

9-YEAR-OLD PIANIST IS A MARVEL

*Louis Gomberg Surprises St.
Louisans With Playing in
Private Recital Last
Week.*

- Louis Gomberg, Duluth's boy pianist, impressed musical St. Louis by his artistry in a private recital given last Friday at the home of Mrs. John T. Davis jr., who is famous for her home recitals by musicians from all over the world. Richard L. Stokes, musical critic for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and considered a writer of authority on music matters said:

"Some of those who heard him play went so far as to call him another Josef Hofmann, this celebrated pianist having been the most remarkable boy prodigy of his time; and the praise ascribed to Grainger, that "Louis is the most wonderful child pianist I have ever met," was freely echoed. To many the extraordinary fact was that Louis was trained not in Europe, or even the east, but totally in Duluth, Minn."

Max Zach, conductor of the St. Louis symphony orchestra, after flatly refusing to give Louis a hearing, happened to be among Mrs. Davis' guests the following night, unconscious that the pianist of the evening was the same little boy he had refused to listen to the day before. After the concert Mr. Zach was the first to congratulate the boy on his wonderful playing, speaking particularly about his perfect scale passages and the exotic beauty of his tone coloring. "The child has been wonderfully taught," was his parting comment.

Mrs. D. H. Day and her pupil have returned to Duluth.