass, the matter may be taken up by the Government as a public measure.

The Home Office recognises the seriousness of the situation. The present state of affairs has become a strain upon the police force, and Scotland Yard is full of seized music. The Home Secretary has sought information from the Association, and has also circularised the Metropolitan magistrates, asking the latter to observe uniformity as much as possible in dealing with cases under the Act.

A WESTMINSTER representative who was chatting about the matter to Messrs. David Day and Stanley Mullen, President and Secretary of the Association, learned that the worst feature of this illicit trade lately has been the postal business. "At one place alone where music is sent out," said Mr. Day, "we found over £150 in postal orders. We are going to communicate with the Post Office to see if anything can be done."

"Yes, we are gradually driving the hawkers off the streets now, I think," continued Mr. Day, "especially since our solicitor was fortunate enough to drag to light the Pedlars' Act passed in George IV.'s reign."

"Mr. Curtis Bennett has, I am glad to say, acted very promptly in cases under this Act that we have brought up. He has already given sentences of imprisonment, following refusal to pay fines imposed."

"All the members of Sousa's band wish to become street agents," said Mr. Mullen, "so indignant are they at the piracy of their leader's works."

On one occasion Mr. Mullen and Mr. Day made their way into a place where printing was carried on. While the former was busily engaged in cutting up the music with a large pair of shears seven ruffians burst in. Mr. Mullen's only weapon was the pair of shears, with which he managed to keep the men off until Mr. Day opportunely arrived with help.

There was one moment when attention was distracted from the composer. That was when the "trombonist" was extracting amorous phrases from that most unemotional of instruments. It must be confessed that the gentleman who undertook the task produced more genuine feeling than the slide trombone is generally supposed to be capable of, that he got quite a "velvety" tone, and that he negotiated difficult runs and elongated cadenzas with wonderful skill and with hardly a trace of the staccato. In future we may expect to hear the ardent lover relieve his overburdened soul through the medium of the trombone.

On the whole, last night's programme was suited to the necessarily limited capacities of a wind band. To this generality one notable exception must be made. The last thought that was in Liszt's mind when he composed his "Second Rhapsody" was that it would be trusted to the tender mercies of a Sousa Band. At any rate, it served as an illustration of the versatility of Mr. Sousa's repertory, and it must be admitted that the rollicking marches and the merry dances were more to the liking of the audience, which filled at least three-quarters of the Victoria Hall. There were eight selections on the programme; more than double that number were performed.

The one song by the one singer was an agreeable feature of the evening. Miss Estelle Lieblich possesses a flexible voice of marvellous range, and her trills in a "bird" song were admirable. Further variety was afforded towards the end of the programme by a violin solo by Miss Maud Powell, who played most artistically. Two performances are to be given to-day.

HULL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

SOSA AND HIS FAMOUS BAND IN HULL.

The assembly of such an audience on a Sunday night as that which filled the Assembly Rooms to overflowing on the occasion of the visit of John Philip Sousa and his band is something unique. Everybody who was anybody was there, and the "March King" could not be otherwise than delighted with the very cordial reception given him. But, then, Sousa is neither unknown nor unfamiliar, for have we not had reason to remember him by the inspiring marches which, in quick succession, have seized the nation and "mounted" us as no other marches have done. "The Washington Post," "El Capitan," "The Manhattan March," and others have set our heads and feet going many a time. Then, have we not also heard of the renown of his band, which started its triumphant career at the Chicago Exposition? On Saturday night we had, however, the opportunity, through Messrs. Holder Brothers' enterprise, of seeing the composer and his band in person, and of hearing our favourite marches played by the organisation that launched them into the world. But the programme was by no means all Sousa. Modestly enough, his name appeared only once in each half, but whatever selection an encore followed, and more often than not it was a Sousa march that won the reply. So ere the evening was out we had heard every one of the favourites of their concert intended them.

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TAMBOURINES AND SANDPAPER.

As a manufacturer of musical claptrap, John Philip Sousa, the March King, would be bad to beat, and it is also doubtful whether there is a musical showman who can hold a candle to him. That Sousa is an artist is proved by the publication of his clever story, "The Fifth String," but he knows his public, and letting art slide he gives them what they want, with the result that they applaud and worship him.

Mr. Charles Manners may grieve over the fact that operatic novelties do not draw in Leeds, but this matter in no way troubles Sousa, who goes on the even tenor of his way, tickling the palates of his audiences with sandpaper effects, backed up by bells, tambourines, and pistol shots. It may not be art, but it pays.

Last night Sousa played all the old tricks, attitudinising as of yore, and conducting as he alone dare do. As for the programme, it varied from Liszt to "Rule Britannia," and every item on it was received with the most enthusiastic applause. For encores, which were numerous, Sousa chose his own compositions, which proved the most popular items of the evening.

Artistically the best thing heard last night was the violin playing of Miss Maud Powell, whose rendering of a couple of movements from Mendelssohn's violin concerto was worthy of the highest praise, and thoroughly deserved the applause it received.

There is a matinee this afternoon, and a performance to-night, when the Victoria Hall will, no doubt, be well filled.

SOUSA AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

A DELIGHTED AUDIENCE.

Mr John Philip Sousa paid his second visit to Middlesbrough with his famous band of musicians yesterday afternoon, and gave one of his inimitable concerts to a crowded and enthusiastic audience in the New Theatre Royal. There was not a vacant seat in the building, and many had, perforce, to stand. For two full hours—all too short a period—Mr Sousa captivated his audience with sweet music and rare melody, and although, as usual, he was very generous in regard to encores, his hearers would fain have heard much more of his famous band.

By the way, how excellently the programme was gone through. There was something of Yankee precision and Yankee smartness about the whole performance. Not a moment's delay occurred, and no sooner did Mr Sousa acknowledge the plaudits of his audience upon finishing one number than his baton signalled the commencement of the next.

With the best instrumental talent at his command—there are in the combination 52 solo instrumentalists—the conductor placed before his audience a rare feast of melody. With what artistic finish the instruments are handled! What consummate skill the players evince! Every man is an artist. The blending of the instruments was magnificent—there is no other word for it—with the result that the highest stage of perfection was reached, and everyone was captivated.

THE REPERTOIRE.

The concert opened with the overture "Carneval Romaine" (Berlioz), which was splendidly rendered. Then followed a trombone solo by Mr Arthur Pryor ("Love's Enchantment"), whose command over his instrument is little short of wonderful. He was accorded an enthusiastic encore, and responded with "In the deep cellar." Next came Sousa's own compositions, which were naturally awaited with a good deal of interest. "Looking Upwards" comprised three movements, all of which are exquisitely delightful, the fanfare of the drums being a conspicuous feature in the third.

As an encore "The Coon Band Contest" was played, and responding to a second encore the "Washington Post" was rendered.

Variety was accorded to the programme by the appearance of Miss Estelle Liebling, a gifted young soprano, who gave "Thou Brilliant Bird" (David). She possesses an exceptionally pure and well-trained voice, of which she has great command. Miss Liebling was enthusiastically applauded for her song, and responded with "The Maid of the Meadow." The band rendered Liszt's "Second Rhapsody" as the concluding item of the first portion of the programme, and Mr Sousa acknowledging another encore played "The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle," a vivacious blending of British popular national airs.

ENCORES FREQUENT.

The second part of the concert was equally well enjoyed, and encores were as frequent as ever. The band played Mascagni's "Dance Esotica," Nevin's "Country Dance," and Sousa's march, "Imperial Edward" (dedicated by special permission to the King), an extra piece being given on each occasion.

Miss Maud Powell, an accomplished violinist, rendered very expressively Mendelssohn's "Two Movements from Violin Concerto" (a) Adante (b) "Allegro Vivace," the contrast in the compositions adding to their charm. By way of an encore she gave a short, sweet melody, "Nymphalid."

The concert closed with the band playing Kolling's "Chase of the Lion," which was followed by ringing applause.

A word is due to Messrs Imeson for their enterprise in providing the town with so excellent a musical treat. It is satisfactory to know that they reap the reward their efforts so justly deserved.

AT DARLINGTON.

Sousa's concert at the Assembly Hall, Northgate, Darlington, last night, was crowded. The artistes were Miss Estelle Liebling, soprano; Miss Maud Powell, violinist; and Mr Arthur Pryor, trombonist.

The band acquitted themselves excellently. The talented conductor had them perfectly under control. The programme included in the second half the Imperial Edward March, for which (as in most other instances) an encore was vigorously demanded, and given. In the course of subsequent conversation with Mr Glaister, proprietor, Mr Sousa expressed himself delighted with the hall. The bookings totalled over 2,000, probably the largest amount ever taken at a concert in Darlington.

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The March King will be in Manchester on March 2 and 3. On Monday and Tuesday he and his band will visit Leeds. Says a contemporary: "To sit near the front when Sousa's cornets and trombones line up on the platform and play for all they are worth is a remarkable experience, nearly an equivalent, one would think, to being under fire. It is calculated to make even the man under the gallery sit up, and the 'Little Englander' express patriotic sentiments."

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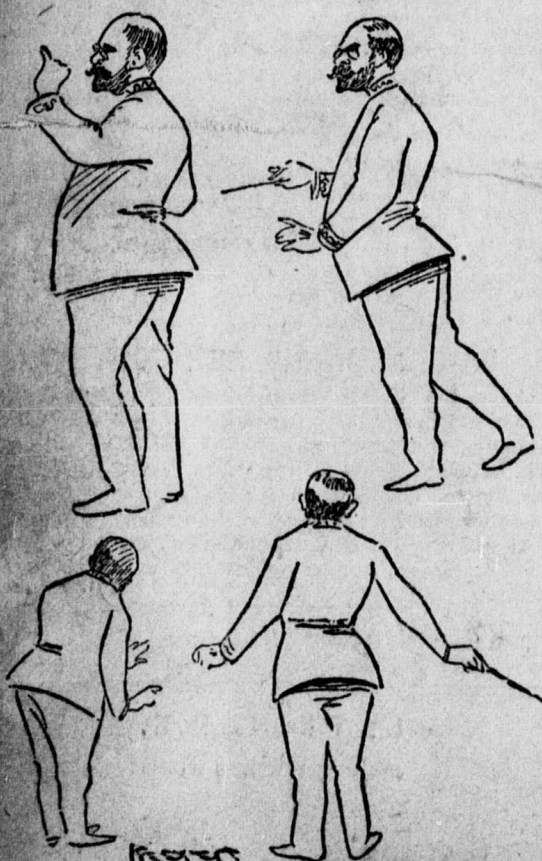
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Sousa (says "The Yorkshire Post" to-day) has his mannerisms, but they can hardly be described as antics; indeed, we know at least one choral society conductor in the West Riding who could give him points in this respect.

SOUSA, AS SEEN BY "KESTER."



"Kester" sends the accompanying impressions of Mr. Sousa, who appeared at the Leeds Town Hall last night.

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The big band has been and gone, and they must have taken a nice little sum with them, for the Concert Room surely was never more crowded than on Saturday afternoon. The day was hardly delightful, and yet people willingly paid two shillings to be allowed to stand in the passages and staircases. It may well be that they got their money's worth, too, for the band was all-pervading: it not only filled the Concert Room but the "precincts" likewise.

It was truly American throughout. The big noise, the big instruments, the big programme. The American method of giving encores without being encored was novel, but much appreciated. Although, under such circumstances it was totally unnecessary for the audience to take the trouble of working itself up—the enthusiasm was immense.

A Fine Performance.

AND it was fitting that it should be, for the programme was a popular one and the execution was fine. Criticism was for once disarmed, for Sousa is a kind to himself. If the performance was not of art the highest it was in every other way excellent, and, as a popular musical entertainment, it not only stands at the top, but deservedly so. Miss Maud Powell did some brilliant execution on the violin, whilst Miss Liebling's vocal efforts were noique for their flexibility and clearness. Naturally, much curiosity attached to the conductor and his methods, but they did not prove to be so sensational and affected in style as newspaper reports had implied. What was very evident was that Sousa is a good conductor, who has a fine band—and that he knows it.

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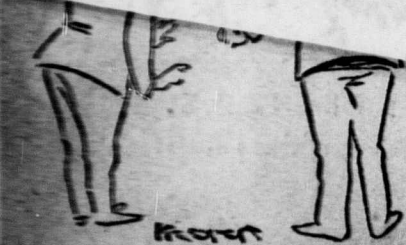
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"Kester" sends the accompanying impressions of Mr. Sousa, who appeared at the Leeds Town Hall last night.

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND AT THE TOWN HALL.

"Great are the uses of advertisement," especially freely given in the news columns of a newspaper, even if never intended as such. If a play, farcical comedy, or burlesque should be condemned in a newspaper as immoral in tendency or vulgarly broad, the highly moral public will flock to the theatre more than they otherwise would have done to witness a performance of it; and should a critic give a humorous description of the efforts of the expert and realistic recital of a steam-fund organist and chaff him a bit, folks who, as a rule, can't stand organ recitals, even by the most sterling players, will take the first opportunity to go and hear him, and come away saying "By gum, he can play." Such condemnations and criticisms, without being intended as such, become free advertisements, and great are their uses to those whom they concern. The same thing has happened to Mr. John Philip Sousa and his band. When they first visited Huddersfield and gave two concerts in the Town Hall, little was known about them, and they had small audiences. Since then many musical critics of the superior order, who pose as transcendental admirers of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Wagner, and Richard Strauss, and especially of the most difficult, mystic, and dry of their works, have attacked Mr. Sousa for his arrangements of orchestral music for his band, and for his Yankee methods and versatile programmes; and instead of giving impartial accounts of how the music was played, have devoted two-thirds of the space at their disposal to describing or poking fun at Mr. Sousa, his posing, and style of conducting, and that conducting has been more or less faithfully mimicked or burlesqued in musical comedies and pantomimes. Then, too, Mr. Sousa and his band have performed before King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra. The result is that since the last visit to Huddersfield the inhabitants have read, and seen, and heard so much about Mr. Sousa and his band that when they made their second appearance at the Town Hall, on Thursday night, the area was filled, the "horse-shoe" of the balcony was pretty well occupied, there was a good number of patrons supporting the band on the upper reaches of the orchestra, and there was a large number of persons in the gallery. When the officers and soldiers in "Patience," struck all of a heap by the changed manner of the ladies towards them, inquired "What has come over you?" they were informed by the Lady Jane, "Bunthorne has come over us." If the question were asked, "What has come over the people of Huddersfield?" we suppose that, without accusing them of having become aesthetic, either real or sham, we might fairly answer, "Sousa has come over us."

Of course there was some quiet laughter on Thursday night at Mr. Sousa's posing and peculiarities of conducting—the standing with one leg slightly bent, or one foot forward and the other poised on the toes, or his sudden stop forward; the curving of his arms, the placing together of the tips of the fingers of the left hand and beating time gently forward with them, the swinging of both arms like a pair of pendulums, and the giving of an under-cut with the baton as if whipping a horse smartly. All these things seemed to amuse, especially as most people must have felt that they had not the slightest effect on the playing of the band, but might have been effects of the playing. Again, the keeping the pot boiling style of the concert and the more sensational and noisy features of the performance provoked some mirth. But we have not the least doubt that the bulk of the people who went to the concert largely out of curiosity or to be amused went away well pleased with the musical and artistic success of the concert. We never have been of those who seem to hold that the performance of orchestral, operatic, or oratorio music should not be attempted by military or brass bands. Outside such music what is there left for such bands to perform? Very little worth hearing. Besides, such music would very rarely be heard at all by the bulk of the people but for military and brass bands. Therefore if these bands are properly constituted of skilful and artistic musicians who strive to get as nearly as possible effects of the music produced by orchestra and voices, all praise be unto them. To say that military and brass bands should never play music other than that written specially for them is as absurd as it would be to say that a transcription of an orchestral or orchestral and vocal work should never be played on the organ, for which instrument there is no end of music specially written; and the marvellous success of the old Meltham Mills Band in their performance of a selection from "Missa" in the dim and distant past would never have been heard to the great delight and uplifting of many thousands of people in various parts of the country.

We prefer to judge John Philip Sousa and his band by the results achieved, and not by the posing and mannerisms of the conductor or his methods; and we are bound to say the results are wonderfully brilliant and artistic. The programme of Thursday night was well suited to the band, and their playing showed that had selections of music of greater delicacy and less high sounding been attempted they would have been thoroughly well executed, so as to give an admirable artistic idea of what the effects of the original arrangement played by an orchestra would be like. The clarinets were of beautiful full quality and the execution was very fine, the oboes were exceedingly good, the flute-playing was very mellow and sweet, the brass instruments produced a splendid body of tone under art instinct and control, and while the trombone playing was particularly brilliant, and the tone and nimbleness of the bombardons were really surprisingly good and clever. There were often magnificent din-din effects and the richest colour combinations, and while the playing was extraordinarily smart and clean, rhythm, light and shade, and feeling were applied with beautiful effect. The "Carnaval Romain" overture of Berlioz and the Second Rhapsody by Liszt lend themselves particularly well to military band performance; and the exhilarating gaiety and picturesque of the former, and the spirited dance rhythms and strenuous patriotic glorification and

dramatic expression of the latter were brought out with fine effect and finished style. In the latter the beautiful flute playing and the surprising lightness of execution of the basses were striking features. Mr. Sousa's own suite, "Looking Upward," divided into three movements—"By the light of the Polar Star," "Under the Southern Cross," and "Mars and Venus"—is a brilliantly coloured, resourceful, and effective composition, particularly in the second movement, which contains some charmingly expressive music. The composer, however, seems to be unable to get away entirely from his rattling quickstep style, which is strongly in evidence at times, especially in the first movement. The contrasts of war and love in the third movement are strongly marked and the sensational crescendo and diminuendo "roll" on the side drums has a most stirring effect. The band played the suite with great precision, perfect tunefulness, and fine colour and expressive effects. The clarinets were heard to particular advantage in a very tasteful rendering of Mascagni's "Danse Esotica;" and Nevin's pretty Country Dance, which is a composition of much character, was admirably executed. Mr. Sousa's "Imperial March," dedicated to the King, is a brilliant, if not very artistic composition, introducing the first line of "God save the King" for the trombones, and it was very finely played, the cornets emphasising one theme by coming to the front. Kolling's concert galop, "Chase of the Lion," is a very broadly delineated descriptive piece, in which "the lion, cheerful roaring" (which even Haydn did not disdain to describe in "The Creation") was heard with such effect that it was quite a relief when a gunshot was heard, and the king of beasts received his quietus. Musical composers, like poets, must be allowed a certain amount of license; but the composer of this leonine music went far when he introduced the huntman's horn as if the chase of the lion was like following the Badsworth hounds. However, the music was adequately rendered by the band. Encores were promptly taken and responded to, and many other pieces, mostly Mr. Sousa's own familiar compositions, were played, and "The Washington Post" and "El Capitan" march gave great delight to the audience, while the cleverly arranged "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle" march was very effective, and there was much charm in the graceful Mexican Serenade. Mr. Arthur Pryor played on the trombone "Love's Enchantment," a song of his own. His tone was of a muted cornet type, and his execution was rather "fuzzy" at first; but his playing was remarkably smooth and expressive. We preferred his more natural tone in his clever performance of the air of the old German drinking song, "In cellar cool," which he gave in response to an encore. Miss Maud Powell played on the violin the Andante and Allegro vivace movements from Mendelssohn's Concerto with vivacious movements from Mendelssohn's Concerto with exquisitely refined tone and artistic execution, and was deservedly encored. Miss Estelle Liebbling was likewise recalled for her delightful vocalisation of "Thou brilliant bird" (Felicien David), the flute obbligato to which was beautifully played by Mr. Marshall Lufsky. What consummate artists the band is composed of was exemplified by the marvellous delicacy, true intonation, and artistic expressiveness with which a portion of the band accompanied the solos, especially the violin playing, which was a triumph in the art of accompanying.

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Sousa's band naturally drew good houses. It has never been in Edinburgh before, but most people had heard it play during the Glasgow Exhibition a year or two ago. Of good concerts there has been no lack lately—I really think the saying that Edinburgh is one of the most music-loving cities in the British Islands is something more than an idle boast.

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John Philip Sousa was born in Washington in November, 1856, his father being a musician born in Spain, but of Portuguese family.

Until he wrote the "Washington Post March" Mr. Sousa had hardly been heard of outside America. That composition brought him thirty-five dollars in cash, but a small fortune in reputation. From obscurity he came into a profitable prominence as the best bandmaster in the United States. He was wanted everywhere.

His career, till the publication of the "Post," is the tale of a big struggle. Like nearly all successful musicians, Sousa began with his music almost as soon as he could talk. He wanted to be a musician when he was three or four years old; and, having the desire, soon set to work to attain his ambition.

He took lessons on the violin, and got engagements at dances, where this thirteen-year-old musician played away with aching arms and fingers in heated ballrooms, till approaching day paled the flaring lights, and he was at liberty to drag himself home, half-asleep, but happy in the thought that his night's work would procure for him another lesson; and that lesson would be one step further towards his cherished goal.

About this time he narrowly escaped joining a travelling circus, to which the "cute" showman had enticed him; but his father got wind of the matter on the day of his departure, and promptly enlisted him in the band of a marine corps, with which he had to stay or be branded as a deserter.

Mr. Sousa paid twenty-five dollars for the publication of his first composition, and did not give up when he found that it did not sell. His next two he took to Philadelphia, and found a publisher willing to use them and pay for them.

"How much?" was his breathless query.

They would give him a hundred copies of each piece. He had paid fifteen dollars for the journey, but he accepted and tried again.

Then came the "Washington Post March," and the success for which he had worked so hard.

Beside the bandmaster and composer, Mr. Sousa is also an enthusiastic athlete.

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

On the occasion of their third visit to this city, Mr. Sousa and his fine band found a hearty welcome awaiting them last night from a very large audience at the Philharmonic Hall, and once more it was fully evident that the essentially American names of the combination had not lost its power to fascinate as well as to impress. To see a dozen of the players—seven cornets and five trombones—advance to the front of the platform and hear this line of brass give out in a manner at once emphatic the leading subject in Mr. Sousa's own composition, "Imperial Edward" (dedicated to his Majesty the King), or in the soldiers' chorus from "Faust," is something which English audiences have never been accustomed to before the advent on our shores of this band. It has the charm of novelty, although not much can be said—indeed, it will not be claimed—for it purely from an artistic point of view. But still this is one of several features which make for the all round success of the band. During the performance of the pieces last night it was again demonstrated that Mr. Sousa's forces are remarkably well disciplined. The organisation is exceptionally well balanced, the tone is rich and full, whilst everything is done with precision. A conductor like Mr. Sousa knows the resources which he has at his disposal, and he utilises them to the best advantage. There are no monotonous waits in these concerts. The conductor does not require any pressing for an encore. Hardly has he stepped from his pedestal than having rightly interpreted the warmth of the applause he lightly steps back and sets his men at work on one of his popular marches, or some other inspiring popular number. It hardly needs to be said that encores were freely distributed last night. The band pieces were agreeably interspersed with vocal items by Miss Estelle Lieblich, who possesses a beautiful soprano voice of exceptional compass; violin solos by Miss Maud Powell, a most talented executant; and Mr. Arthur Pryor, trombonist. Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper successfully carried out the arrangements for the concert, as also for the concerts of this afternoon and evening.

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The distinguishing and outstanding features of the famous American combination have now become very generally recognised in these parts, so that any lengthy criticism of their performance is rendered unnecessary. It will be sufficient to say that those well-marked characteristics of cohesion, precision, and brilliancy of execution which one has come to associate more particularly with the Sousa Band were last evening as noticeable as ever, and were brought out to the fullest possible advantage under the expressive and masterful baton of Mr. Sousa. Their contributions were the overture symphonic, "Mysora" (Wettge); suite, "From Foreign Lands" (Moszkowski); "El Capitan" (Sousa); the bourée and gigue, "Much Ado About Nothing" (German); idyll, "In a Clock Store" (Orth); march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa); and the "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust" (Gounod). Each of these was played with much skill, the Moszkowski suite being a particularly dainty rendering, whilst "In a Clock Store" there were introduced many novel effects eminently calculated to justify the title of a composition not musically remarkable. As usual, there was a plethora of encores, given with the customary readiness, and all well-chosen—catchy little pieces which afforded universal enjoyment. A meed of praise is due to Mr. Arthur Pryor for his trombone solo, "The Patriot," presumably his own composition.

The band was assisted by Miss Estelle Lieblich, who in her rendering of the mad scene from "Lucia" (Donizetti)—Mr. Marshall Lufsky, supplying the flute obligato—displayed a sweet soprano voice of wonderful flexibility, and by Miss Maud Powell, who gave Saint-Saens' "Rondo Capriccioso" with great beauty of tone and perfection of technique. It is questionable, however, whether a brass band provides the best of accompaniments for a violin solo. At any rate, one did not miss it in the unaccompanied selection which Miss Powell gave as an encore in response to vociferous applause.

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"Well, it has been a very pleasant tour and very successful. They seem to like it all right wherever we go."

"And this is going well all over England, I suppose?"

"By the way, how many concerts have you given?"

"Not one when it is out. We have played every day but Sunday for nine weeks, and most days twice."

"What is certainly true here," interrupted Colonel Burton of the State management, "was to give fifteen or twenty concerts in January, and forty-seven in March, playing three or four times."

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There was one day—January 17th," continued Colonel Horton. "on which we gave three cheers, the day being Wednesday, the day of Washington, when we had a walk out through the snow, and on most of our marches. We began our marches on January 24th, and have been all over England and Wales, as well as through Ireland. It always struck us as a beautiful country. But we found it very much otherwise."

"The board," Oh, yes, he said, "said the famous answer, 'we have five years' instruction in addition to the usual history of government, the main body of the curriculum comprising ancient literature, which was reinforced by three arts, and the sciences. There is a quartet of those, two others, one English literature, two lessons, four languages, and one natural philosophy, which is a kind of double lesson in three. Then comes, two examples, four French letters, three romances, two epigrams, four new tales, and a Sonnetary—a tale with a dramatic ending, giving a very striking effect, especially when sustained."

"That is the thing in the middle of the curriculum, with the new inside of it. With a large ball turning up the the frame of one of our locomotives."

— "Yes, yes, it gives,"

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"Now, Mr. Stone, this is a serious matter," you have said. I shall have to ask you something about your methods of training and conducting. First of all, do you adopt in your classroom - finger run, hand? I must be frank - the question concerns with which we are dealing in music."

"I am sorry," he replied, "but I have

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Monitors must be run the same way. Certainly, no more in it. I re-
member the first in action. Take the crew
right down through their part, and all others
must be present, so that they can see what is
done, and how important they the listeners
are to the perfection of the complete perfor-
mance. My man, each one of these, thinks he
is as important as the best. And so he is.
If you make every single player of the half
thrust, and have made and kept the
whole thing. That is the way to keep them
together.

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Very few indeed. The trumpeters have been with me since my first concert, twelve years ago, and the drum major, who has just said his name for the first time, is the player of the violin seated on the second seat on the first concert, and he was on the first seat at my first concert, and will be for a good many more. Hence, this, remember, there is never a new member from my band.

I believe that a number of your kind are German and some French. Are they in the majority?

Dr. Wm. Washburn, a noted American, says: "There are Germans, Belgians, English, French, and even Greek. America is cosmopolitan—all nations and all language."

"Oh, he speaks to all of them; and generally we will be so perfectly understood. No," said Mr. Sans reflectively, "they don't understand me. Some of my poor fellow-

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SOUSAS BAND.

SECOND VISIT TO THE FREE-TRADE HALL.

To gauge the public taste is the art of the public entertainer, and there is no doubt Mr. J. P. Sousa "struck it" when he brought over his somewhat unconventionally-arranged band to interpret the lively music which it gives with such many novel effects. The mannerisms also of both conductor and band, so to say, are attractive, and lose none of that attractiveness even after familiarity with them. The music given is light and catchy in tune, and plenty of lead is a feature of the arrangements. The second visit to Manchester, which began yesterday afternoon and concludes this evening, promises to be quite successful, and nearly every item was encored yesterday. The overture to "William Tell" was given "A la Sousa," and the fortissimo parts did not suffer. The trombone solo of Mr. A. Pryor in "Love Thoughts" is certainly a revelation in trombone playing, and in this and in other solos a feature of the music is the use, even in the softest refrains, that is made—and strikingly made—of such adjuncts as the castanettes, bells, &c. Mr. Pryor gave as an encore the old tune "Drinking," of which can be said it suits the trombone. As an encore to Sousa's suite, entitled "Maidens Three." One of the Sousa marches was played, an effect of which is the brazen roar of the trombones that simulates the huzzing of a vast crowd. Miss Estelle Liebling is a fine soprano of remarkable register. She can use her vocal organs in a wonderful manner. As an encore in the first part the band played a medley of British national airs, strung together on the refrain of "Soldiers of the Queen," and ending with "Rule Britannia." It suited the band immensely. Sousa's "In the realm of the dance," founded on famous waltz themes, was encored, and the band rattled out the Charleston and the Philosophic Maid in rare style. The march "Imperial Edward," dedicated to the King, is somewhat reminiscent of the Washington Post March, whilst here and there the cornets introduce strains of our National Anthem. A feature of the programme is the violin playing of Miss Maud Powell. She played Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen," and is a marvellous executante; but it was in a familiar air, andante that she most pleased and showed the full powers of an excellent instrument. A selection, "Plantation Songs and Dances," concluded the programme, and the band knew how to play them. At the evening concert almost every item of a popular programme was re-demanded.

instinct. Nothing knows what Sousa will play as an "encore." While the public are applauding he whistles the monophonic "cap," and it is telegraphed round the hall. "Cap" is short for "El Capitan," and without a moment's delay, without any raising of music, without the disagreeable hearing of brass or wood instruments so frequently heard during an interval in England, the band strikes up with the stirring strains of "El Capitan." March, and so on throughout each programme. I was somewhat disappointed not having an opportunity of hearing the different solos attached to the band, but if every one was a sample of the virtuosity, Mr. Arthur Pryor, their individual ability is nothing short of phenomenal. In the first place, Mr. Pryor's "tone" was soft and "velvety," unlike anything I have ever heard on the trombone, while the variations he executed were those generally heard on a cornet or wood-wind instrument. Mr. Pryor, who, by the way, is deputy conductor of the band, is a composer, conductor, and executant of exceptional ability, and his salary whilst with the Sousa combination is one-third what makes many musicians envious. But that he is worth a few more words. I was told that the cornetists were such brilliant soloists, but I must say that in "ensemble" playing I was not favourably impressed with their tone. It appeared to me as being light, particularly in the fortissimo passages. Allowance, however, must be made for the conditions under which my heard Sousa's band. The Grand Opera House is a small theatre, and a band of fifty-two strong would in ordinary circumstances have sounded one. Sousa's combination, however, captured the acoustic properties fairly accurately. With regard to the woodwind and violin, I have little to say, inasmuch as they are not part of the band proper. Both ladies, however, were worthy "accessories" (I use the term in no disrespectful sense) to the combination, and both were highly appreciated. If there were a fault, on Monday, it was that the concert was far too short. It was over in well under two hours, but then Sousa and his band were due in Leeds for an evening concert—and the North Eastern Railway and Leeds audiences wait for no man.

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change of greetings, at the Adelphi Hotel, last evening.

"That is the idea, Mr. Sousa, and to gather something interesting of your tour in England."

"Well, it has been a very pleasant tour, and very successful. They seem to like us all right wherever we go."

"And that is pretty well all over England, I suppose? By the way, how many concerts have you given?"

"You can reckon it out. We have played every day but Sunday for nine weeks, and most days twice."

"What we actually have done," interposed Colonel Hinton, of the Sousa management, "was to give fifty-four concerts in January, and forty-seven this month, playing twice every day."

"But what about to-day? Is not to-night's concert your only engagement?"

"Good gracious, no! You do think we waste time," exclaimed Mr. Sousa. "Why, we have just come from a matinee at Chester, and but for delay would have been here some time ago. Must leave here in twelve minutes for the Philharmonic."

"There was one day—January 17th," continued Colonel Hinton, "on which we gave three concerts, the last being a midnight affair, at Warwick Castle, when we had to walk miles through the snow, and last most of our instruments."

"We began at London on January 2nd, and have been all over England and Wales, as well as through Ireland. I always heard it was a distressful country, but we found it very much otherwise."

"The band? Oh, yes, let me see," said the famous musician, "we have fifty-three instruments in addition to the usual battery of percussion, the main body of the orchestra comprising sixteen B clarinets, which are reinforced by B flat, alto, and E flat clarinets. There is a quartet of flutes, two oboes, one English horn, two bassoons, four saxophones, and one saxophone, which is a kind of double bassoon in form."

Four cornets, two trumpets, four French horns, three trombones, two euphoniums, four bass tubas, and a Sousaphone—a tuba with a broader tone, giving a very enriching effect, especially when sustained."

"That is the big thing in the middle of the orchestra, with the man inside it? With a huge bell standing up like the funnel of one of your locomotives?"

"That is the cue, and a great tone it gives," a statement with which all who have heard the great notes of the improved "double B flat" will agree.

"Now, Mr. Sousa, this is a serious interview, you know, so I shall have to ask you something about your methods of training and conducting. First of all, do you adopt in your rehearsals—forgive me, but I must be frank—the peculiar gestures with which we are familiar in public?"

"Why, of course, or they would not have any proportion—or value either. My view is that a conductor is like an orator. If you have a fellow getting on a platform during a national crisis, and in a shame-faced way, lamely, and with his hands deep down in his breeches—"

"the way in which this way illustrated brought a gleam over the bright apartment—"

"saying 'we want a hundred thousand men and a couple of million dollars right away. Say, some of us might try and look round for them.' That would not fetch much. But, then, another comes along, and with flashing eye and shut fist—here we were in fear that it would be flashing fist and shut eye, so judiciously moved off a bit—"

"and shouts 'they want to go for us. Boys, will you let 'em do it? Why—well, these you are. It's just the same with a conductor. He must give it to them in gesture and pantomime. You can speak with a good deal besides your tongue."

Rehearsals must be run the same way. Method? Certainly, no secret in it. I rehearse the band in sections. Take the brass, put them through their part, and all others must be present, so that they can see what is done, and how important they—the listeners—are to the perfection of the complete performance. My men, each one of them, thinks he is as important as the best. And so he is. I try to make every single player of the half hundred think and believe that he and I did the whole thing. That is the way to keep them together."

"You do keep them together in other ways, also; I mean there are few changes in the personnel?"

"Very few, indeed. The trumpeters have been with me since my first concert, twelve years ago; and the clarinet master—what you call the leader, for the clarinets take the place of violins—started on the second seat at the first concert, and he was on the first seat at my last concert, and will be for a good many more. I hope. But, remember, there is never any bullying or personality from my stand."

"I notice that a number of your band are Germans, and some French. Are they in the majority?"

"Oh, no. The balance of power is American, but there are Germans, Belgians, French, and even Greek. American politics—all nations and all languages."

"And the band's tongue?"

"Oh, he speaks to all of them; and, as well as to be perfectly understood. No, added Mr. Sousa reflectively, "they don't change much—except when some poor fellow gets married, and his wife won't allow him to travel. Me? Oh, yes! I'm married."

"Now, what about those baneful programmes that we have heard about, Mr. Sousa? Is there anything in it? Do you suit your programmes to the weather?"

"Could hardly do that, you know—certainly not over here. I think it is chiefly in the conductor. I do like as much sunshine as possible, and if the day is gloomy and the hall looks dull, nobody will blame me for trying to brighten things up a bit. What are these?"—this to Colonel Hinton.

"Well, these," laying a bundle of letters on the table, "are requests for special pieces; these," another bundle, "are for autographs; and this is a request for a benefit performance," was the colonel's somewhat alarming reply, drawing from us the suggestion that Mr. Sousa ought to invest in a rubber stamp.

"Rubber stamp! That's no use. Tried it. I had what I thought was the happy idea of getting a stamp with a couple of bars of the 'Washington Post,' and my signature on it."

Not a bit of good. They came with their things, and made me sign every one of them! But Germany was the place for that. More than once I have put in an hour's solid hard work turning out autographs. Sorry, my twelve minutes is up, and the cab is waiting; you had better come up with me. No! Good-night, then. See you to-morrow."

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CONCERTS IN LIVERPOOL.

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The evening concert was attended by a most crowded and enthusiastic audience, hardly a vacant seat appearing throughout the house. The most important item on the programme was Richard Strauss's Fenestricher scene, a composition full of brilliant scoring and rich colour. It is perhaps in such work as that of Strauss and Wagner, with its broad tones, striking orchestration, and strong writing for the brass, that Mr. Sousa's choir are heard to the greatest advantage, at all events, as compared with the more purely string compositions. On Saturday evening they gave a fine exposition of the Strauss number, and were lustily cheered, giving as the repeat a vivacious melody of British airs. In contrast with what one may call the adapted items, was "Sheridan's Ride," a descriptive piece written by the conductor, who naturally availed himself of all his forces and each of their peculiarities. It is a most spirited piece, and was given a vigorous rendering, the inevitable encore being the "Washington Post March," to which the audience accorded a warm reception. A Liszt Rhapsody was admirably done, but perhaps the best of the non-Sousa excerpts was the Campa overture, which went with a nice swing. The now well-known "Imperial Edward March" found a place on the programme, among other selections being "El Capitan," "La Danseuse" (Von Blon), "Hounds Across the Sea," "King Cotton," and "The Warbler's Serenade." Mr. Arthur Fryer showed great skill in the playing of a trombone solo, his own composition. Miss Estelle Liebbling sang "Sweet Bird" (Handel's "El Penseroso") so capable as to receive a recall, her encore being "The Nightingale." Miss Maud Powell delighted everybody with her violin solos, Wieniawski's "Faust Fantasy" and "St. Patrick's Day."

SOUSA AS THE LORD MAYOR'S GUEST.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

Mr. Sousa and his wife were on Saturday the guests of the Lord Mayor at luncheon at the Town Hall. The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Miss Enid Rutherford, had invited a number of personal friends to meet the distinguished musician, and quite a delighted function resulted. Amongst others in the company were Miss Derry, Miss Powell, Miss Liebbling, Mr. E. Bushworth, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rensburg, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peace, Mr. Adolph Meyer, Mr. John Hargreaves, Miss Hargreaves, Mr. and Mrs. Saxony, Dr. and Mrs. Ryder, Colonel G. F. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Houlding, Mr. Mignon, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. J. Hemelryk, Mr. and Mrs. Eyles, Mr. F. C. Weingaertner, Mrs. and Miss Edith Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rutherford, Madame Nourry, Mr. Stanley Fitzgerald, Mr. Arthur and Miss Hughes, Mr. R. B. Gilgour, Mr. E. H. K. Sargent, Mr. J. McFarlane, Mr. E. R. Rosenheim, Mr. and Mrs. A. and Miss Sheldermine, Mr. McGregor Veitch, Mr. John and Miss Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, the Rev. J. Colville, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Colton, Chevalier and Mrs. Barbosa, Miss Marjorie Bennett, Miss Hayworth, and Mr. John Hargreaves, jun.

After the repast the Lord Mayor submitted the toast of "The King," and out of compliment to the nationality of his over-sea guests

linked with the characteristic English royal toast the name of "The President of the United States of America." The company enthusiastically honoured the dual toast. Subsequently the Lord Mayor gave the health of Mr. and Mrs. Sousa, and presented to Mr. Sousa from Mr. John Hargreaves, of Liverpool, a volume which his lordship described as "an elaborate history and explanation of the ancient Royal Cathedral Church of Portugal," written and compiled about three centuries ago by Louis de Sousa, "an eminent soldier, monk, and historian, an old kinsman of Mr. John Philip Sousa." His lordship said Mr. Hargreaves happened to come into possession of the book some years ago. Mr. Sousa made a fitting acknowledgment of the gift, as well as of the cordiality of the reception accorded to the toast of the health of Mrs. Sousa and himself.

The proceedings, which were of an informal though intensely interesting description, shortly afterwards terminated.

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At the evening concert a crowded and brilliant audience gathered to listen to the well-chosen programme of the famous band. The overture was Sullivan's "Di Ballo," and the light mirthfulness of the subject was well rendered. The trombone solo by Mr. Pryor gave unmitigated satisfaction, and he was good enough to play a wonderful encore which brought in some extraordinarily low notes. "Sheridan's Ride" is always a favourite, and Strauss's "Fenestricher" gave scope for illustration. The second "Hungarian Rhapsody," by Liszt, was beautifully rendered, as also was "Zampa," the finale. Miss Maud Powell displayed masterful power and tenderness in her violin solo, an exquisite fantasia on "Faust" by Wieniawski; and as an encore she gave great pleasure with a dainty little arrangement of "Garry Owen," with variations, charmingly played. Miss Estelle Liebbling sang Handel's "Sweet Bird," with a fine accompaniment, and marvellous were her high bird-like notes. Interspersed through the performance were the usual cheerful and liberal encores, all favourites now, such as the "Mexican Serenade," "King Cotton," "The Sunflower and the Sun," "The Washington Post," Mr. Sousa is to be congratulated on his winning personality, which conquers all hearts, and we trust that Liverpool may before long have the opportunity of giving him another heart-welcome.

MR. SOUSA AT THE TOWN HALL.

Mr. John Philip Sousa, the eminent American musical conductor, and Mrs. Sousa were on Saturday entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool at the Town Hall. During the proceedings the Lord Mayor presented to Mr. Sousa from Mr. John Hargreaves, of Liverpool, a book written about three centuries ago by one Louis de Sousa whom the Lord Mayor described as an old kinsman of Mr. Sousa.

THE SOUSA BAND.

Mr. Sousa is here with sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. He gave concerts at the Free-trade Hall yesterday afternoon and evening, and there are to be two more to-day. The most musical of the performances in the afternoon was the Largo from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony. Here one missed the string tone in the nearly motionless chords that support the melody of the *cor anglais*, but much of the orchestration was adroitly adapted to the stringless band, and the chords for muted cornets sounded effective. One of the few places where we detected faulty intonation was at the point where the principal melody, after the animated and picturesque middle section, is heard in two-part harmony on the horns. Here the first horn was a little sharp. But, in general, intonation is a no less strong point with the band than technique. Indeed, one can only suppose that Mr. Sousa dispenses with strings for the sake of better intonation. As any change of temperature affects strings and wind in the converse manner it is more nearly possible for strings alone or wind alone to keep in tune than for a normally constituted orchestra, with both. By completely banishing strings, therefore—he does not even admit basses,—Mr. Sousa obtains the first element in that smartness which he cultivates at all costs. Besides the symphonic movement already mentioned, there was only one other piece of the legitimate order, namely the "William Tell" Overture, apart from the vocal and violin solos. The rest consisted of Pote-pourris, mosaics, medleys, romping marches and galopades, pieces in the style that Mr. Sousa has made peculiarly his own. Two solos for bass trombone displayed every imaginable kind of difficult execution unsuited to the character of the instrument, the concluding effect being the last three notes of the song "In cellar cool," snorted forth on those lowest harmonics which Berlioz uses in his Pandemonium scene. These three long and blood-curdling snorts, with long pauses between, hugely tickled the ears of the groundlings. The "mosaic" which came immediately after the interval illustrated Mr. Sousa's method of dealing with dance tunes. It led off with the familiar "Valse Bleue" and ended with a considerable section from the last part of Brahms's piano-forte piece called "Valse Caprice," even the break into double time being retained. A surprising medley in march form was described as "The Rose, the Shamrock, and the Thistle." This began with "Soldiers of the Queen;" then came a dash of "Campbells are coming," with bagpipe imitations; the next flavouring was taken from the "Minstrel Boy," and the other elements consisted of "O where and O where is my Highland laddie gone?" a selection from "H.M.S. Pinafore," and finally "Rule, Britannia." The whole might be described as a musical cocktail. The Americans are nothing if not original in small matters, and during some of the more desperately noisy performances, when persons at all sensitive to musical impressions might be expected to seek some sort of visual diversion, we took note of Mr. Sousa's peculiar movements at the conductor's desk. One may almost say that those movements are never normal. Beginning with a simple swinging of the arms as they hang, he usually passes on to fly-fishing or whip-cracking motions; next we have a good deal of the serpentine dancer's gesticulations, and, on special occasions, movements that suggest Indian club exercises. All this constitutes an important feature of the entertainment.

But we have no wish to caricature Mr. Sousa unduly. He is an extremely clever man whose musical talent seems to be of exactly the same nature as Meyerbeer's. He is precisely such a "master of Cyclopean harmonies" as Meyerbeer was, and, withal, he is by no means the humbug that Meyerbeer was. There can be no doubt that he could compose grand operas, like Meyerbeer, if he chose; but he rests satisfied with being the March King, the idol of that vast public which prefers street music and casino music to genuine music and respects pothing in heaven or on earth, the champion exhibition bandmaster and musical pyrotechnician of the world. This is quite as it should be; for Mr. Sousa's qualifications for playing this part are perfectly genuine, and he is thus entirely free from that false pretence of which Meyerbeer was as full as an egg is of meat.

The soloists at these concerts are Miss Estelle Liebbling and Miss Maud Powell. At the afternoon concert yesterday Miss Liebbling sang the bizarre air about the "fule du pariah" from "Lakmé," displaying much vocal agility in the quaint quasi-Oriental cadenzas and melismas which are characteristic of the piece. She also gave one or more encore songs, in which there were again plenty of passages demanding vocal elasticity and smartness of execution. Miss Maud Powell, who as a violinist is one of the most remarkable technicians of the day, played Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" (Fantasia on gipsy airs) rather late in the afternoon, and doubtless there was plenty of encoring. The audience was fairly numerous, though not so large as might have been expected.

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MR. SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyable and exhilarating concerts which has been given in Huddersfield for some time took place in the Town Hall, on Thursday night, when the great 'March King' and his wonderful organization, numbering fifty-two picked musicians, succeeded in keeping the large audience in what may be justly termed a tumult of enjoyment from the opening number to the last on the programme. Before noticing the concert in detail it may not be uninteresting to give a brief of a *presume* most interesting chat which the writer enjoyed with the popular conductor-composer before and after the night's performance.

MR. SOUSA'S CAREER.

Mr. Sousa's band, he told the writer, is a thirty years development, and may be practically dated from the Peace Jubilee, organised by Mr. Parker S. Gilmore, in Boston, in the year 1872. In that immense musical festival the leading bands of Europe took part; and afterwards, at New York, Mr. Gilmore organized his famous band, in which he utilised all the most desirable characteristics of the foreign bands, adding such characteristics as his own experience and judgment suggested. For twenty years the Gilmore band enjoyed a run of increasing popularity, and "when in 1892 the baton fell from the lifeless hand of Gilmore, it was grasped by John Phillip Sousa." The present corps of instrumentalists has been with few exceptions continuously under the direction and discipline of Mr. Sousa for eleven years.

At the time he took over the band Mr. Sousa was bandmaster of the chief military band in the United States, the Marine Corps Band, which is attached to the President's household, and held the position (which it must be said he was specially chosen to fill without any solicitation on his part) until 1892, serving under five successive Chief Magistrates of the American Republic, and after raising the band to the front rank of the world's military bands, he severed his connection with the United States service to take over the nucleus of the present world-famous organisation.

"I began my connection with orchestras three-and-twenty years ago," he told the writer, "for at the age of eleven I was playing the violin in public. Since I have had charge of my own band," he added, "I have played all through Germany, Holland, Belgium, and France, and two years ago through England and a portion of Scotland—not forgetting Canada, where we had a wonderful tour right from Vancouver to Prince Edward's Island." "If we have a mission," said Mr. Sousa in reply to a query, "it is to play bright music, and we do that as well as we know how, and naturally we play all the better if we find that we are giving pleasure to those who have come to hear us. I find," he continued, "that the public—the great, warm-hearted public who are not ashamed to express their approval—is often in the mood of the man (which is so finely expressed by our own sweet singer, Longfellow, who desired to hear 'some heart-felt lay' that shall banish the thoughts of the day."

"Not from the grand old masters,
Not from the bards sublime,"
but from a minor poet, whose songs 'gushed from his heart,'

As showers from the clouds of summer,
Or tears from the eyelids start
when—

The night shall be filled with music,
And the cares, that infest the day,
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.

"Mindful, then, of Longfellow's beautiful aphorism do my best," said Mr. Sousa, "to fulfil it."

With regard to the much debated question of conducting, Mr. Sousa is a thorough believer in originality or mannerism, if you like to style it so, so far as an orchestral chief is concerned. "For my part," he said, "in conducting I have always believed in the principle of conducting in curves. Take as an illustration, or precedent if you like, the method of the trained orator. The orator may be absolutely passive for the first five minutes, but afterwards he must indulge in some pantomimic gesture to reinforce what he says, or his audience will remain perfectly cold. I think the orator is, perhaps, a very good man to follow from the standpoint of the conductor or a band. In a composition of a sensuous nature, if you conduct with angularity, the picture is spoiled for your audience. The music breathes one feeling and your action suggests another. I am also a great believer in conducting within a small circle—always with curves. There is another point, I think. If a man's mode of conducting absolutely belongs to himself it can never seem incongruous to those who look at it. But if a man stands up before a body of people and has not the authority of his own individuality, he is ineffectual. His gestures will be somebody else's. He will be imitating Brown; and people resent that. We see that fact demonstrated on the stage. An imitator leaves no impression. Yet from the standpoint of mechanics the performance may have been excellent—he may have faithfully followed every action and tone of the other man. But his performance is entirely unsatisfactory. You have got to be yourself," added the great bandmaster with emphasis. Much more that was deeply interesting with the writer gleaned from Mr. Sousa's conversation, but the space at my disposal is limited and I must perforce devote the remainder to a brief account of Thursday's entertainment, which was commenced with a brilliant rendition of the "Carnaval Romain" (Berlioz), which

was followed, in response to a whole-hearted encore by Mr. Sousa's own favourite march, "The Stars and Stripes for Ever." This fine march was played as only Sousa's band can play it, and left the audience in the condition of the ancient philosopher's daughter, for they still cried for more, and the result was forthcoming in a rousing excerpt from Mr. Sousa's works, entitled "A Mexican Serenade." This number like last was received with great applause, which threatened to take the shape of a triple encore. The next item was a trombone solo, "Love's Enchantment," composed and played by Mr. Arthur Pryor, the Paganini of the trombone. When properly treated the trombone is one of the noblest of all orchestral instruments. When it sounds ignoble it is either because its part is not well written, or because it is badly played. Those who heard Mr. Pryor's wonderful performance will readily relieve him of either of these faults. For his own charming number, "Love's Enchantment," proves his ability as a composer, whilst his superb tone, and the wonderful way in which he negotiated the most difficult runs and elongated cadenzas proved up to the hilt what a great executant he is. It goes without saying that his solo was received enthusiastically, and when in response he played the fine old German drinking song, "In cellar cool," he gave a further taste of his great and thoroughly artistic capabilities in a fashion that will live long in the memories of those who had the good fortune to hear him, for his "singing" of the encore number—for sing it he certainly did instrumentally, word for word—and to those who know the song conveyed a far finer interpretation than many vocalists who think "no small beer of themselves." The next number was Mr. Sousa's charming suite, "Looking upward," which was encored most heartily, and was followed by the evergreen "Washington Post" and another of Mr. Sousa's compositions "Rag Time," both of which were played with an amount of *elan* and swinging rhythm, which aroused the audience to enthusiasm and set both hands and feet moving. The next number afforded another great treat, for it not only introduced a gifted and artistic vocalist in the person of Miss Estelle Liebling, whose efforts in "Thou Brilliant Bird," by David, proved her to be the happy possessor of a flexible voice of truly marvellous range, and won for her a rousing encore. But this was not all, for, in the fine "Flute obligato," splendidly rendered by Mr. Marshall Lufsky, and the grand accompaniment, the band gave additional evidence how wonderful effective an organization it is. The rest of the numbers, which embraced excerpts from Liszt, Mascagni, Nevin, Sousa and Kolling, with the encore-pieces from Mr. Sousa's own repertoire, were in tone, in clearness, in absolute unanimity of precision, in attack, and brilliant ensemble, all so splendidly rendered as to give ample proof, if proof were needed, what a great conductor Mr. Sousa is, and to what a high state of perfection he has brought his superb band.

By no means the least enjoyable item in the night's entertainment was Miss Maud Powell's violin solo, which consisted of "Two Movements from Violin Concerto" by Mendelssohn.

Miss Powell is well known and greatly admired in Huddersfield musical circles by reason of her fine singing tone, her neat executant powers, and artistic interpretation, and her playing of the Mendelssohn items were a masterly exhibition of her undoubted artistic powers and won for her a hearty encore, to which, however, the lateness of the hour prevented her from responding.

The accompaniment of the band to Miss Powell's solo may be summed up as simply the perfection of what accompaniment ought to be.

Mr. Sousa's present tour in this country should end in May, but it is extremely likely that the time will

have to be extended in response to the many applications for a return visit. Should he decide to extend his stay, it is not at all unlikely that we may be favoured by another visit.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CONCERT.

Even the great Sousa must have been pleased with the marvellously enthusiastic reception the Hull public gave him on Saturday night. Not an empty seat was to be seen in the Assembly Rooms, and of this vast audience the great majority was masculine, applauding with such truly masculine vigour that every item received two encores, one alone drawing no less than five encore pieces from the accommodating conductor. The heat was intense, which is only to be expected when hundreds of people are packed like herrings in a barrel, and the smoke that came in during the interval did not add to the pleasantness of the atmosphere. As for the people themselves, the most delightful uncertainty prevailed as to the correct attire one should adopt at such a concert. Four-fifths of those in the five-shilling seats came in morning dress. Matinee hats were at a discount, causing a vast amount of discomfort and annoyance.

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So Sousa has been delighting Windsor with his martial music, and the Anglo-American war, prophesied when the King invited the German Ambassador to dinner, has been tactfully averted by his Majesty's courtesy in standing while the Star Spangled Banner was performed. Perhaps the most delicate flattery was contained in the King's injunction that the Band of the Scots Guards should listen to the concert and pick up hints as to how to play "Love's Enchantment" and "The Passing of Rag Time." Only what will they say in Scotland? Surely, Edward VII., this is adding insult to injury.

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Some words used by Sousa to our representative, in an interview reported yesterday, in speaking of the music of nature have suggested the following lines:

THE MUSIC OF NATURE.

And, mind you, all the music is not made by the musicians. I love to stand quietly in a wood and listen to the wind playing on the trees. How fine, too, to hear the sweet harmonies of water falling over rocks.

SOUSA.

I sit not where the choristers are chanting
By shrine of saint within a sculptured nave,
But here are harmonies of nature's granting—
Her orchestra of wind and wood and wave.

Grandeur their tones than organ peans pealing
Where painted sunlight slants thro' arch and aisle,
More solemn than the softest measure stealing
Of hallowed hymn within the sacred pile!

O spells divine! Lured by their sweet entralling
My soul is soaring, freed from earthly clod,
Ye trumpet-tongues! I answer to your calling,
With wind and wood and wave, I worship God!
E. CHAPMAN.

Hearth and Home,

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Mr. John Philip Sousa, who is now on tour through the United Kingdom, was recently commanded to appear a second time before the King, on this occasion at Windsor. Mr. Sousa gave eleven concerts early in the year in London, and intends to pay a return visit about Easter. Miss Estelle Liebling, the soprano vocalist, who accompanies the Sousa tour, is also an American, and a colouratura singer of much character.



MISS ESTELLE LIEBLING, THE AMERICAN SOPRANO, WHO APPEARS WITH MR. SOUSA'S BAND.

Ladies' Field,

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MR. SOUSA has had many triumphs in the course of his brilliant career, but on his own admission Saturday last was "the greatest day of his life." The concert, which was held in the Waterloo Chamber at Windsor, commenced shortly after ten o'clock, the guests including the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, Prince and Princess Christian, and the Princesses Louise Augusta and Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. Mr. Henry White, the Secretary to the United States Embassy and temporary Chargé d'Affaires, with Mrs. White, who had the honour of being placed on the left hand of the King, were both staying at Windsor. Other

visitors at the Castle who were also present were Sir John Scott, the Bishop of London, and Sir Alfred and Lady Edmondstone. The Queen wore a beautiful black gown, trimmed with some priceless lace, while the Princess of Wales was looking bright and well in a handsome satin gown of her favourite mauve shade, and wore some magnificent diamond ornaments. Several of the conductor's own compositions were played in the course of the evening, among them being the "Imperial Edward March," with which the King appeared much pleased. His Majesty, however, made repeated demands for American pieces, and particularly for the "Star-Spangled Banner," at the first notes of which the King rose, followed by the Queen and the rest of the Royal party. Mr. Sousa's introduction to the King took place at the close of the entertainment, His Majesty shaking hands cordially with the conductor, who was obviously delighted with the kindly expressed remarks anent the performance, the Queen also expressing her satisfaction. Mrs. Sousa was likewise presented with her husband, and when the King and Queen had left the hall the Prince of Wales remained chatting with

the conductor and his wife for some minutes. The performers left Windsor at 2.30 a.m. by a special sleeping car.

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Provincial.

BIRMINGHAM.—Only two concerts of any importance have taken place here since the new year commenced. On the afternoon and evening of the 19th ultimo, Mr. Sousa and his band gave concerts. It is 14 months since the band made its initial appearance before a Birmingham audience, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather a large and enthusiastic audience assembled on each occasion. The band is constituted exactly as on the former visit, the total strength numbering 35 performers. The programmes were made up of popular items, and included the "William Tell" Overture, the Largo from Dvorák's Symphony, the "New World," Sousa's Suite, "Maidens Three," "In the Realm of the Dances," and Massenet's "Scenes in Naples," etc. Each item was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and encores were the rule. Mr. Arthur Pryor, in his trombone solos, played in marvellous fashion. Miss Estelle Liebling was the vocalist and scored a great success, the noteworthy feature of her singing being her exquisitely perfect enunciation. Miss Maud Powell as violinist played brilliantly.

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Force and Fury.

Sousa's band has literally burst upon London again with stunning effect. I am not a musical critic, and so I turn to experts for a full and real appreciation of the tremendous performances of this wonderful band. I have heard of the man who blew his front teeth through the big trumpet in a German band, but I am assured that the man who plays the trombone in Sousa's band has done more than that, for it is said that he has more than once blown into the trombone so hard that he has straightened out the



instrument. That suggests force and fury worthy of a great and a free people. There is also a legend to the effect that one day when the mighty Sousa was conducting his band with almost epileptic fury, he happened to hit a performer on the head with the baton. The blow was so heavy that it killed not only the man, but also his wife and family, who were away at the sea-side.

Madame,

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Music and Musicians.

WITH the exception of the "Messiah" performance at the Albert Hall recently, and the first re-appearance of Sousa's Band, there has been but little of public note. And one is, perhaps, hardly justified in classing the American combination of skilled playing and gigantic advertising as a musical event of importance. In fact, there is no particular or good reason why this Transatlantic orchestra should again be with us, for our native Queen's Hall players are so satisfying that there really is no need to import the talented and gymnastic Sousa and his admirable band. At the "Messiah" performance alluded to above, the singing of the soloists gained the applause of a contented audience, and Ada Crossley sang (as she always does) in a manner which the *contraltos* of London's academical institutions would do well to copy. Nor must they pay any attention to the remonstrances of those of their teachers who prefer other methods. 'Tis a wise student that recognises its instructor's ignorance.



MR. J. P. SOUSA, THE AMERICAN COMPOSER AND CONDUCTOR, WHOSE BAND HAS PLAYED TWICE BEFORE THE KING.

The Queen,

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SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

A GAIN WE HAVE MR JOHN PHILIP SOUSA and his American Band with us, and, preliminary to a lengthy tour in the Provinces, the Orchestra on Friday last week commenced, at the Queen's Hall, a series of Afternoon and Evening performances which will be brought to a conclusion to-night (Saturday). Since the Band was last with us it has somewhat increased in number, but, as before, it is composed entirely of wind instruments and instruments of percussion, the string family continuing conspicuous by its absence. All the executants engaged, however, are thoroughly expert instrumentalists, and play with remarkable precision and spirit, and they are obviously in complete accord with their Conductor, who succeeds in impressing his own intentions upon them in a remarkable way. With the presence of so many brass instruments and the entire absence of strings the efforts of the Orchestra, it is true, appear at times a little hard and strident, but the works essayed are given with such impulse and brilliancy, and at times with such enthusiasm, that the attention of the auditor is held to the close. The programme on the opening night commenced with an overture by Wettge, and included a Suite by Mr Sousa entitled "Looking Upward," scored in three movements, as well as smaller works by Rubinstein, Mascagni, and other composers, and a new and very spirited March by Mr Sousa, entitled "Imperial Edward," which met with so much favour that it had to be given three successive times. The Conductor is, however, very liberal in the concession of encores, nearly every item in the programme being followed by a couple of supplementary pieces drawn usually from the very wealthy repertory of Mr Sousa's own productions, his "El Capitan," "Washington Post," "Hands across the Sea," and "Stars and Stripes for ever" being special favourites. The vocalist was Miss Estelle Liebling, a soprano with a sweet and flexible voice, who was heard in Feicien David's "Charmant Oiseau." Mr Arthur Pryor, a skilful Trombone player, was heard to advantage in a solo called "The Patriot," and the accomplished American Violinist Miss Maud Powell, who has been engaged for the whole of the tour, played with great taste and technical skill Wieniawski's Fantasia on airs from "Faust." Mr Sousa and his Band met with a very cordial welcome.

The programme has been changed on each occasion, the programme last night, for instance, opening with Liszt's symphonic poem "Les Preludes," and including the Introduction and Bourée, Grotesque Dance, and Melodrama and Finale from Sullivan's Incidental Music to "The Merchant of Venice." A fine performance, too, was given of an arrangement of the Closing Scene from Giordano's opera "Andrea Chenier," originally brought out at La Scala in Milan in 1896, and of which the Carl Rosa Company is shortly about to produce an English version. The excerpt was on Monday followed by a couple of encores, namely, "The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle" and "Stars and Stripes for Ever," while Herbert's "Badinage," delightfully played, was succeeded by no fewer than three additional pieces, "A Tale of a Bumbe Bee," "A Bundle of Mischief" (in which those instrumentalists whose mouths are not already engaged join in whistling and afterwards in vocal ejaculations), and "The Man Behind the Gun." Miss Caroline Montefiore sang with moderate success an air from Hiller's "Saul," but Miss Maud Powell, the Violinist, met with very great success. After a very finished rendering of three of Brahms's Hungarian Dances, in which she was joined by the Orchestra, she was enthusiastically applauded, and in response to a very emphatic demand for more, played the so-called "Handel's Largo in G." This was, however, not sufficient to satisfy the audience, and eventually the lady had to concede another encore piece, her choice this time falling on a Tambourin by Leclair, which was played with great finish and brilliancy. For the Concerts this afternoon and evening further attractive programmes have been provided.

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Swindon

SWINDON BATHS.—Sousa and his band paid a flying visit to Swindon on Tuesday night, after having given a matinee at Reading in the afternoon. The largest hall in Swindon—the Swimming Baths—was secured, and this was a success, as the band was met with an enthusiastic audience. Amongst those present were the Lady on the theatre was filled to overflowing and party, the Hon. the Rev. Canon Ponsonby, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Swindon. The programme was that of *William Tell*. All the March King's masterpieces were stars and stripes for ever, was played given, including "Looking Upward," then encore. Next came a trombone solo, "Imperial Edward" march, "The Passing over's Enchantment" (Pryor), by Mr. of Reg Time, "El Capitan" (by special hur Pryor, for which he gave "The desire), etc. Miss Estelle Liebling displayed neysuckle and the Bee" as an encore. her sweet soprano in "Thou Brilliant Bird," programme also included a suite, and "The Nightingale." Miss Maud Powell looking Upward" (Sousa), (a) "By the gave two violin solos. Mr. Arthur Pryor of the Polar Star," (b) "Under the gave a finely-rendered trombone solo, and then Cross," (c) "Mars and Venus." Bee." Estelle Liebling gave a soprano solo, Thou Brilliant Bird," with much charm.

A flute obbligato was given by Mr. Marshall Lufsky, and a violin solo—two movements from violin concerto by Mendelssohn—(a) Andante (b) Allegro Vivace, by Miss Maud Powell, which was vociferously encored. Mr. Sousa's band well sustained its reputation on this occasion.—For the first time here Mr. Bert Coote presents his production and Co., from the Princess's, with *The Fatal Wedding*. The cast includes Mr. Wilfred E. Payne (Howard Wilson), Mr. Creagh Henry (Robert Curtis), Mr. Chas. Kenny (Tots), Mr. Victor Widdicombe (Peter Schwartz), Mr. Henry Welbeck (O'Reilly), Mr. Arthur Rayner Lawe (Rev. Dr. Lanceford), Miss Marie Housley (Mabel Wilson), Miss Mary Allestree (Cora Williams), Miss Annie Brophy (Bridget), Miss Eileen Moore (Jessie), Master Walter Barker (Frank), Miss Amy Benson (Flossie), Miss Katie Spenser (Pattie), and Little Nora (Tim). Jennie's friends and the choir in act four are represented by Mr. Stedman's choir. The piece is well staged, and the acting is highly commendable.

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SOUSA'S BAND AT BLACKPOOL.

Although Blackpool is now at its quietest, large audiences listened to the afternoon and evening concerts given by Sousa's Band in the Empress Ballroom at the Winter Gardens yesterday. The band, which fulfilled a return engagement, secured general approbation for its distinctive music, and Mr. Sousa, as usual, gave several encore pieces.

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THE MARCH KING.

It is not often the music loving public of Walsall are so well catered for as they were on Tuesday evening, and it is noteworthy that the public responded in a manner worthy the occasion. Mr. John Philip Sousa, who can with some justification lay claim to the appellation of the 'March King,' brought his celebrated band to the Imperial Hall, and the attendance was an exceedingly large one. The efforts of the band, it is needless to say, were highly appreciated, in fact, so delighted were the audience than an encore was demanded for every contribution. Several of the pieces performed were the composition of the talented principal of the band, and one of the Post in re thus.

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SOUSA'S BAND AT BUXTON.

A magnificent concert was given yesterday afternoon, in the Pavilion, before a crowded audience, which was roused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm by the splendid performances of Mr. Sousa's Band, which consists of sixty performers—picked artistes. The programme consisted of eight items, and the encores were frequent. The solos were exquisite, and the harmony was of the richest quality, producing a thrilling effect. As a Military Band it probably has no equal. A glance at the programme shows how choice were the items:—
Overture... "Carnival Romaine"
Trombone solo... "Blue Bells of Scotland"
Suite... "Maidens Three"—(a) The Coquette; (b) The Summer Girl; (c) The Dancing Girl—(Sousa)
Soprano solo... "Thou Brilliant Bird" (David)
Flute obligato by Mr. Marshall Lufsky.
Mosaic... "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa) (Founded on famous waltz themes.)
Novallette... "Sisilella" (Von Blou)
March... "Imperial Edward" (Sousa)
(Dedicated by special permission to His Majesty the King.)
Violin solo... "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate)
Plantation songs and dances (Chambers)

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A GAIN WE HAVE MR JOHN PHILIP SOUSA and his American Band with us, and, preliminary to a lengthy tour in the Provinces, the Orchestra on Friday last week commenced, at the Queen's Hall, a series of Afternoon and Evening performances which will be brought to a conclusion to-night (Saturday). Since the Band was last with us it has somewhat increased in number, but, as before, it is composed entirely of wind instruments and instruments of percussion, the string family continuing conspicuous by its absence. All the executants engaged, however, are thoroughly expert instrumentalists, and play with remarkable precision and spirit, and they are obviously in complete accord with their Conductor, who succeeds in impressing his own intentions upon them in a remarkable way. With the presence of so many brass instruments and the entire absence of strings the efforts of the Orchestra, it is true, appear at times a little hard and strident, but the works essayed are given with such impulse and brilliancy, and at times with such enthusiasm, that the attention of the auditor is held to the close. The programme on the opening night commenced with an overture by Wettge, and included a Suite by Mr Sousa entitled "Looking Upward," scored in three movements, as well as smaller works by Rubinstein, Mascagni, and other composers, and a new and very spirited March by Mr Sousa, entitled "Imperial Edward," which met with so much favour that it had to be given three successive times. The Conductor is, however, very liberal in the concession of encores, nearly every item in the programme being followed by a couple of supplementary pieces drawn usually from the very wealthy repertory of Mr Sousa's own productions, his "El Capitan," "Washington Post," "Hands across the Sea," and "Stars and Stripes for ever" being special favourites. The vocalist was Miss Estelle Liebling, a soprano with a sweet and flexible voice, who was heard in Feicien David's "Charmant Oiseau." Mr Arthur Pryor, a skilful Trombone player, was heard to advantage in a solo called "The Patriot," and the accomplished American Violinist Miss Maud Powell, who has been engaged for the whole of the tour, played with great taste and technical skill Wieniawski's Fantasia on airs from "Faust." Mr Sousa and his Band met with a very cordial welcome.

The programme has been changed on each occasion, the programme last night, for instance, opening with Liszt's symphonic poem "Les Preludes," and including the Introduction and Bourree, Grotesque Dance, and Melodrama and Finale from Sullivan's Incidental Music to "The Merchant of Venice." A fine performance, too, was given of an arrangement of the Closing Scene from Giordano's opera "Andrea Chenier," originally brought out at La Scala in Milan in 1896, and of which the Carl Rosa Company is shortly about to produce an English version. The excerpt was on Monday followed by a couple of encores, namely, "The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle" and "Stars and Stripes for Ever," while Herbert's "Badinage," delightfully played, was succeeded by no fewer than three additional pieces, "A Tale of a Bumble Bee," "A Bundle of Mischief" (in which those instrumentalists whose mouths are not already engaged join in whistling and afterwards in vocal ejaculations), and "The Man Behind the Gun." Miss Caroline Montefiore sang with moderate success an air from Hiller's "Saul," but Miss Maud Powell, the Violinist, met with very great success. After a very finished rendering of three of Brahms's Hungarian Dances, in which she was joined by the Orchestra, she was enthusiastically applauded, and in response to a very emphatic demand for more, played the so-called "Handel's Largo in G." This was, however, not sufficient to satisfy the audience, and eventually the lady had to concede another encore piece, her choice this time falling on a Tambourin by Leclair, which was played with great finish and brilliancy. For the Concerts this afternoon and evening further attractive programmes have been provided.

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Swindon

SWIMMING BATHS.—Sousa and his band paid a flying visit to Swindon on Tuesday night, after having given a matinee at Reading in the afternoon. The largest hall in Swindon—the Swindon Swimming Baths—was secured, and this was managed, Mr. W. J. Andrews; Secretary, and with an enthusiastic audience. Amongst those present were the Lady on the theatre was filled to overflowing and party, the Hon. the Rev. Canon Ponsonby, an enthusiastic audience to appreciate song, and the Mayor and Mayoress of the town. The Swindon (Alderman and Mrs. F. G. Wright), which was warmly applauded. All the March King's masterpieces were set to music and Stripes for ever" was played given, including "Looking Upward" then encore. Next came a trombone solo, "Imperial Edward" march, "The Passing of the March," (Pryor), by Mr. of Bag Time, "El Capitan" (by special hur Pryor, for which he gave "The desire), etc. Miss Estelle Liebling displayed neysuckle and the Bee" as an encore. her sweet soprano in "Thou Brilliant Bird," programme also included a suite, and "The Nightingale." Miss Maud Powell looking Upward" (Sousa), (a) "By the gave two violin solos. Mr. Arthur Pryor of the Polar Star," (b) "Under the gave a finely-rendered trombone solo, and then Cross," (c) "Mars and Venus." for an encore "The Honeysuckle and the Estelle Liebling gave a soprano solo, Thou Brilliant Bird," with much charm.

A flute obbligato was given by Mr. Marshall Lufsky, and a violin solo—two movements from violin concerto by Mendelssohn—(a) Andante (b) Allegro Vivace, by Miss Maud Powell, which was vociferously encored. Mr. Sousa's band well sustained its reputation on this occasion.—For the first time here Mr. Bert Coote presents his production and Co., from the Princess's, with *The Fatal Wedding*. The cast includes Mr. Wilfred E. Payne (Howard Wilson), Mr. Creagh Henry (Robert Curtis), Mr. Chas. Kenny (Tots), Mr. Victor Widdicombe (Peter Schwartz), Mr. Henry Welbeck (O'Reilly), Mr. Arthur Rayner Lawe (Rev. Dr. Lanceford), Miss Marie Housley (Mabel Wilson), Miss Mary Allestree (Cora Williams), Miss Annie Brophy (Bridget), Miss Eileen Moore (Jessie), Master Walter Barker (Frank), Miss Amy Benson (Flossie), Miss Katie Spenser (Pattie), and Little Nora (Tim). Jennie's friends and the choir in act four are represented by Mr. Stedman's choir. The piece is well staged, and the acting is highly commendable.

The Manchester Courier.

Cannot Street, Manchester.
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SOUSA'S BAND AT BLACKPOOL.

Although Blackpool is now at its quietest, large audiences listened to the afternoon and evening concerts given by Sousa's Band in the Empress Ballroom at the Winter Gardens yesterday. The band, which fulfilled a return engagement, secured general approbation for its distinctive music, and Mr. Sousa, as usual, gave several encore pieces.

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Dated January 26 1903
ess of Journal

THE MARCH KING.

It is not often the music loving public of Walsall are so well catered for as they were on Tuesday evening, and it is noteworthy that the public responded in a manner worthy the occasion. Mr. John Philip Sousa, who can with some justification lay claim to the appellation of the 'March King,' brought his celebrated band to the Imperial Hall, and the attendance was an exceedingly large one. The efforts of the band, it is needless to say, were highly appreciated, in fact, so delighted were the audience than an encore was demanded for every contribution. Several of the pieces performed were the composition of the talented principal of the band, and one of these, 'The Washington Post,' which Mr. Sousa directed to be given in response to a recall, was greeted most enthusiastically.

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A magnificent concert was given in the Pavilion, before a crowded audience, which was roused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm by the splendid performances of Mr. Sousa's Band, which consists of sixty performers—picked artistes. The programme consisted of eight items, and the encores were frequent. The solos were exquisite, and the harmony was of the richest quality, producing a thrilling effect. As a Military Band it probably has no equal. A glance at the programme shows how choice were the items:—
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THE NOVEL CONDUCTOR.

[MR. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA (with the accent on the U.S.A.) has entered the realms of the novelist, and has published in Indianapolis an exciting story, entitled "The Fifth String." This has been reviewed in the press in the most flattering terms, and Mr. Sousa is now engaged on his next book, "Pipetown Stories."]

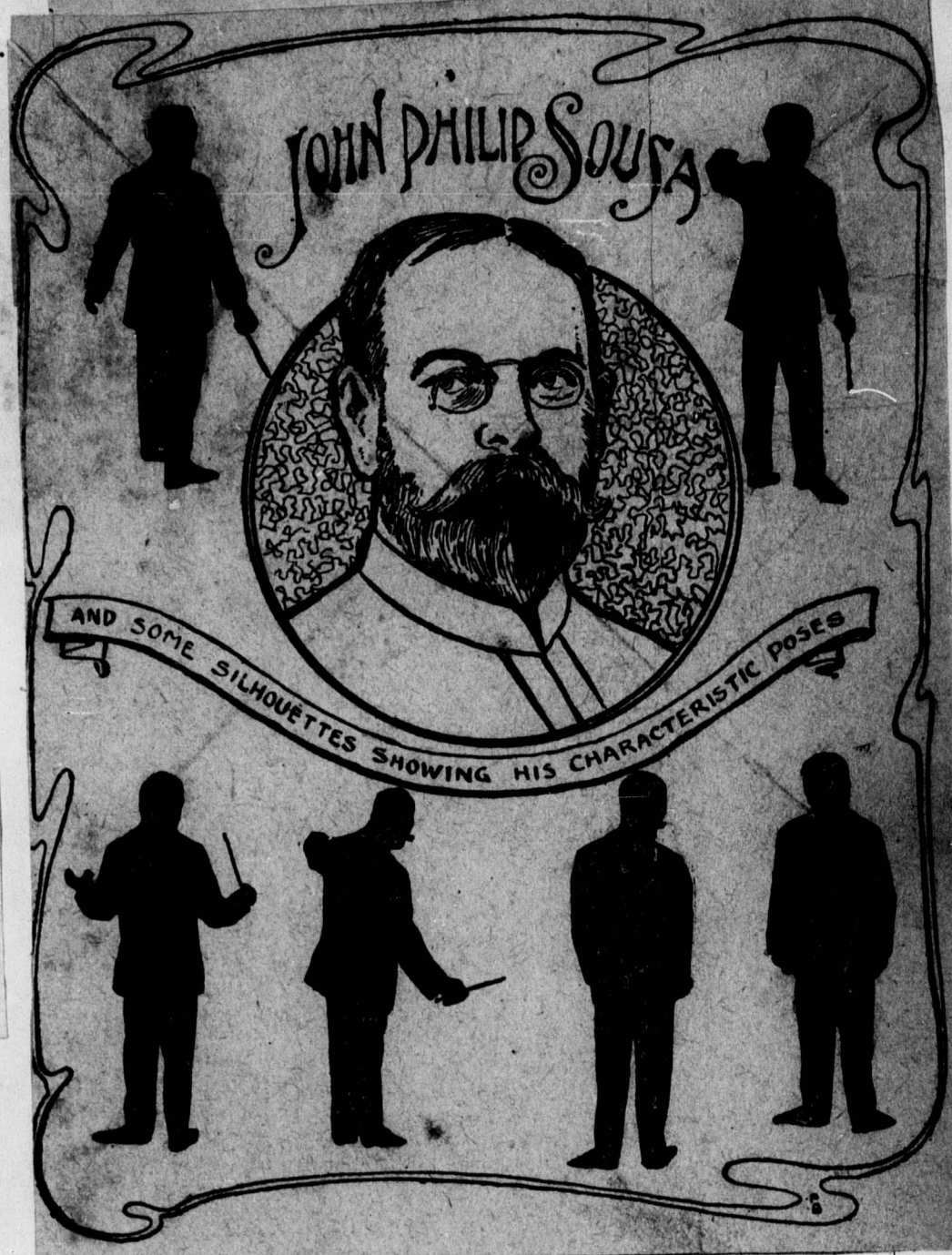
Oh, this Sousa is simply immense,
His achievements the people
astound!
For he's now giving volumes of
sense
In addition to "volumes of
sound!"

L. G.-T.

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MANNERISMS OF A GREAT CONDUCTOR.

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Methods and Mannerisms of Sousa and his Band.

It is now some fourteen months since Mr. Sousa delighted Liverpool audiences with his music, and his reappearance at the Philharmonic Hall to-morrow has been anticipated with the liveliest enthusiasm. This second tour of the Sousa Band in Great Britain will probably be the most complete pilgrimage of the kind ever undertaken here, as it is intended to play about 250 concerts in five months, and to visit every city and town of any consequence in Great Britain, and the chief towns of Ireland as well. On tour the band will follow, whenever practicable, the American plan of playing two towns in one day; as, for instance, they will play a matinee in one place and an evening performance at another on the same date. Mr. Sousa has passed a very busy year since he was last in Liverpool. He has given 500 concerts in the United States, and travelled 40,000 miles to do so. His band celebrated its tenth birthday a few months ago, when it was found to have given 4,500 concerts in 394 weeks in some 650 different cities of America and Europe, with 350,000 miles of travel by land and sea. Despite this enormous amount of labour, Mr. Sousa has found time to write a dozen marches which have become famous, four light operas, and one novel—and all this in a decade.



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.

audience express a desire to hear. He never plays less than twenty numbers at any performance. To the uninitiated it has been a source of wonderment the rapidity with which the band responds to an encore. The secret lies in the fact that the music of all these extra numbers is pasted in a large book, one on a page, and duly numbered. When Mr. Sousa calls out "No. 1," the musicians promptly turn to page 1 in the "Encore Book," and almost immediately "The Stars and Stripes Forever" march is heard. The "Sousa encores" this year, in addition to the ever-popular marches, include such bright bits as "The Sunflower and the Sun," "A Bundle of Mischief," "Mexican Serenade," "The Tale of a Bumble Bee," "The Passing of Rag Time," "Salome," and "Hiawatha," &c. The march, "Imperial Edward," which was written for and dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King, is having a great vogue. It is included on every programme, and is redemanded several times at each concert.

The entire management of the Sousa concerts in Liverpool has been in the hands of Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper, of 13, Islington, and 21, Basnett-street. The fact that the Sousa concerts in Liverpool in 1901 broke the record for the whole provincial tour, and that the advance sale of tickets for to-morrow constitutes a Liverpool record, is remarkable testimony to Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper's organising and managerial abilities.

SOUSA AND HIS ENCORES.

Mr. Sousa places only nine numbers on his programme, but he plays as many as his



SOME SOUSA SILHOUETTES, SHOWING THE CHARACTERISTIC POSES OF THE "MARCH KING."

The Morning Leader,
 Stonecutter Street, London, E.C.
 from issue dated Feb 2 1903

SOUSA AT WINDSOR.

FAMOUS BAND DELIGHTS THE KING AND QUEEN.

Mr. Sousa and his celebrated band visited Windsor Castle on Saturday evening, and performed before the King and Queen. On a previous occasion the famous conductor had appeared before their Majesties at Sandringham.

Mr. Sousa and his party appeared at Shetfield in the afternoon, journeying thence to Windsor by special train on the Great Central Railway.

The King, accompanied by Commander Fortescue, travelled from Windsor to London in a motor-car on Saturday, returning in the afternoon by a Great Western ordinary train after a visit to Buckingham Palace. Their Majesties dined in the grand dining-room, occupying the head of the table, at which there were forty guests. These included the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and their daughter, the American Charge d'Affairs (Mr. H. White) and Mrs. White, Sir John Scott, Sir Alfred and Lady Edmonstone, and the Bishop of London.

Servants Listened to the Band.

Just before half-past ten o'clock the company adjourned to the Waterloo Chamber, where Mr. Sousa and his band were already installed. The King and Queen were walked to the band, and immediately they entered the band played the "National Anthem."

By order of the King the servants at the Castle were permitted to listen to the music. The lower servants sat in the Throne room, whilst the upper servants were accommodated in the gallery of the chamber. Each item was heartily applauded, and no fewer than seven encores were demanded. In response to one the band played "Hands across the Sea." Miss Estelle Lieblich sang "Thou Bright Bird," Mr. M. Lufsky provided a fine obligato with magnificent effect, and Miss M. Powell was responsible for a beautifully executed violin solo.

Queen's Personal Request.

The program arranged had been concluded when the Queen made a personal request to Mr. Sousa to play "The Star Spangled Banner," during the rendering of which all present remained standing. This was followed by the "National Anthem." Mr. Sousa was complimented by the King and Queen, both of whom expressed delight at the performance.

Mrs. Sousa was presented to their Majesties. Supper was served to Mr. Sousa and his company just after midnight in the adjoining chamber, and shortly after two o'clock they left the Castle, and enquired for Chester, where they breakfasted, on their way to Cork.

Mr. Sousa was greatly impressed with their Majesties' kindness. "It was as enthusiastic an audience as ever I wish to play before," he said, "and the Waterloo Chamber is perfect from an acoustic point of view."

The bandmen are charmed with England, but say that they would like to have more time to visit places of interest. "We go all over the world, but see practically nothing," said one of them.

ABOUT WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE.

MR. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.

Sousa's Band has achieved an astounding popularity in this country as well as in America.

John Philip Sousa was born in Washington in November, 1856, his father being a musician born in Spain, but of Portuguese family.

Mr. Sousa had hardly been heard of outside America. That composition brought him thirty-five dollars in cash, but a small fortune in reputation. From obscurity he came into a profitable prominence as the best bandmaster in the United States. He was wanted everywhere.

His career, till the publication of the "Post," is the tale of a big struggle. Like nearly all successful musicians, Sousa began with his music almost as soon as he could talk. He wanted to be a musician when he was three or four years old; and, having the desire, soon set to work to attain his ambition.

He took lessons on the violin, and got engagements at dances, where this thirteen-year-old musician played away with aching arms and fingers in heated ballrooms, till approaching day paled the flaring lights, and he was at liberty to drag himself home, half-dead, but happy in the thought that his night's work would procure for him another lesson; and that lesson would be one step further towards his cherished goal.

About this time he narrowly escaped joining a travelling circus, to which the 'cute' showman had enticed him; but his father got wind of the matter on the day of his departure, and promptly enlisted him in the band of a marine corps, with which he had to stay or be branded as a deserter.

Mr. Sousa paid twenty-five dollars for the publication of his first composition, and did not give up when he found that it did not sell. His next two he took to Philadelphia, and found a publisher willing to use them and pay for them.

"How much?" was his breathless query. "They would give him a hundred copies of each piece. He had paid fifteen dollars for the journey, but he accepted and tried again."

Then came the "Washington Post March," and the success for which he had worked so hard.

Besides bandmaster and composer, Mr. Sousa is also an enthusiastic athlete.

SOUSA AND HIS BAND.

A DELIGHTFUL CONCERT IN STOCKPORT.

The Stockport Volunteer Armory was last night well filled with a highly appreciative audience, who gave Mr John Philip Sousa and his famous band a welcome which must have been exceedingly gratifying to them, accustomed though they are to such receptions. The band had been fulfilling an engagement at Buxton in the afternoon, and this probably accounted for the delay of a quarter of an hour in the commencement of the concert. Strange to say the audience were not impatient, and Mr Sousa probably appreciating their indulgence was very liberal in his responses to encores. The programme was as follows:—

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These items did not embrace the whole of the music given by the band. Without exception every piece played or sung was encored, and on more than one occasion a double response had to be accorded. In reply to an encore for the first number, the band gave one of Mr Sousa's inimitable marches "El Capitan," and then a little later on we had the inevitable "Washington Post," this being heard by many of the audience for the first time under the conductorship of its composer. The magnificent mosaic, "In the realm of the dance," was a fitting conclusion to the first half of the programme, and as an encore to this the band gave a patriotic march, "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle," which was so enthusiastically received that Mr Sousa obligingly gave "Stars and Stripes," another of his compositions. The principal item of the concert was undoubtedly Sousa's latest march, "Imperial Edward," which was written for and dedicated by permission to His Majesty the King, who has specially complimented the American composer upon it. So delighted were the audience with the march that it had to be repeated again and again. The concert appropriately closed with the United States and our own National Anthems. Supporting the band are two brilliant American artistes, Miss Maud Powell, who is announced as the greatest of women violinists, and who certainly has a great claim to this distinction, and Miss Estelle Liebling, who possesses a wonderful soprano voice of extensive range and exquisite power. Her imitations of bird music were a great delight, and replying to an inevitable encore gave "The Nightingale." Miss Powell's manipulation of the violin was perfect; rarely has such a rich treat been afforded a Stockport audience as that given by this talented lady. It was a pity that some of the listeners in the reserved seats by the audible chatter of some young men who evidently did not appreciate the beautiful music. With regard to the band itself, there is no doubt that it is as near perfection as it is possible for any combination of talented musicians to be. The band has one great advantage. Owing to the liberal payment to each member, the personnel of the organisation undergoes but few changes, and mellowed by years of work under the same baton, these players have reached a high degree of artistic finish, which it would be difficult to excel. There is something, too, infectious in the dash and the whirl of the music, most of which is of Sousa's composition. "It is conceived in a spirit of high martial zest; it is proud and gay and fierce, thrilled and thrilling with triumphs. Like all great music it is made up of simple elements, woven together by a strong personality." Then above all there is the original and masterly conducting of Mr Sousa. Many people went to the Armory expecting to see a great theatrical display on the part of Mr Sousa, and were agreeably surprised and delighted with the easy and graceful movements of Mr Sousa; indeed, one begins to wonder why up to now we have been satisfied with the ordinary method of wielding the baton. The great reputation which the band brought with them was fully maintained by last night's concert, which was a brilliant success. Nothing that has been written or said concerning this famous body of players can be regarded as extravagant or excessive praise. They have a distinct individuality, and as such cannot be equalled. The arrangements for the concert were made with much care by Messrs Nield and Son.

SOUSA IN SHEFFIELD.

THIS AFTERNOON'S PERFORMANCE

A REMARKABLE BAND.

A year ago, when Sousa's band, with its famous conductor, paid a one-day visit to Sheffield the fame of that combination had hardly spread sufficiently to allow of an enthusiastic audience at the matinee. But before that opening performance was half-way through an enthusiasm was abroad which resulted in the Albert Hall being packed in the evening, and this afternoon when Mr. Sousa paid his second visit to our city the Albert Hall was capitally filled, the balcony being well patronised, the orchestra stalls full, and the saloon and other parts of the hall crowded. It can be said at once that just the same astonishing, almost clockwork precision marks the work of the combination as was the case 12 months ago, and that still there are wonderful effects created by Mr. Sousa himself, whereby the work of his band is brought out to its fullest limits. He himself abounds in mannerisms, but what in another might be deemed mere embroideries are in his case obviously necessities to his conducting. He has, perhaps, lost some of those eccentricities which used to tickle the palate of the onlookers, but there is infinite command in his every gesture, and not a lifting of a finger but has its meaning and its inevitable result. Mr. Sousa plays upon the members of his band as they do upon their instruments, and he produces effects through their magnificent co-partnership which this afternoon repeatedly roused the audience to a very high pitch of enthusiasm. In truth, with Mr. Sousa prodigal as ever in his encores, every piece was hailed with a re-demand, and in each case was the demand honoured. Not one of Sousa's best known, his older, compositions appeared on the programme itself, but all were included in the encores, and it was easy to see that of all the numbers which he conducted, his favourites still remain those with which his name and his fame are most allied, such as "El Capitan," "Washington Post," and "Liberty Bell." In these the mannerisms of the man become most marked, and each was greeted with a storm of cheering. Since Sousa's band was last here they have become to us almost as well known as our national airs.

An entirely fresh programme will be submitted at to-night's performance, when it is certain that even the spacious Albert Hall will be heavily taxed to accommodate all who wish to hear so famous and so capable a combination. It should be added that this afternoon the programme was given fine variety through a trombone solo played by Mr. Arthur Pryor, a song by Miss Estelle Liebling, and a violin solo by Miss Maud Powell. The full programme was as follows:—

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2. Trombone Solo "Blue Bells of Scotland" Pryor.
Mr. Arthur Pryor.
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(a) The Coquette.
(b) The Summer Girl.
(c) The Dancing Girl.
4. Soprano Solo "Indian Bell Song" from "Lakme" Delibes
Miss Estelle Liebling
5. Largo from Symphony "The New World" Dvorak
INTERVAL
6. Mosaic "In the Realm of the Dance" Sousa
(Founded on Famous Waltz Themes.)
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(b) March "Imperial Edward" Sousa
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8. Violin Solo "Zigeunerweisen" Sarasate
9. Theme, Variations and Carnival, time from "Scenes
in Naples" Massenet

Mr. Sousa is kind enough to inform us that of the items on this afternoon's programme his own "Realms of the Dance" and the violin solo "Zigeunerweisen" will be included in to-morrow's command concert at Windsor Castle, whilst a similar distinction is to be conferred upon one of the items in to-night's programme, "Looking Upward." The full programme for the concert at Windsor is not yet settled, but Mr. Sousa expects that he will receive by to-morrow morning's post a confirmation of that which he has submitted, and which we hope to give in our additions to-morrow.

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This well-known combination paid its second visit to Birmingham yesterday, giving two concerts in the afternoon and evening to large audiences. As usual, Mr. J. P. Sousa conducted; the soloists were Miss Estelle Liebling (soprano vocalist), Miss Maud Powell (violinist), Mr. Arthur Pryor (trombonist), all of whom were very well received. The printed programme for the afternoon performance was as follows:—Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini); trombone solo, "Blue Bells of Scotland" (Pryor), Mr. Arthur Pryor; suite, "Maidens Three" (Sousa), (a) The Coquette, (b) The Summer Girl, (c) The Dancing Girl; soprano solo, Indian Bell Song, from "Lakme" (Delibes), Miss Estelle Liebling; largo, from symphony, "The New World" (Dvorak); mosaic, "In the Realm of the Dance" (Sousa), founded on famous waltz themes; (a) novelette, "Sizilella" (Von Blon), (b) march, "Imperial Edward" (Sousa), dedicated by special permission to his Majesty the King; violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), Miss Maud Powell; theme, variations, and carnival time from "Scenes in Naples" (Massenet). In addition to this list were nine or ten compositions given as encores, among them being "Mexican Serenade," "Melody in D," the "Washington Post March," "The Nightingale," "Bundle of Mischief," "El Capitan," "Tale of a Bumble-Bee," and the well-known Largo of Handel, popularised by Sir Michael Costa's absurd arrangement. Every piece was applauded, but the greatest pleasure was evinced after the "Tale of a Bumble-Bee," in which was an effect as of the butcher's boy whistling in the area, and after the "Imperial Edward" march, in which a dozen of the brass instruments marched to the front of the orchestra and there blew mightily. When they had regained their places it was decided that the piece was encored, like every other piece, and the twelve good men and true marched to the front again, exactly as before, though with what purpose of a musical character was not quite clear. The trombone playing of Mr. Pryor, as an example in the overcoming of difficulties, was interesting, and the singing of Miss Liebling, as an example of brilliant vocalisation, was almost phenomenal. We never heard cleaner chromatic scales, nor do we remember any vocalist with such a wonderful command of the staccato. In quality of voice and style Miss Liebling comes nearer to Mme. Ilma di Murska than any vocalist of the last 30 years. That Miss Maud Powell is a true artiste we knew beforehand, and sufficient of her solos were heard above the accompaniment to confirm our previous opinion and to justify her splendid reception. With respect to the band as a whole, it was a real feature of his ability, and to justify her splendid reception. With respect to the band as a whole, it was a real feature of his ability, and to justify her splendid reception. With respect to the band as a whole, it was a real feature of his ability, and to justify her splendid reception.

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