

sible Elementary Jane should have had her romantic eye as search eight years for a man she had seen only once casually and whose name she didn't know—when she did see him again she got kissed and engaged in about ten minutes; (2) if one accepts Jane as pleasing even if incredible, one revolts against the nauseating, sex-bitten Betty, who has no right among decent fiction people.

THE ENCHANTED HILL. By Peter B. Kyne. Illustrated. The Cosmopolitan Book Corporation, New York. \$2.

The author never fails to provide a girl, a mystery, and a villain. What tale of New Mexico needs more? It is not his best story, but it will sell prodigiously; Zane Grey must look to his laurels.

THE TEMPLETON CASE. By Victor L. Whitechurch. Edward J. Clode, Inc., New York.

Here the country detective works his way through a maze of conflicting clues and captures the murderer without calling in Scotland Yard—contrary to Sherlock Holmes's prejudice and those of most story writers. The plot is distinctly original and is well handled.

LA ROUX. By Johnston Abbott. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$2.25.

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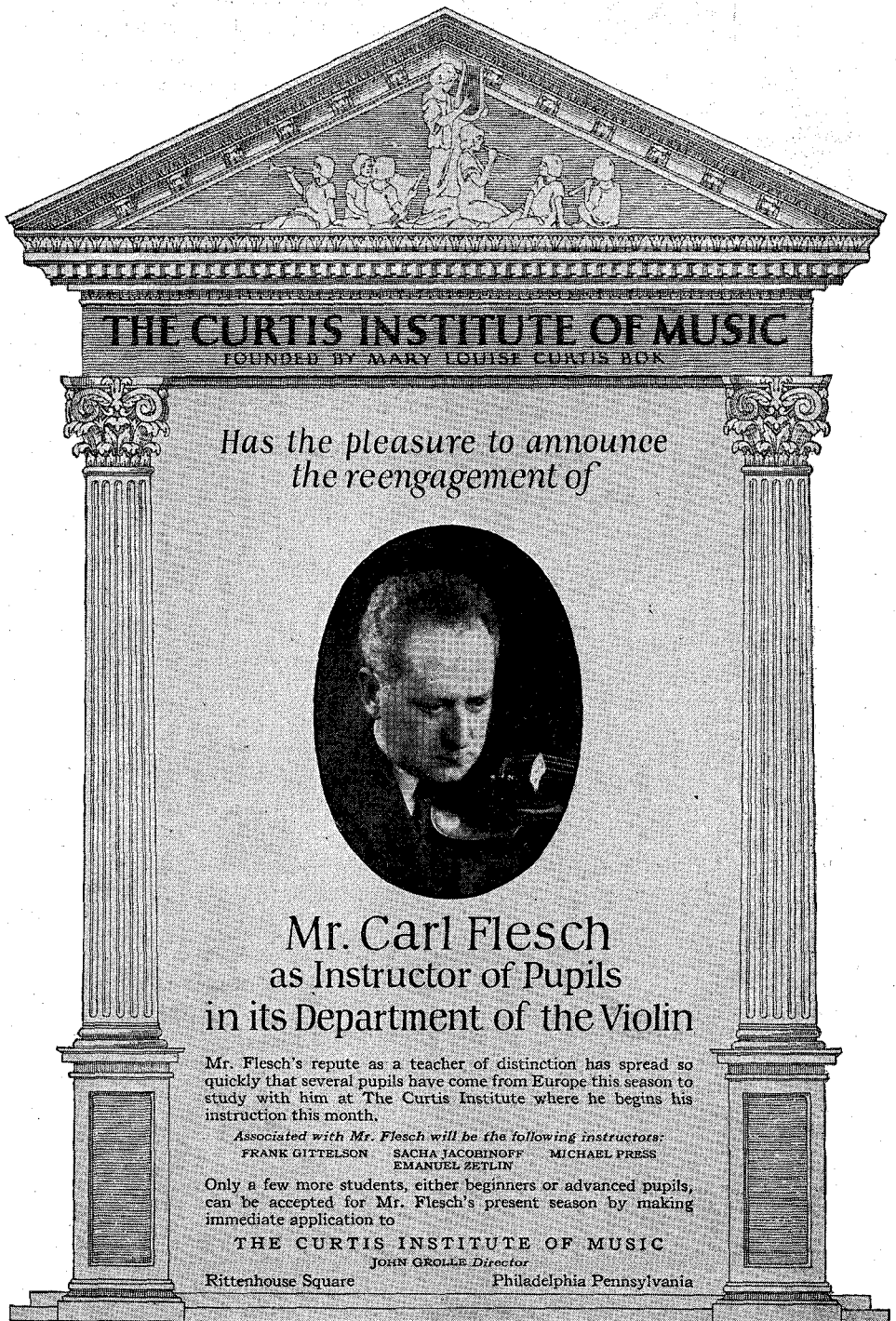
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By the Way

GENERAL WILLIAM MITCHELL, of the U. S. Army Air Service, tells about tiger-hunting in India in the "National Geographic Magazine." He pays a tribute to the elephant as a necessary helper in the sport. "At the signal of its mahout," he says, "an elephant will catch projecting limbs with its trunk and remove them, or push trees a foot thick out of the way. . . . It eats for about twenty-three out of twenty-four hours, and one or more men are employed solely for the purpose of keeping it in food. Piles of grass and boughs of trees, besides grain and baked pancakes, comprise the dietary."

General Mitchell, during the hunting trip mentioned above, made a remarkable shot. He killed a tiger with a single bullet which entered the eye, leaving the skin unmarred when it was removed from the carcass. This was a feat unexampled in the experience of the natives, though their ruler is one of the greatest hunters of India and has killed upwards of 250 tigers.

From the "American Legion Weekly:"

Casey—"I see by the papers that one o' thim fillum actors was kilt by his wife after livin' together f'r tin year."

Hogan—"Tis nothin'. I've lived with me old woman f'r forty year, and she ain't been able to kill me yit."

The Benton Harbor (Michigan) "News-Palladium" prints an item under the arresting heading KIST-HUG. But the paragraph proves to be merely an announcement of the marriage of Albert Kist and Elizabeth Hug. Congratulations!

In "After Ninety Years" the Rev. Edwin Wilbur Rice tells of his first experience as a missionary, seventy years ago. In a neighborhood of rough people his predecessor had had short shrift and had been sent about his business by a hard-fisted settler. Young Rice was warned not to approach this man. Instead, he made his way to his home. He spied the farmer at work in a cornfield. He began conversation about the crops; picked up a hoe and, as he talked, joined the man in his work; with this aid the job was soon completed and the farmer invited the young man to his house, remarking, "You haven't told me your name or business." The student said he was looking for children. The farmer laughed and asked, "What do you want