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PREFACE.

In the present work an attempt is made to present to computers and students a set of logarithmic and trigonometric tables which shall have all the conveniences familiar to those who use German tables. The five-figure tables of F. G. Gauss, of which fifteen editions have been issued, have, after long experience with them, been taken as the basis of the present ones, but modifications have been introduced wherever any improvement could be made.

Five places of decimals have been adopted as an advantageous mean. The results obtained by them, being nearly always reliable to the 10,000th part, are amply accurate for most computations, while the time of the student who uses them is not wasted in unnecessary calculation.

The Introduction is intended to serve not only as an explanation of the tables, but as a little treatise on the art of computation, and the methods by which the labor of computation may be abridged.

To avoid fostering the growing evil of nearsightedness among students, the author and publishers have spared neither pains nor expense in securing clearness of typography.

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