



The Goddess of Excelsior

By Bret Harte

Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 198 x 129 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Francis Bret Harte (August 25, 1836- May 5, 1902) was an American author and poet, best remembered for his accounts of pioneering life in California. Bret Harte was born in Albany, New York, on August 25, 1836. He was named Francis Brett Hart after his great-grandfather, Francis Brett. When he was young his father, Henry, changed the spelling of the family name from Hart to Harte. Henry's father - Bret's grandfather - was Bernard Hart, an Orthodox Jewish immigrant who flourished as a merchant, becoming one of the founders of the New York Stock Exchange. Later, Francis preferred to be known by his middle name, but he spelled it with only one t, becoming Bret Harte. An avid reader as a boy, Harte published his first work at age 11, a satirical poem titled Autumn Musings, now lost. Rather than attracting praise, the poem resulted in his family's ridicule. As an adult, he recalled to a friend, Such a shock was their ridicule to me that I wonder that I ever wrote another line of...



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