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FBC LTD, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Open Court, Vol. 40: A Monthly Magazine; November, 1926 Homer s reason for picturing the goddess of Love like this was doubtless political as well as moral and religious, for the Greeks like the Israelites, must have been always in fear of military invasion from the East, with defeat of the gods of their fathers, along with loss of their personal freedom and possessions. On the gods of their fathers would depend their freedom and possessions, and they knew, better than we know from ancient monuments, what would be the fate of the peoples whose gods were conquered by the East. Were Ashtaroth and Baal, the gods of Love and War in the East, to displace Jehovah, the God or Righteousness of the Patriarchs, reducing the children of Israel to slaves? Were Aphrodite and Ares, also the gods of Love and War, to supplant in Greece as they had in Troy, the gods of the Grecian fathers, Athena, Apollo, and Zeus? Homer showed these two groups of gods at war, in which Aphro dite and Ares were defeated, fortunately, both...

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