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German astronomer remembered for revising Johannes Kepler's Rudolphine Tables. Her *Urania propitia siva tabulae astronomicae mire faciles* (1650) greatly simplified Kepler's work. Cunitz prefaced the volume by explaining that despite being the work of a woman, the *Urania* was nevertheless accurate. Her tables proved of great utility and went through many editions. This led many to suspect her husband had computed them. Cunitz's husband wrote a preface for later editions to dispel such rumors.