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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 Rush-Bagot Agreement When John Quincy Adams in November, 1815, on behalf of the Government at Washington, first approached Lord Castlereagh with a proposal for mutual disarmament on the Great Lakes, he was happy in his opportunity. The message, which, as the United States Minister in London, Adams had to deliver to the British Government, was drafted by James Monroe, then Secretary of State. The Great War which had devastated the world for more than twenty years was over, Waterloo had been fought and won, and Napoleon, not satisfied with Elba, had gone to St. Helena. The peoples of Europe were blindly feeling their way, and groping out towards some happier system, which would rid the world of war for ever. Already statesmen were building cloud-castles in the air, and dreaming of the reign of universal peace, entirely oblivious of the fact that, as Joseph de Maistre said, depuis le jour ou Cain tun Abel il y a toujours eu ca et la sur la surface du globe des mares dc sang, quo n ont...



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