



A Practical Grammar of the German Language (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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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 A Practical Grammar of the German Language The language, of which this grammar contains the practical rules, is frequently designated by the name of the High German. This epithet was originally applied to the language in order to distinguish it from the Low German, which comprehends all those dialects that are spoken in the level countries of the north of Germany. But as the language which is called the High German, differs from the dialects of the south of Germany, as well as from those of the north, this name is now applied exclusively to that general language, which is spoken and written by all wellbred Germans. Accordingly it is more properly called the German language, without any other epithet. Among the various dialects which have existed and still exist in different parts of Germany, there is a characteristic difference between those of upper and of lower Germany. The dialects of the north of Germany are in general softer than those of the south, and the vowels are more protracted; while the southern dialects are characterized...

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