



# The Quest of the Absolute (Classic Reprint)

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Excerpt from The Quest of the Absolute The most refined materialism is imprinted upon all the Flemish habits. English comfort is marked by harsh, unpleasant tones whereas, in Flanders, the old interiors rejoice the eye with soothing colors, with genuine homeliness they suggest work with out fatigue the pipe denotes a happy application of the Neapolitanfar mente a placid understanding of art is indicated as well, its most essential element, patience, and that which makes its creations lasting, conscientiousness the Flemish character is described in those two words, patience and conscientiousness. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.