

CABANIS (P.J.G.)

DU DEGRE DE CERTITUDE DE LA MEDECINE. P., Didot, 1798, 6pp., 144pp.; EDITION ORIGINALE --- COUP D'OEIL SUR LES REVOLUTIONS ET SUR LA REFORME DE LA MEDECINE. P., Crapart, 1804, 12pp., 438pp. ; EDITION ORIGINALE ---- SOIT DEUX OUVRAGES DE CABANIS RELIES EN UN VOLUME

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