



The Modern: A Fragment (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Modern: A Fragment As the world progresses in the application of science and the elimination of the useful from the mechanic arts, it seems but to retrograde, or deteriorate, in those elements of taste which form our manners, determine our habits, and apparel our persons. It is but necessary to place these features in contrast, to be startled by their incongruity. Reason and Folly are so constantly seen in co-operation - one adorning the inner, the other the outer man - that a problem which would perplex Archimedes, is solved by some gentlemen with a hat only wanting the bells; while she whose unadorned beauty might prove irresistible, presents herself in such garb as should bring discredit on a Blanche of Devan. In treating this subject, the heel of gravity can scarcely avoid the foot-step of humor, as ideas, however sedate, must promptly retire upon an intrusion of the grotesque or ludicrous. A field so extensive as the title covers, would, if regularly passed over, have afforded fatigue rather than entertainment; it has been...



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