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ARISTOTLE admits, with Plato, of final and efficient causes. These efficient causes are sensitive and vegetative souls, that give form to matter which, of itself, is only a capacity of receiving forms; and as in generation the female gives the most abundant matter, and it being against his system of final causes to admit that what one could effect should be performed by many, he concludes,