during the 1820s and 1830s. But a reviewer must not criticize
an author for failing to write a different book.
      Readers who are interested in the details of Fourier's
early formulations of the heat conduction equation, a topic
to which Herivel does devote considerable attention, should be
aware of the criticisms made by Grattan-Guinness (1975).

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      This is the first of two volumes of the shorter works of
Euler on naval science. Conceived between 1727 and 1752, the
papers of this volume treat a variety of naval problems: the
masting of ships (E4), the best construction of a capstan(E78),
rowing a boat across a flowing river (E94), emplacement of
oars in a boat (E116), the determination of time and the
meridian on the high seas (E150) and methods of propelling a
boat without use of wind (E137, E413, EA15; EA15 is essentially
a French translation of E413 by his son). The mathematics
generated by applying the principles of mechanics includes
elementary algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and differential
calculus, especially the first derivative test for extreme
values and the solution of first order differential equations.
The determination of time at sea, of course, makes use of
spherical trigonometry, and (at the end of E94) the determi-
nation of the quickest route between two assigned points on
opposite banks of a river is a problem in the calculus of
variations.
      The eight papers, in Latin and French, are preceded by a
German introduction and summary of over 50 pages. (On page VIII,
second line from the bottom, "pp. 1-35" should read "pp. 1-4.)