Two small errors in the first edition have been left uncorrected: some plus and minus signs on p. 92 have been interchanged, and Clerk Maxwell is given a hyphen. Apart from these trifles the book is an excellent one, written by one who has contributed much himself to this branch of mathematics. (It may be called mathematics rather than physics, for students of experimental physics now ignore it almost entirely. This is no doubt chiefly due to their great interest in electrons and atomic structure, but possibly many are frightened by the mathematical difficulties involved in the modern treatment of the conduction of heat.)

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