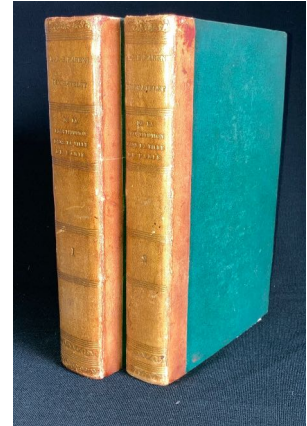


***The first edition of Parent-Duchâtelet's ground-breaking and influential study:
Prostitution in early 19th century Paris: read by Balzac, Dumas, and Sue.***

Alexandre Parent-Duchâtelet. *DE LA PROSTITUTION DANS LA VILLE DE PARIS: considérée sous le rapport de l'hygiène publique, de la morale et de l'administration: ouvrage appuyé de documens statistiques puisés dans les archives de la Préfecture de police / par A.-J.-B. Parent-Duchatelet ; précédé d'une notice historique sur la vie et les ouvrages de l'auteur, par Fr. Leuret.*

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2 volumes. 8°. Vol. 1: [i-v] vi-xxiv, [1] 2-624 pp. 2 folding maps and a folding chart; Vol. 2: [4], [1] 2-580 pp. Contemporary quarter leather over green paper covered boards, spine smooth with gilt rules and title, marbled endpapers, and exlibris of Serge Le Tellier on the front pastedown of vol. 1, and former ownership initials "L.B." on the half-titles. Scattered foxing on some leaves, minor edge wear to the boards, but otherwise a lovely contemporary copy.

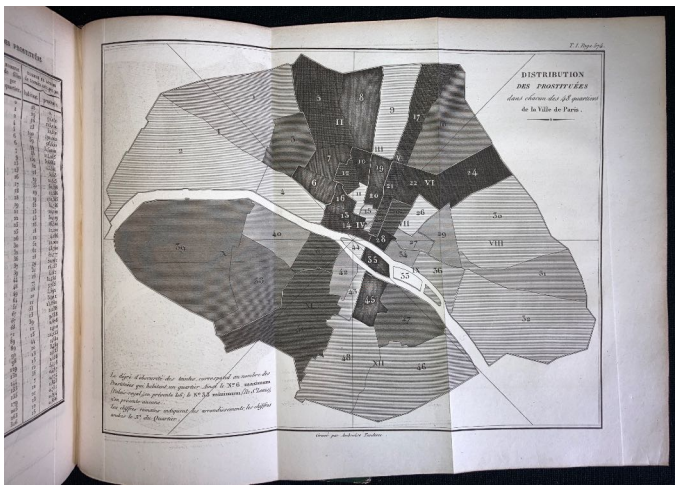
The comprehensive nature and scientific method of Parent-Duchâtelet's study has led scholars to refer to him as "*a veritable Linnaeus of prostitution.*" (Corbin) and "*the Newton of Harlotry*" (White).

"A portion of the materials which I used to write this article are taken from Parent-Duchâtelet's precious work; then for the things that Parent-Duchâtelet forgot, I appealed to some of my friends..."

Alexandre Dumas, *Filles, lorettes et courtisanes* (1843).

Parent-Duchâtelet's two volume study is significant both for the comprehensive documentation of early 19th century prostitution and for the empiricism of his socio-anthropological approach. The work drew its conclusions from direct investigation and evidence, discovered by the author through firsthand observation, interviews, and police records, to which he had official access. Prostitution was prominent in Paris in the post-Napoleonic period, especially in the Palais Royal, a district known to many readers through the work of Honoré de Balzac, Alexandre Dumas, Eugène Sue, to name three, all of whom drew on Parent-Duchâtelet's study (cf. Bernheimer, 1985; Corbin 1981, et al.).

Alexandre-Jean-Baptiste Parent-Duchâtelet (1790-1836) was a physician who dedicated eight years to this monumental and scientific study of all aspects of prostitutes and prostitution, down to the number of prostitutes located in each quartier of Paris, and the respective social class of their clients. The author believed that problem with prostitution was a medical one and not a moral one, whose ills could be cured by understanding its historical and practical aspects, and by methodically regulating the health and habits of prostitutes and brothels. He previously published another health-related study on the Paris sewers in *Essai sur les cloaques ou égouts de la ville de Paris* (1824), where he made various hygienic recommendations to improve the conditions of the city vast waste system.



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N°	QUARTIER	nombre de filles par quartier	nombre de femmes de terrain occupées par prostituées
1	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	0	15
2	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	1	24
3	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	2	33
4	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	3	42
5	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	4	51
6	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	5	60
7	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	6	69
8	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	7	78
9	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	8	87
10	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	9	96
11	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	10	105
12	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	11	114
13	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	12	123
14	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	13	132
15	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	14	141
16	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	15	150
17	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	16	159
18	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	17	168
19	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	18	177
20	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	19	186
21	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	20	195
22	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	21	204
23	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	22	213
24	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	23	222
25	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	24	231
26	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	25	240
27	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	26	249
28	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	27	258
29	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	28	267
30	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	29	276
31	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	30	285
32	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	31	294
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86	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	85	780
87	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	86	789
88	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	87	798
89	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	88	807
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98	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	97	888
99	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	98	897
100	St-Germain-l'Auxerrois	99	906

The map of Paris by quartier with the distribution of prostitutes. The accompanying chart provides the count of prostitutes and an index number for each quartier on the map.

Working directly with the records and archive of the Paris police and direct observation, Parent-Duchâtelet produced a rational and empirically derived report; his report is a systematic and comprehensive investigation of his subject from all angles, beginning with a definition of prostitutes & prostitution (both legal and clandestine); the number of registered prostitutes in Paris by quartier (including a graph covering a 21 year period); a sociological study of their living conditions and family situation; the moral, religious, and social customs of prostitutes, including self-reflective interviews revealing their opinions of their profession and themselves; details concerning the management and administration of brothels; where they are found and where they are allowed to operate; and the details of clandestine prostitution operating out of cafes, wineshops, and other establishments. Volume two addresses the sanitary and medical aspects of prostitution, including frequency of, symptoms, treatment, and consequences of venereal disease among prostitutes, and an account of hospitals for treatment, prisons for the repression of, and other legal and administrative matters concerning prostitution.

Below: A map of France indicating the number of prostitutes by Department, 1816-1831

