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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 Lost Beauties of the English Language: An Appeal to Authors, Poets, Clergymen and Public Speakers Many learned and interesting works have been written on the origin growth, and present state of English language, but, as far as the author of the present work is aware, none has been written to point out the many losses which it has suffered, and which it is still suffering, from time, corruption, and change of literary fashion. Of all the languages of the world, the English has the greatest power of assimilating to and incorporating with itself the useful words - whether of trade, sentiment, poetry, or science - with which it comes into contact, in the cosmopolitan developments of society, which are the great characteristics of the present age. The English is essentially a living and a growing speech. All the languages of antiquity have had their tender infancy; their passionate youth; their careful maturity; their gradual, though it may be imperceptible, decay, and, finally, their death. After death has come the apotheosis of a language, if...



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