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IT has been the fate of ARISTOTLE'S writings to have met with praise, and censure, in a far greater degree than almost any other man's: at one time they were considered as the fountain of all knowledge; and to bring Aristotle's authority in defence of any opinion was thought sufficiently to establish the truth of it. Du Val closes his defence of him with the following quotation from Philo Judæus, "What the pupil is to the eye, what the intelligent mind to animal life, what Athens is to Greece, such is Aristotle in the world of philosophy:" but these
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