

ROMANCE IS STILL HELD ESSENTIAL IN PLAYS

Harold Vermilye, With "A Tailor-Made Man" Which Will Be Shown Here Soon, Declares Old Style Is as Essential as Ever.



Florence Ryerson.



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"ROMANCE is as necessary in plays of today as it ever was in the times of the swash-buckling hero who swept the stage with his sword-arm."

Thus apostrophized Harold Vermilye, the principal member of "A Tailor-Made Man" company which Colhan & Harris will soon present in this city.

"The common and erroneous view of romance," continued Mr. Vermilye, "is that it is either mythical incident of mediaeval period or that it is extravagant of fantastical adventure. And as all experiences are more or less adventure, just clothe them with sentiment and you have romance."

"I have often wondered why the late Harry James Smith, author of 'A Tailor-Made Man,' did not call it a romantic comedy. Doubtless it was because he was afraid the public would appraise it as a play of the middle ages. To my mind, the role of John Paul Hart is as romantic a figure one could meet with in a long journey. Yet everything he does in the play is possible, if it were not so, the public would not believe him for a moment. How many stories do we hear and read about that parallel in the experiences of the lowly tailor's helper in this comedy."

"The fact that John Paul was a poor boy, a dreamer of dreams, with aspirations in cloudland, and that through the acquisition of a dress-suit that came to his hand he was able to realize these dreams, is not impossible to accomplish in real life, as anyone with knowledge will admit, and that his act was the essence of adventure is equally admissible. 'It is also romance, because all of

us have conceived of something like this being provocative of most delightful excitement, whether it was a personal experience or one in which we were privileged onlookers, and a romance would be poor in appreciation if the subject did not succeed in his or her effort. So the success that attends John Paul verifies my claim that the romance in 'A Tailor-Made Man' as in all of the plays that have enjoyed success on the stage, is responsible for its popularity."

It is in the cast supporting Harold Vermilye in the title role of "A Tailor-Made Man" is Florence Ryerson, an exceptionally talented actress, whose work is well known in the east where she has appeared in important productions.

you will like to give me. With love from your little girl, Alice."

Here is another, who is evidently impressed with the needs of less fortunate tot:

"Dear Santa Claus: I know you have lots of little war orphans. If you have it to spare will you please bring me a doll with curls and shuts its eyes. And a wicker basket and a sewing chair and a table and a three chairs and a clock and a spider and a b e d o f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z"

Sombody else has been lecturing at home about the high cost of living. Judging by this: "Dear Santa Claus: I am eight years old. And have been a pretty good boy. Will you please bring me a bike, if it don't cost too much. But if you can't, bring me a Blackboard, or a Coaster wagon. And bring me some candy and nuts if you like. Yours sincerely, Dell"

But here is the most remarkable letter in the collection, considering the age of the writer. It was probably written by an obliging older sister, but the request in it is quite original. "Dear Santa Claus, I've been waiting for you a long time. I am nine months old. I want a trunk full of silk dresses and a necklace with my Mother's picture and a ring, with a ruby. I've been a awful good girl. From Arvilla."

Brother Waags Travla.

The young lady seems to be in a similarly convincing mood, as he writes: "I've been waiting for you. I am five years old. And please train with a track and a tunnel and cars, a trolley. P. S. I think that I have been a good boy."

Talk about conservation! Listen to this youthful housekeeper:

"Dear Santa Claus I have a very pretty set of china but I don't know, I do not all ways want to use them, for I may break them, so that's why I am asking you for these other dishes. I am not going to ask you for anything more, for there many other children who must have some things to, so I will close my letter by saying goodby."

This same correspondent seems to have gone through the catalogue and checked off what she wanted, for earlier she says, "I am writing you this letter for a cat, not come down, and see you, for my mother says the stores are to crowd, bit may be I can come down and see you next year. I have not much to ask for, for I am growing quite tall. But I will ask for a few things."

Various Articles Popular.

"First of all I will ask you for a teddy bear with plush cloth with blue and red trim. And please send me a composition doll full jointed, sleeping eyes and a mohair wig at 25 inches high. And please send me a rubber ball at 25 c. O yes, I would like to have a doll bug, large a noff so a girl 10 years old, large a wheel. And please send me a stocking filled with toys, as large as on the pitcher I send with your letter. And I also most got that I would like to have a little lorn, and a game of lotto and a game of little shopers. And please send me a set of aluminum dishes."

They aren't all that long. Here is an embryo's wish. "Dear Santa Claus: I am 9 years old and I want you to send me a drum and a sword. Yours truly, Louis."

This one isn't worrying as much about herself as her doll, for she says: "Dear Santa Claus, I feel so sorry for my big doll Nellie. She fell down and her head broke. Will you please give her another one. Please bring me a pair of slippers and a new hat and I go to Clinton Kelly school."

Girl Invites Kiss.

This young man has an emphatic style.

"Dear Santa Claus, I have said that I wanted an electric engine set. And I want a new gun, an American Peedometer. And a good knife. Signed by John."

Santa isn't going to go hungry on his rounds, for one little girl in East Salmon street concludes her petition with, "I would like to have a hair ribbon. And also a Ivory comb and brush. Also Santa please come up stairs and kiss me before you leave your home in Alaska. Be sure to eat your lunch I will leave for you."

Another assures him as follows: "Will you give me chocolate and sandwiches for you. The front door will be unlocked. I'm trying to be a good boy."

Dolls Has Bad Neck.

One vain little miss writes to "Dear Santa Claus" in the following vein: "I wish a lot of things, but I guess I can't have everything. But I would like to have a bottle of perfume, a blue or tan mix ribbon, a nice box of stationery, a box of handkerchiefs, a pair of gloves any kind, a little blue leather purse with a looking glass in it, a sack of all candles.

"Now if you can't bring all those things bring these, a bottle of perfume, a box of stationery, a little leather purse with looking glass in it, and the two ribbons I told you a bought, a few handkerchiefs. Well, better give up this time and I will write more next Christmas. P. S. I have a doll which I would like to have fix the neck, arms and legs are loose."

"Don't Forget," Is Advice.

This one sings a different tune. "Dear Santa," she writes, "I wish you would send me a pair of skates if you have enough. My name is Gladys and I live on Taylor street."

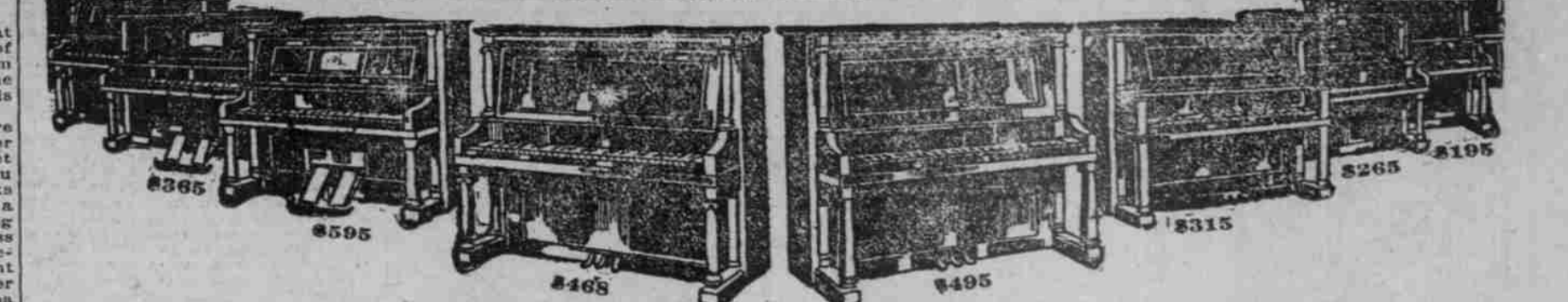
"Do not forget to get me will you. Here is a domestic lad, who writes in the third person: "Harry wants a little ironing board."

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CHILDREN TELL SANTA CLAUS WHAT THEY NEED THIS YEAR

One Little Tot Even Asks Bewhiskered Visitor to Repair Doll—Girl Wishes to Be Kissed.

BY LUCILE F. SAUNDERS.

WHAT a multitude of impressions some children have of Christmas. And what a lot of queer things they ask of that aged and bewhiskered fairy, the Honorable S. Claus, Esq., manufacturer of peppermint canes, tin horses, toy dogs and Christmas cheer in general, address, North Pole, U. S. A.

Not quite a year ago, it was the day after December 25, 1918, a certain doctor answered a call at a very modest little home. His patient, a young mother, had been sick a-bed for some time and the nurse appeared as though the jolly visitor from the frozen north hadn't had it on his calling list. Far from downcast, however, was a little girl, about 7 years old, who was watching the physician wait on her mother with great interest. She appeared very jubilant about something. She smiled contentedly.

The doctor's curiosity was aroused and he had not long to wait before the child ventured to ask, "Would you like to see my Christmas presents?"

Child Appreciates Ribbon.

Upon receiving an affirmative reply she opened up her tiny fist and revealed a bit of bright ribbon, just a narrow strip about eight inches long and probably worth not more than 5 cents.

"That's what Santa Claus brought me," the little one explained, "now I have something pretty to tie my hair with and won't have to wear a string on it when I go to school."

That one child could be supremely happy with what she had when others wish for so much seems unbelievable.

The inconspicuous and expensive gifts they desire rarely must add many furrows to Saint Nick's brow and we are led to remark, "No wonder his hair turned white long ago."

Santa Claus letters have been steadily coming in at the postoffice the last few days, and up to Thursday about 50 had been received. These were all turned over to the public welfare bureau and were given attention where the cases seemed worthy. The messages are on anything from high-class hotel stationery to butcher's paper. Not alone have they come from local youngsters, but a note drifted in from Montana this week addressed to "Banty Claus, Portland, Or."

Hundreds Write to Santa Claus.

The greater part of the Christmas correspondence of this nature goes through the department stores where official mail boxes have been placed at the saint's headquarters. Hundreds upon hundreds of them have been received by one of the larger establishments, where each letter is being answered. Messages have been

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