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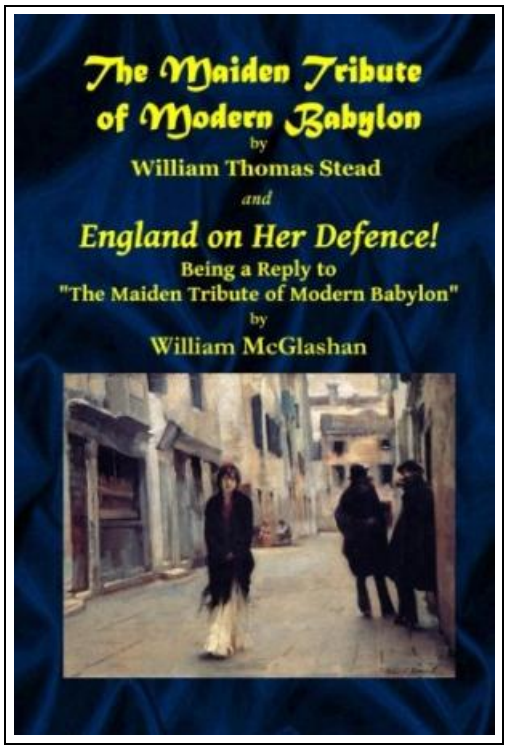

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 228 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The Maiden Tribute of Modern Babylon was necessary horror. With it, William T. Stead opened doors, threw back shutters, drew curtains and let pitying Christian eyes see the sights over which voluptuous Londoners were nightly gloating. He showed gins and snares in which simple country girls were nightly caught, to leap and shriek like a hare with the feel of the wire on its foot; he showed the girl-poacher mad with joy in this damnable sport. Stead allowed us to see the stinging, girlish tears, and hear girlish voices full of wild, pitiful despair; which makes us revolt at the cruelty. Upon publication, this noble work was the talk of every home in all England. The appearance of this little known newspaper, Pall Mall Gazette, with The Maiden Tribute of Modern Babylon, articles, amazed, staggered and stupefied Londoners. And England shrieked, Indecent! As if topics like these could ever be made decent. Unerring excellence of taste, which makes topics like these decent, belongs to the novelists whom languid voluptuaries of clubs and drawing-rooms adore. Stead did not want to make such things decent: it would secure their sale on bookstalls-but what of that? To make them decent would be a horrible lie to the facts as they had been burned into his own brain. Revolting reading, reading to harrow and madden its readers-that was his aim. But it is illegal, said Cavendish Bentinck (a mouthpiece for hosts whose God is The Law.) He has outraged the law! Cool critics and legal authorities who pace law courts, and study statutes, do not understand such men; how could they understand the anguished author of the Maiden Tribute? All...

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