This is an art

Which does mend Nature, change it rather; but The art itself is Nature.

> Polixenes in The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare, quoted in "Cultivating the American Garden" by Frederick Turner, Harper's, August, 1985.

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