



Tannwald (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 Tannwald Why is it that no play founded upon Goethe's Faust has had any notable success save such as could be given to it by fine music or scenic effects? The story of Margaret is one of the most tragic ever written; Mephistopheles is a brilliant character; the dialogue is remarkably eloquent, witty and poetical; the piece, though not prepared for the stage by the author, is dramatic in its form, and seems to furnish almost unequalled material for playwrights; and yet, after a hundred have tried it, the successful one is still to be found. Not having examined their compositions, I shall not undertake to criticise them, but so far as I know anything of them, all give prominence to Mephistopheles, the supernatural and the scenic effects, and I have made another attempt, excluding everything but the human characters and natural influences, developing some personages which are mentioned in the original, and adding others. Out of two dozen scenes, three-fourths are entirely my own. I do not publish Tannwald without at least partly...



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