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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Ocean, Atmosphere, and Life: Being the Second Series of a Descriptive History of the Life of the Globe To the majority Of mankind grouped in crowded populations on the continents, extending over scarcely a quarter of the surface of the globe, the sea is little else than a vast abyss Without limits or bottom. Even learned men are inclined, by an illusion of intellectual optics, to give a much greater geographical importance to the phenomena of continental regions, than to those of the ocean. Just as our ancestors, beholding infinite space filled with stars and nebulae arched over their heads, imagined this immensity to be a dome resting on the vast structure of the earth. Although the influence of the ocean in the general economy of the globe has not been studied with the same care, relatively, as the effect of the rivers Which flow through the plains, or of the springs Which gush from the clefts of the hills, yet it is still of the first importance, and on it all the phenomena of planetary life depend. 3 Water...



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