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Object name: Reprint of 1909 RDS Proceedings that includes article on Percy Ludgate's analytical engine

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Synopsis: Scientific Proceedings of the Royal Dublin Society, 12 (9), including: Percy E.Ludgate, 'On a Proposed Analytical Machine', pp.77-91, 28-Apr-1909, reprinted 2016.

Description:

In 1909, working entirely on his own in his spare time, unaware of Babbage's work, Dublin clerk to a corn merchant (and later an accountant) Percy Edwin Ludgate (1883-1922) designed an analytical engine, the next after Charles Babbage. There are only three sources on Ludgate's machine: his Apr-1909 paper in the Scientific Proceedings of the Royal Dublin Society [1], the Jul-1909 review of Ludgate's article by Charles Vernon Boys in Volume 81 of Nature [2], and his 1914 article in the Napier Tercentenary Celebration handbook [3]. For more detail on Percy Ludgate's Analytical Engine see elsewhere in the Hardware category of this catalog.

This item is a 2016 reprint of 1909 RDS Proceedings that includes the article on Percy Ludgate's analytical engine, 'On a Proposed Analytical Machine'.

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TCD-SCSS-V.20121208.873	On a Proposed Analytical Machine, Percy E.Ludgate, offprint of article in Scientific Proceedings of the Royal Dublin Society, 1909.
TCD-SCSS-V.20170124.001	Nature volume that includes review of article on Percy Ludgate's analytical engine, Nature, Vol.81, including: C.V.Boys, 'A new analytical engine', pp.14-15, Jul-1909.
TCD-SCSS-V.20170221.001	Napier Tercentenary Celebration Handbook that includes article by Percy Ludgate, Handbook of the Napier tercentenary celebration or modern instruments and methods of calculation, Ed: E.M.Horsburgh, including: Percy E.Ludgate, 'Automatic Calculating Machines', 1914.
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TCD-SCSS-X.20121208.001	Charles Babbage's Engines, Irish interactions with Charles Babbage regarding his Difference Engines and Analytical Engine, c.1843.

References:

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