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The Mirror and the Lamp (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 The Mirror and the Lamp And so it is with the whole town. Time cannot truly touch it, and change leaves it unchanged. Where fierce-eyed Romans used to buy and sell their slaves, bland traders now assemble with samples of hops and grain; the Norman keep is a gas-work, the dungeon mound a nursemaid's garden; the pilgrims inn and its hundred beds have vanished in flame; carved scrolls and polished stone are succeeded by slates and bricks and plate glass; the vulgar music-hall brings ruin to the legitimate theatre, and in its turn is destroyed by the lantern-flash of a cinema show; boat expresses sweep through iron girders, screaming in the silence of night and belching out foul clouds by day; look where you will, you can see the ugliness of an ugly age, the cynical contempt for grace, the unfaltering grasp at gain; railway companies and jerry-builders, municipal committees and gentlemen speculators, have all tried to spoil the grey old city; - and yet still the air that blows across its three towers...



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