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I am delighted with your paper on Claude Bernard, for whose writings I have always had the greatest admiration, and I am fortunate to have a very nearly complete set. You will be glad-to-know interested to know that Nicholas de Cusa, the famous astronomer, is really responsible - so far as I can find out - for the first botanical experiment. I picked up the other day the ed. princ. (Flack) of his works, and in the de Staticis experimentis there is a remarkable note of an experiment very much like that of van Helmont, ante-dating it some 200 years. I am sending a brief note on it to the Annals of Medicine.

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