



A Practical Treatise on the Art of Illuminating: With Examples, Chromographed in Fac-Simile and in Outline, of the Styles Prevailing at Different Periods, from the Sixth Century to the Present Time (Classic Reprint)

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