



Gargoyles (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 Gargoyles The calendars said - 1900. It was growing warm. George Cornelius Basine emerged from Madam Minnie s house of ill fame at five o clock on a Sabbath May morning. He was twenty-five years old, neatly dressed, a bit unshaven and whistling valiantly, Won t you come home, Bill Bailey, won t you come home? Considering the high estate which was to be his, as the estimable Senator Basine, the introduction savors of malice. But, it must be remembered, this was twenty-two years ago, and moreover, in a day before the forces of decency had triumphed. The soul of man was still unregenerate. Prostitutes, saloons, hell-holes still flourished unchallenged in the city s heart. And Basine even at twenty-five was not one of those aggravating anomalies who pride themselves upon being ahead of their time; or behind their time. Basine was of his time. And on this day which witnessed him whistling on the doorstep of Madam Minnie s, the Devil was still a gentlemen, albeit a gentleman in bad standing. But, being a...

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