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The Oregon Trail: Sketches of Prairie and Rocky-Mountain Life (Classic Reprint)

By Francis Parkman

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Oregon Trail: Sketches of Prairie and Rocky-Mountain Life Sentimental Tommy longed to find some work into which he could put his heart as if it were a game. Francis Parkman found such work; and he won the game, after what the spectators have aptly termed a half-century of conflict. He was the oldest child of Francis Parkman, a Unitarian minister of Boston. Both father and mother were of Puritan descent. At the age of eight Francis was so delicate in health that his parents sent him to his grandfather s country home near Medford. Here he spent four happy years roaming the wilds of Middlesex Fells, fostering his natural love for the wilderness, and unconsciously determining his future work. On returning to his father s home, he attended the Chauncey Hall School, where he was an industrious and appreciative student. His instructor took especial care to teach his pupils to write easy and forcible English and to have them read and memorize a great deal of the best poetry. These exercises Parkman always regarded...



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