



The Duel Between France and Germany: With Its Lesson to Civilization (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 Duel Between France and Germany: With Its Lesson to Civilization Mr. President, - I am to speak of the Duel between France and Germany, with its Lesson to Civilization. In calling the terrible war now waging a duel, I might content myself with classical authority, duellum being a well-known Latin word for war. The historian Livy makes a Roman declare that affairs are to be settled by a pure and pious duel ; the dramatist Plautus has a character in one of his plays who obtains great riches by the duelling art, meaning the Art of War; and Horace, the exquisite master of language, hails the age of Augustus with the Temple of Janus closed and free from duels, meaning at peace, for then only was that famous temple shut. War Under the Law of Nations a Duel. But no classical authority is needed for this designation. War, as conducted under International Law, between two organized nations, is in all respects a duel, according to the just signification of this word, differing from that...

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