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From Don Pelayo the kings of Spain trace their descendancy without ever cutting the line of their royal ancestry, up to the present time; on the contrary, sons have always inherited the crown from their fathers, or brothers from their brothers, which is truly worth noting.

Father Juan de Mariana (1592)

Take from a woman her beauty, take from her kindred riches, comeliness, eloquence, sharpness of wit, cunning in her craft, give her chastity and thou has given her all things.

Juan Luis Vives (1524)
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