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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 Plays and Poems: By an American Author This is a private edition of a few hundred copies. The author is a Philadelphia journalist. At the age of 22 he wrote *Mistress Nan*, a drama which attracted the attention of America's great emotional actress, Fanny Davenport. Miss Davenport was enthusiastic over the merits of the work, declaring it to be the drama I have been looking for these ten years past. As the actress had been producing the plays of Victorien Sardou, the world's greatest dramatist, this was a rare compliment to the young author on his first attempt at play-writing. Fanny Davenport hastened to secure the play by contract and a date was set in November, 1898, for producing *Mistress Nan* at the Walnut St. Theatre, Philadelphia. In the early fall of that year Fanny Davenport died, and as a result *Mistress Nan* was not produced. Meanwhile *Hadley*, a play of a very different character, was written. In some respects it is superior to its predecessor. Marie Burroughs pronounced it a most interesting...



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