

“He hath left with his widowe (who lives in Warwick lane at the signe of the * * *) an absolute piece of Trigonometrie, plain and spherical, in MS., more perfect than ever was yet donne, and more cleare and demonstrated.” Aubrey says that Streete published almanacs, “for about three yeares, dedicated to Elias Ashmole, esquire: but was not encouraged for his great paines.—He was one of Mr. Ashmole’s clarkes in the Excise office, which was his chiefest lively-hood.”

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Réflexions sur la Puissance Motrice du Feu et sur les Machines propres à Développer cette Puissance. Par SADI CARNOT. Réimpression facsimile conforme à l’édition originale de 1824. Paris, A. Hermann, 1903.

Eighty years ago Carnot published his short book which, taken with the work of Joule and Mayer a few years later, forms the basis of our present theories of heat. At that time M. Bachelier, the predecessor of Gauthier-Villars, probably found the work unpopular. Of late years the demand for the original has far exceeded the supply. It is with the purpose of meeting this demand as satisfactorily as possible and at a reasonable price that the work has been reprinted. To render the reproduction exact, even to the misspelling, the photographic method has been employed. This, with the fact that paper to imitate the old has been selected, makes the new edition practically as valuable as the original even from the standpoint of the bibliophile. Not long ago M. Hermann republished in a similar manner the *Théorie des Nombres* of Legendre, and more recently the *Mathematical Papers* of Green. Let us hope that as the great classics of scientific literature become rare, someone may always be found ready to reprint them. Such a procedure is often more desirable than translation or editing as in Ostwald’s or Appleton’s series of scientific classics. It puts at our disposal an exact reproduction of the original.

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