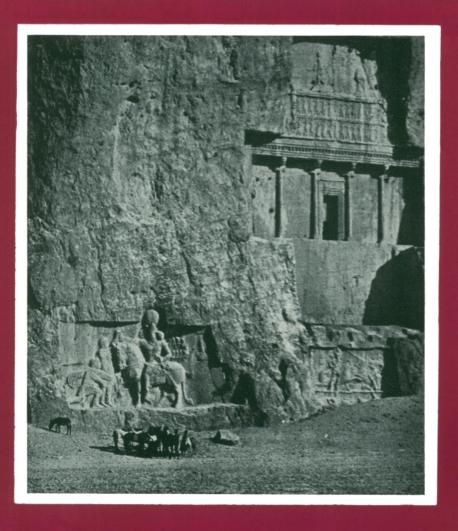
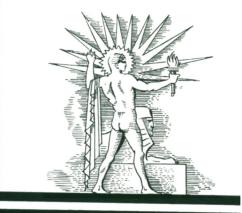
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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The U. S. Food and Drug Administration has surveyed last season's pack of tomato juice, and reports that the 1931 output is the best to date and that tomato juice as a beverage appears to have "come to stay."

When an insect plague threatens vegetation in a given area, birds of the region usually mobilize there, living largely on the plague insects.

A new and important safety device for coal miners is a glass tube containing palladium chloride, which turns dark if dangerous gases are escaping.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture states that there are about eighteen distinct varieties of cheese: the 400 or more names given to cheeses are of local origin.

The U. S. Forest Products Laboratory finds that in nailing the handles of implements blunt-pointed nails are less likely to split the wood than sharp nails.

A map of the world made by a Turkish navigator in 1513 was discovered not long ago in a library in Istambul.

Ground plans of prehistoric pueblos in the Mesa Verde National Park are being mapped for permanent record.

A new radio development in Switzerland is a radio-telephone system whereby telephone subscribers can enjoy radio programs without owning a radio set.

Belgium still has a wooden shoe industry, much of the production being shipped to France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Raindrops and snowflakes are usually charged with electricity.

Poultry experts at the Ohio State University find that when chickens are fed a ration rich in vitamins A and D they lay eggs that have better food value than if the ration is low in these valuable vitamins.

WITH THE SCIENCES THIS WEEK

CURIOSITY-AROUSING questions are prepared concerning the most interesting and important news in each issue. These questions should be a mental stimulant for the adult reader and a boon to the teacher who uses the Science News Letter to add zest to her classroom instruction.

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