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The Golden Butterfly (Classic Reprint)

By Walter Besant

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Golden Butterfly The Golden Butterfly, which gives a name to this novel, was seen by an English traveller, two years ago, preserved as a curiosity in a mining city near Sacramento, where it probably still remains. This curious freak of Nature is not therefore an invention of our own. To the same traveller - Mr. Edgar Besant - we are indebted for the description on which is based our account of Empire City. The striking of oil in Canada in the manner described by Gilead P. Beck was accomplished-with the waste of millions of gallons of the oil, for want of casks and buckets to receive it, and with the result of a promise of almost boundless wealth-by a man named Shaw, some ten years ago. Shaw speculated, we believe; lost his money, and died in poverty. Names of great living poets and writers have been used in this book in connection with a supposed literary banquet. A critic has expressed surprise that we have allowed Gilead Beck s failure to appreciate Browning to...



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