HEIFETZ APPEARS IN HIS CLOSING RECITAL

Young Russian Violinist Greeted by a Record Crowd and Performs Finely

Jascha Heifetz gave his last recital for at least a season at the Academy of Music last evening before one of his usual-sized audiences; that is, one which filled the auditorium and overflowed upon the stage to the extent of about 400 persons.

Mr. Heifetz played for his principal numbers four movements of the Sixth solo sonata of Johan Sebastian Bach, for violin alone, and the E minor concerto of Jules Conus. He also played a group of short numbers, including the brilliant and difficult Caprice in A minor of Wieniawski, in which he made one of the "hits" of the evening, and the Ziegeunerweisen of Sarasate, which appeared on the program under the disguise of "Bohemian Airs."

The principal feature of the concert was the fact that the art of Mr. Heifetz has noticeably broadened since his last appearance here. There is no diminution of his astounding technique, and in absolute co-ordination of bow and left hand he has no equal among violinists today, and it is doubtful if he ever had one. He was at his best in the Conus concerto, a composition which is admirably adapted to his present manner of playing, both technical and intellectual, and in the Sarasate number. The latter work makes few demands upon the player, except those of technique, and that largely of the "stunt" order, such as left-hand pizzicato, harmonics cunningly (and treacherously) distributed among natural tones, double stops and the most fluent finger execution, all of which Mr. Heifetz has to the highest degree. It was in this number that, for the first time in this city, he gave the impression of a large reserve power, as though he could play the work with twice the degree of speed and tone if necessary.

The Bach sonata, unaccompanied, which opened the concert, showed Mr. Heifetz to the least advantage of any number on the program. He has not yet reached the age in years nor the stage of mental musical development, which alone can give the breadth of style necessary to play the Bach solo sonatas as they should be played. His rhythm was not always strictly true in the praeludium, and the gavotte lacked breadth, sounding almost choppy at times.

The Conus concerto in E minor was a more happy selection. It is not a great work and is obviously modeled after the Mendelssohn concerto in other respects than that of key alone, but it is melodious and gives ample room for the display of the characteristics which this wonderfully talented young violinist possesses to so great a degree. All the numbers on the program were well received, and Mr. Heifetz responded with several encores, among them a unique arrangement of Schumann's "The Prophet Bird," written originally for piano.

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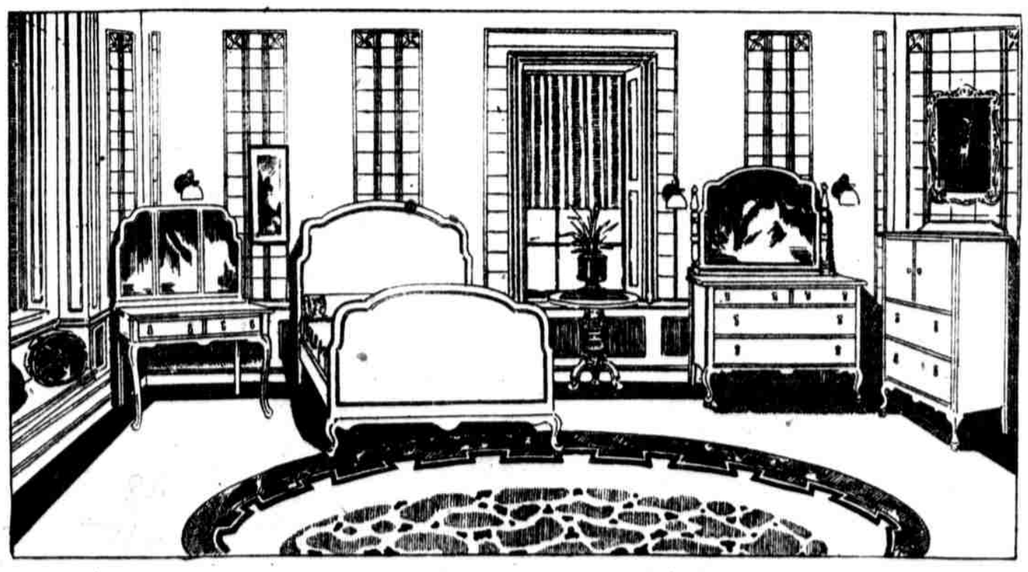

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