

Nicholas  
de  
Cusa.

Dr. Henry Viets, Newton. (then in <sup>Treves</sup> ~~France~~) COS 417/127.129 Feb. 21.  
Please occupy your, I hope, abundant leisure in making a  
study of Nicholas de Cusa, 1401-1463. The town is near  
Treves, and he is stated to have founded there a hospital  
for 33 poor men in the Church, over which is his heatt, to  
which pay my salutations, and in the hōspital are a number of  
his MSS. Heller, Geschichte der Physik, p. 210, and in the  
libraries you will find several works upon him. Though  
chiefly remembered as a precursor of Copernicus, he really  
was a great experimental philosopher. I have just got  
his original ed. princ. to my great delight, and the con-  
clusion of his wonderful de Docta ignorantia is appropriate -  
si me amas esto diligens vale.