



The Incas and Their Industries (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 Incas and Their Industries If we look backward, across the centuries lying behind us, we notice that, although the ways differ, all nations and their rulers try to arrive at general prosperity by laws and regulations. The ancient Hebrew system of short leases offered undoubtedly certain guarantees that families who had waxed poor, as Leviticus expresses it, were not condemned to everlasting poverty, but able to make a fresh start in the jubilee year. For the land is mine, saith the Lord unto Moses. Democracy of our day seems to proclaim the same principle: and it tries to come to the rescue of the poor, by attacking landed property, acquired generations ago, by means alleged to be illegal, and held by generation after generation to the present day. The Incas of Peru followed another principle to promote a certain equality among their subjects, and in the twelfth century issued an agrarian law, according to which all the land was divided among the people according to the size of each family, with periodical, annual redistributions....



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