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It is wide spread opinion among historians of logic that Kant's knowledge of logic was rather superficial and that his contributions to the development of logic are unimportant. Even Kant scholars have tended to neglect his logical work, in comparison to that in the fields of epistemology, metaphysics, ethics and aesthetics. In my paper I shall argue for two claims: (1) Historians of logic seem to be right in their opinion, based on an overall consideration of the history of logic. However, this turns out to be inadequate, if we place Kant's logic in its immediate historical context and compare it with the standard of logic at his time. (2) In neglecting Kant's logical teachings, Kant scholarship misses an important approach to Kant's transcendental philosophy. The paper is divided into three parts: In the first part I shall try to show some of the reasons for the bad judgment about and the disregard of Kant's logic. In the second part I shall compare Kant's logic with the standards in the field at his time, and expose some important details which can be seen as improvements of those standards from a modern point of view. Finally, in the third part I wish to address Kant scholarship in particular and point out some interesting interdependencies between Kant's logic and his epistemology and critical metaphysics. The paper will be a modified German version of a paper read at the 17th German Congress of Philosophy, Leipzig 1996.