



The Charming of Estercel (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Charming of Estercel Two old spells almost opposite in kind, one of love. The other of love and hate, are woven into this tale. According to the first, if a ring is put into a bird's nest in the spring-time and removed only when the young are ready to fly, it will be so impregnated with the spirit of love as to cast a charm on whoever wears it. According to the other, if a young girl uses the mirror of a wanton she inherits the spirit of guile left behind there. It is easy to see that these two beliefs are complementary of each other; being little allegories of substance by which we divine the powers of the gentle and ungentle influence. The character of Essex and the intrigues of the day have been studied from the state records of that extraordinary time. Many curious things are to be found there; one can discover how apt are private passions, when swollen and inflated, to become affairs of state; we can find how an astute man, grown...

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