



Natural Philosophy: Acoustics (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 Natural Philosophy: Acoustics 1. That branch of science which treats of the nature of sound, the mode of its production, and the laws which determine its propagation, is termed acoustics, from a Greek word signifying to hear. The phenomena of sound are of great interest, whether we consider those that are natural as the voices of animals, the purling of the stream, and the rushing of the waterfall; or those that are artificial - as the varied sounds of musical instruments. It must therefore be an attractive inquiry to ascertain the cause of these phenomena; to discover by what organic apparatus, and through what medium, the human voice, for example, is capable of conveying even the thoughts of one individual to the mind of another - a process which we would consider to be perfectly astonishing, were it not constantly familiar to us; and to determine what are the remarkable relations that subsist among those artificial sounds, arranged and regulated by the rules of musical composition, by which we are enabled to express, and that...

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