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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 Patriotism, Democracy or Empire?: A Satire Could a patriot of the Revolution stand on the step of time marked A. D., 1787, and look down the vista of a hundred and thirteen years, he would be lost in wonder at the advance of his country in material improvement, and in despair at its political and moral decline. We - the present generation - do not realize the extent of either. The nurse that watches day by day the subject of a slowly wasting malady can not see so well the effect of the disease as the friend who returns after a prolonged absence. When Swartwout embezzled a few thousand dollars of public funds, sixty years ago. the conscience of the republic was shocked and his venal sin fell heavily on his political party. Now, the theft of millions of dollars is regarded as so venial that a law cannot be passed by Congress to aid in bringing the criminals to trial. So potent is money - so great the influence of men who are wealthy...



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