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Abstract :

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Isabelle Lémonon (EHESS, Centre Alexandre Koyré) *La Table alphabétique et analytique de chimie de Mme Dupiery : quels enjeux de savoir ? / Mme Dupiery's Table alphabétique et analytique de chimie : What's to know ?*

Le système des connaissances chimiques, published in 1801 by Antoine François Fourcroy in 5 volumes (and supplemented by six other volumes), is accompanied by an alphabetical and analytical table of contents, written by Madam Dupiery. The accuracy and care brought to the table by his fellow member is greeted by Fourcroy himself. This 170 pages long table is one of the thin indicators of Madam Dupiery's involvement in the scientific enterprise. What does it teach us about the knowledge brought into play by this collaborator of the shadow?