

"And Poetry was the first Philosophy that euer was knowen, whereby men from theyr chyldhode were brought to the reason, how to live wel, lernynge therby not onely maners and naturall affections, but also the wonderfull workes of nature, myxyng serious mater with thynges that were pleasaut."—SIR THOMAS ELYOT in the "Governor," 1531.

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