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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 Astrophysical Journal, Vol. 26: An International Review of Spectroscopy and Astronomical Physics The features of the planet Mars as described by Schiaparelli, Lowell, and other observers are so remarkable that the question of their interpretation is of great interest. The divergence between the descriptions and delineations of these features emanating from different observers is well known, and seems scarcely normal. Accepting, as we should, the general principle that what is seen by a single practiced observer under the most favorable conditions affords evidence which completely outweighs that of less favored observers, we must still admit that absolute inconsistency between the two should not be found. The details successively added under improving conditions may not be inconsistent with a rational interpretation of what was previously seen. It has been emphasized by Williams and also by Lowell that an observer with the widest experience in seeing only one class of features may fail in seeing those of another class. Even if this contention is correct, it does not seem to afford a completely satisfactory view of...



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