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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from George Morland and the Evolution From Him of Some Later Painters In the twenty years following 1763, the date of George Morland s birth, England was scarcely gaining prestige in her naval and military tradition, though martial spirit, according to Sir Walter Besant, ran high, and it was a great time for fighting in streets and roads. Every man who went out of doors knew that he might have to fight, to defend himself against foot-pad or bully most men carried a stout stick. The police or constables, when first appointed and for long after, were practically useless. The drinking of the last century went far beyond anything recorded; all classes drank; they began to drink hard about 1730, and they kept it up for one hundred years with great spirit and admirable results, which we, their grandchildren, are now illustrating. In 1736 there were 7044 gin-shops in London - one house in six - and 3200 alehouses where gin was secretly sold. The people all went mad after gin. The clergy, merchants, lawyers, judges, the most responsible people, drank more...



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