



The Ocean Sleuth (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 The Ocean Sleuth Though it was not long after midnight, as shore time goes, when we left the sulky red eye of Lewanick Light behind us, we came upon the wrecked Diadem and her consort in that eerie hour which hangs between true night and the first twilight of the dawn. In June, and fine weather, nature wakes early. Though honest folk snored ashore, when we rounded Lewanick Point the chug, ke-chug, ke-chug of our motor launch was answered from the dim fields at the water's edge by the shrill dry retchings of cockcrow. Up channel, Venus, now a morning star, shone close to the horizon, bright gold upon a belt of rosy pink, but under the shadow of the Lizard's tall cliffs it was still night. Their crests stood up like black battlements against the glow from the great lighthouse just behind them, now sharply outlined, now blurred, black and dark grey by turns as the lantern waxed and waned. The Light itself lay back, invisible, but its wheeling ray flashed out and...

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