



A Practical Treatise on Compressed Air and Pneumatic Machinery (Classic Reprint)

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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 A Practical Treatise on Compressed Air and Pneumatic Machinery It is a noteworthy fact that, while compressed air has been we and been used at a time when dynamic electricity was even in its infancy, its properties and possibilities are still, the minds of many practical people, an object shrouded with confusion and mystery, and considered by them as a convenient topic for the scientist's investigation, but altogether too intricate and obscure to be readily grasped by a man possessed of a common and average knowledge of motive machinery. This same man, strange to say, will find no apparent mystery in handling a first-class Compound Condensing Steam Engine, whose thorough comprehension, however, involves a more imposing array of natural phenomena than does the action of an air motor. Mention to him this latter machine, and he will tell you at once that it is useless; he has a vague recollection that compressed air will not yield over 15 to 20 per cent of the power expended to produce it, while an electric motor utilizes...



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