



## Practical Astronomy (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 Practical Astronomy When we cast our eyes to the heavens on any clear and, by preference, moonless night, our attention is attracted by apparently innumerable points of light, of all degrees of brightness. These are the stars, which in all ages have drawn to themselves the attention of mankind. Mr. E. W. Maunder, in a previous volume of this series, has shown how man's attention was first directed to the heavenly bodies, and how the mere recognition of the phases of the Moon, the varying positions of the planets and the seasonal changes of the stars has developed stage by stage into the science of astronomy as we know it at the present day. Perhaps of all the sciences, modern astronomy is the most awe-inspiring, the most wonderful, the most instructive. The average man reads of the marvels which the telescope and spectroscope reveal, of the great depths and spaces, the rapid velocities, the eternal working of evolution, and he wonders. He has little or no knowledge of the methods used by the astronomers in...

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