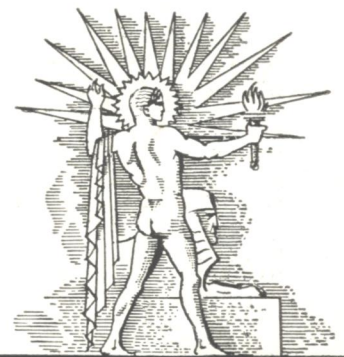
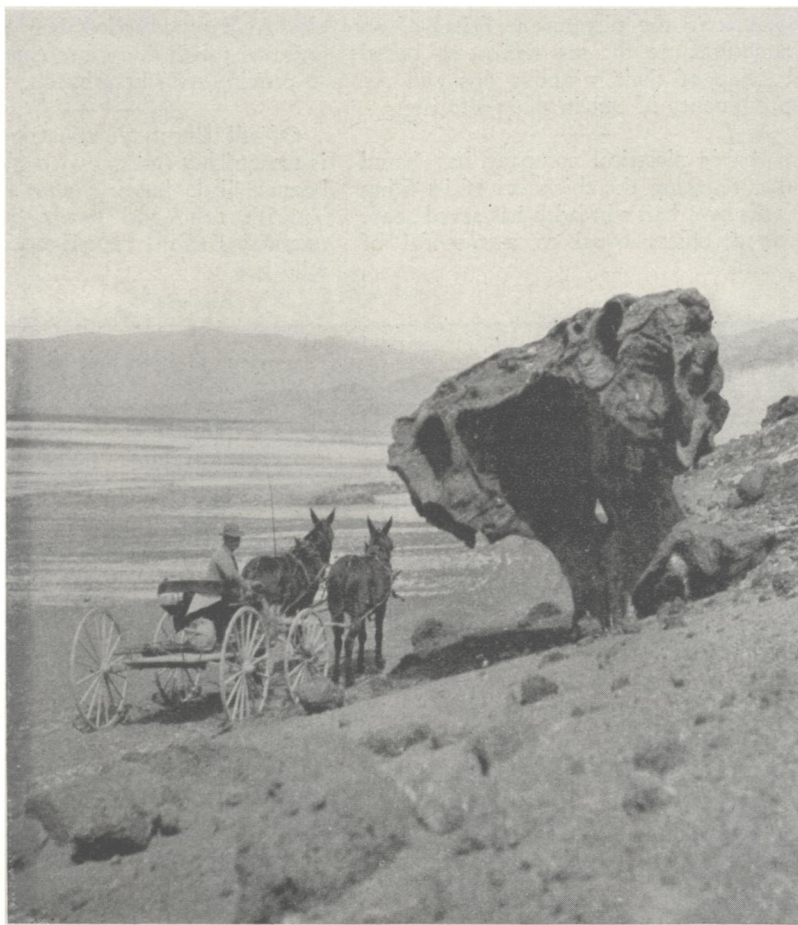


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## DO YOU KNOW THAT

Hurricanes usually originate in the ocean.

Evidence that the ancient city of Kish, in Mesopotamia, had some contact with the advanced civilization of India almost 5,000 years ago is obtained in the form of a seal bearing hieroglyphics of Indian type found deeply buried at Kish.

Russia expects to have the world's largest scrap iron yard.

The Smithsonian Institution at Washington has among its possessions the first portrait taken upon a color plate.

Among the picturesque fishes of an aquarium are the sea robins, so called because of their winglike fins and the prominence of red in their coloring.

A big electrical company has found that reducing the thickness of its filing cards by a hair's breadth has saved space in its offices equal to a roomful of desks.

Borrowing an idea from the western rodeos, Alabama has a deep-sea fishing rodeo each summer.

Federal chemists will soon start work in a new laboratory in Florida where they will study methods of preserving orange and grapefruit juice, of developing orange and grapefruit by-products, and of utilizing orange and grapefruit wastes as stock and poultry feed.

A new sound absorbing material made of lava bonded with Portland cement may prove effective in muffling the noise of subway trains.

It is only a few centuries since travelers in Europe carried their own knives and forks with them, not expecting inns to provide such luxuries.

Of all European countries Bulgaria is most richly stocked with game, partly because little hunting was done under Turkish rule, and partly because the mountains afford natural sanctuaries for wild life.

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