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Originally published in 1914 as a portion of the larger “Myths and Legends of All Nations,” this Kindle edition, equivalent in length to a physical book of approximately 20 pages, describes the twelve mighty labors Hercules performed to atone for his killing of his wife and children while in a state of madness.

Includes supplemental material:

- Introduction describing Hercules’ life before the twelve labors
- Epilogue describing Hercules’ life after the twelve labors

Sample passage:

At last the hydra was visible on a hill by the springs of Amymone, where its lair was found. Here Iolaus left the horses stand. Hercules leaped from the chariot and sought with burning arrows to drive the many-headed serpent from its hiding place. It came forth hissing, its nine heads raised and swaying like the branches of a tree in a storm. Undismayed, Hercules approached it, seized it, and held it fast. But the snake wrapped itself around one of his feet. Then he began with his sword to cut off its heads. But this looked like an endless task, for no sooner had he cut off one head than two grew in its place. At the same time an enormous crab came to the help of the hydra and began biting the hero’s foot. Killing this with his club, he called to Iolaus for help.

About the author and translator:

Gustav Schwab (1792-1850) was a German writer, pastor, and publisher. Other works include “Gods and Heroes” and “Doktor Faustus.” Logan Marshall (1883-1936), pen name of Logan Howard-Smith, was a writer, editor, and translator. Other works include “Life of Theodore Roosevelt” and “Sinking of the Titanic and Great Sea Disasters.”

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