



A Theory of the Origin and Development of the Heroic Hexameter (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 Theory of the Origin and Development of the Heroic Hexameter This essay is a brief compendium of a large amount of material gathered in support of a theory of the origin and development of the heroic hexameter. The theory was first enunciated by me in 1882. Its publication at the present time has been occasioned by my observing in a foot-note to Professor Frederic D. Allen's article on Greek Versification in Inscriptions, that a distinguished scholar, Hermann Usener, in a just published tract, *Altgriechischer Versbau* (Bonn, 1887), was of opinion that the hexameter was composed of two originally independent verse-halves (with syllaba anceps and free anacrusis). This is a portion of my own theory. Under the circumstances I felt that it might be proper for me to publish my own views. Absence in Europe last summer, and the nature of my college duties since, have prevented me from doing this sooner. I have not yet been able to obtain Usener's tract. With the view of condensing, I have refrained (except in one...



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