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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 The Period of Early Reformation in Germany, Vol. 2 John Reuchlin, a famous Hebrew scholar, became involved in a controversy with a baptised Jew, Pfefferkorn, and his friends, in regard to the desirability of confiscating and destroying the books of the Jews. Reuchlin's tolerant attitude displeased the fanatical party, and he was led to defend his position in a book which he called the *Aiigenspiegel*. This reached the theological faculty of Cologne, which drew up a list of heretical propositions found therein; and Ortui Gratius, one of the members of the faculty, added an appendix of Latin verses. Reuchlin was summoned before Hochstraten, the inquisitor general, at Cologne, but appealed to the Pope, who referred the case to the Bishop of Speyer. This prelate declared the book free from heresy. Then Hochstraten in his turn appealed to Rome, where the case was pending when the *Letters of Obscure Men* appeared. The persecution and trial of Reuchlin created a great deal of excitement in Germany among the literary men. In March, 1514, Reuchlin had published...



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