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Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. S. L. MacGregor Mathers, born as Samuel Liddell in January, 1854. He is one of the most influential figures in modern Occultism and is primarily known as one of the founders of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. He died in November, 1918. The idea that cards were first invented to amuse Charles VI of France is now exploded; and it is worthy of note in this connection that their supposititious inventor was Jacques Gringonneur, an Astrologer and Qabalist. Furthermore, cards were known prior to this period among the Indians and the Chinese. Etteilla, indeed, gives in one of his tracts on the Tarot a representation of the mystical arrangement of these cards in the Temple of Ptah at Memphis, and he further says: Upon a table or altar, at the height of the breast of the Egyptian Magus (or Hierophant), were on one side a book or assemblage of cards or plates of gold (the Tarot), and on the other a vase, etc. This idea is further dilated upon by P. Christian (the...



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