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Arrangement

Articles are arranged in alphabetical order of their headings. This is not quite the truth; that it appears at first sight as any lexicographer will agree. In a work in which many of the headings consist of two or more words there may be some convenience in grouping the articles under the first component (e.g. *at. wt.*, *gas*, *heat*, etc.); but this leaves some anomalies to be sorted out by the reader (e.g. where to look for *acids*, *gases*, *discharge*, *heavy elements*). It was decided, therefore, to treat the whole heading (simple or compound) as one unit for