



The Story of Electricity (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. [.]fourth century of our era. It contained a genius in a feather dress who pointed to the south, and was doubtless moved by a magnet floating in water or turning on a pivot. This rude appliance was afterwards refined into the needle compass for guiding mariners on the sea, and assisting the professors of feng- shui or geomancy in their magic rites. Magnetite was also found at Heraclea in Lydia, and at Magnesium on the Meander or Magnesium at Sipylos, all in Asia Minor. It was called the Heracleian Stone by the people, but came at length to bear the name of Magnet after the city of Magnesia or the mythical shepherd Magnes, who was said to have discovered it by the attraction of his iron crook. The ancients knew that it had the power of communicating its attractive property to iron, for we read in Plato s Ion that a number of iron rings can be supported in a chain by the Heracleian Stone. Lucretius also describes an experiment in which iron filings are made to...



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