

## Theatrical

### THE ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL

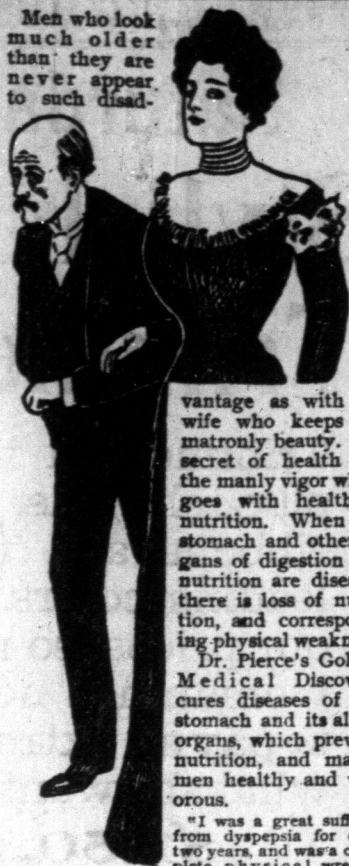
Sousa's Band Monday afternoon at the Grand.

It was a very unusual compliment that King Edward VII. paid John Philip Sousa when he conferred upon the American composer and conductor the decoration of the Royal Victorian Order, a distinction that has never been accorded to any other American. The Victorian Order was instituted some eight years ago by the late Queen Victoria, and is given in recognition of personal services to the Crown. All the other British orders from the Garter down are solely political or diplomatic rewards or bestowed for conspicuous bravery, or for military and naval services.

The Royal Victorian Medal, however, is given only to those whom the sovereign personally desires to accord distinction, and although it is not an easy decoration to obtain, it is the most democratic of all the British Orders. It is divided into four classes, Mr. Sousa's decoration being of the fourth or artistic class, and carries with it the right to use the initials M. V. O. (Member Victorian Order) after the name. The medal is the same for all of the classes, being of silver about the size of a dollar and bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria on the obverse, and her Imperial monogram on the reverse. The different classes are indicated by the ribbon from which the medal depends, and in the case of Mr. Sousa's decoration, the ribbon is of dark blue ribbed silk bordered by narrow orange and red stripes.

The Victorian Medal came as a complete surprise to Mr. Sousa at the conclusion of his concert before the royal family at Sandringham on the first of last December. After thanking the American conductor for his concert and congratulating him upon the excellence of his band, King Edward took a little box which was handed to him by an equerry, and in a few pleasant words asked Sousa to accept the decoration as a sou-

Men who look much older than they are never appear so such disad-



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## TILBURY

May 16.—Miss Margaret McNeerney, of Cleveland, is visiting relatives here.

## PARTY SECRETS



Mac Gardiner—Well, Dun, you did that job of sign daubing good enough to serve the purpose.

"Dun" Lamont, the man with the brush—I didn't take much time but do you think the Tories got on to who did it?

venir of the occasion. Later in the evening when he had been presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales, the former asked him what were the medals he was then wearing. Mr. Sousa replied that one was the decoration of "Officier d'Academie Francaise," bestowed upon him by the French government; another the headquarters badge of the 6th Army Corps in the Spanish war, and the third a handsome medal given him by some of his London admirers in recognition of his triumphs at the Royal Albert Hall.

"Where are you going to wear your new medal?" asked His Royal Highness.

"On the same line, but over the heart," replied Sousa.

"Then let me pin it upon your coat," said the Prince, taking the medal from the box and affixing it to the spot indicated by the American musician.

## THE DISTRICT.

### THAMESVILLE

May 16.—J. Patterson, of Dundas, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. French and Mrs. Andrew Hubbell, of Kent Bridge, are spending the day with friends here.

R. A. Phillips, of Toronto, is in town today.

Mrs. Mrs. W. A. DePencier was in London yesterday.

Judge Woods of Chatham, held Division Court here today.

Mrs. (Dr.) Stuart spent yesterday in Chatham.

A bus load of ladies drove to Chatham yesterday afternoon to hear the Westminster Abbey Choir. Those who went were—Messrs. J. H. H. Fraser, J. Davis, G. J. Watts, and Misses Walker, Causgrove, Podlewski, Q. Podlewski, Shirren and B. Oryderman.

Carrier boys are not authorized to

## WALLACEBURG

May 16.—Mr. T. O'Donnell, and Master Johnny spent Wednesday at Windsor.

The Wallaceburg base-ball team took a trip on the steamer Comfort yesterday, to Walpole Island, to play the return game with the Indians. Quite a number from here witnessed the game. The score was 8 to 10 in Wallaceburg's favor.

The case for the prosecution of the parties intimating the Belgians was heard before the police magistrate yesterday, but was adjourned till Thursday, May 22nd, when further evidence will be given.

Miss Agnes Stewart, of Sarnia, is spending a few days with Miss Kathleen Fraser.

A meeting of the lacrosse enthusiasts was held in the River house last evening for the purpose of organizing a team.

Dr. Hay will begin operations at once on his new residence, which is to be situated on Wellington street, from where the old post office is being moved to James street.

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To Shakespeare, the prince of our nation, And the old Sage of Chelsea—there anything left.

For our higher education? And then one hundred and five selections From their novels, essays, dramas or lays, To read, explain, compare, admire, then quote.

In the hurried lessons of our short school days, 'Tis a mountain of learning for a single load; Our young minds easily tire; Be merciful then, O ye ministers, to the children.

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