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Life in the Sea (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 Life in the Sea The history of every science affords examples of the enormous stimulus to further research which arises from the discovery of some new and sound method of research; and two such advances in methods have transformed marine biology during the last ten years. Late in the eighties of last century some German physiologists began to estimate the quantity of microscopic life contained in the sea under each square metre of surface, and nets and other apparatus were invented for this purpose. About the beginning of the nineties some Scandinavian geographers and zoologists also began to investigate the microscopic life of the sea with respect to the physical conditions of the water. The object of the Kiel quantitative plankton investigations was to estimate the production of a sea area in much the same way as a scientific agriculturalist attempts to estimate the productivity of a cultivated land area; and that of the Scandinavian hydrographers was to attempt to forecast seasonal changes in the climatic conditions of their countries by studying the currents of...

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