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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 Engineering Wonders of the World, Vol. 2 The Steel-frame Building, as we know it to-day, is a masterpiece of engineering skill. It provides accommodation for the population of a fair-sized town, and represents worthily the advances made in metallurgical and structural knowledge during the past fifty years. The genesis of the steel-frame building, known colloquially as the sky-scraper, is due primarily to the high cost of sites in the great cities of the United States - notably New York, Chicago, and San Francisco - and the importance of having business offices in close proximity to the centre of commercial life. Although land is of great value in the central parts of London, Paris, and other European cities, it is always possible to extend the mercantile quarter into outer regions - a development which is constantly in operation. In places like Chicago and New York, however, there are obstacles to lateral expansion, and the inhabitants of those cities have adopted the policy of spreading themselves out vertically rather than laterally, by the aid of lofty steel-frame...



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