...What quality of anything is it that is fine in itself without any ulterior reason? Then the problem of ethics being the study of the general conditions for making the fine existent, it is quite plausible in advance that this may depend upon what the fine is. But it is a part of the solution of that problem that the chief agency for the actualization of the fine must be the action of self-control. As soon, therefore, as we come to see Reasoning, the primary, and indeed the principal, subject of logic, is precisely self-controlled thought, the applicability to it of ethical theory becomes credible, to say the least.


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