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fl. 1520s

Student of Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) who published his teacher's observations on the camera obscura. The latter, a forerunner of the modern camera, was an enclosed chamber in which Leonardo conducted experiments with light and darkness. In 1521, Cesariano also published *De Architectura* by the Roman architect Vitruvius (first century A.D.), the first edition of this highly significant treatise on Greco-Roman architecture and engineering to appear in a modern language.