

ination for the election had been procured by corrupt means." Then the Nation adds: "Mark Hanna's two years' campaign to bring about the nomination of McKinley in 1896 was lavishly financed; and the political paying off of the pecuniary obligations thus incurred was an embarrassment and a reproach to the administration."

That statement from such a source is particularly interesting at this time, because if the Nation knows that fact, both the World and Times, especially the Times, of New York, must know it. And yet the Times, of lofty virtue, was shocked to see published the amount which the men interested in maintaining silver as basic money, in the silver states, subscribed to Mr. Bryan's campaign fund that year. The Times thought "it was sickening," and yet it did not altogether amount to as much as Mr. Hanna collected from three houses in New York to debauch the election of that year.

The sparsely settled silver states have been losing some forty or fifty millions of dollars annually because of the legislation which Mr. Cleveland and the money lords of New York City forced through Congress in 1893, and on a platform, too, demanding the full restoration of silver. Was it so very strange that the men who believed that the full restoration of silver was essential to the welfare of the whole nation, should subscribe a small sum to try to elect a silver President? But there was another feature about it. The men who gave that money made no secret of the gift. There was nothing sneaking or underhanded about what they did. They knew that Mr. Hanna would spend more money than all they could raise, in each of the states of New York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, but they were willing to do what they could. Again, if any legitimate industry in the East were to be menaced by a loss of \$50,000,000 a year for all time to come, what would the men interested be liable to do?

We mention the matter only to make clear how different a thing looks to a New York newspaper like the Times when the gold barons in New York want anything, no matter how dishonest, from what it is when a few men in the West who are being robbed advance a small sum to try to beat back the robbers.

The Birds Knew Him.

The death of Francois Copper in Paris is announced. He was a poet, dramatist and writer of romances, but his best work was his poetry, and he was held by the poor of France in much the same estimation that Bobbie Burns was and is by the poor of Scotland. He was so essentially kind that as he walked through the Luxembourg Garden the birds would light on his shoulders and arms for the crumbs which he always carried in his pockets for them. And he would talk to them and they would twitter back to him and they were all tenants in common of the Garden as much as were Adam and Eve and the birds in the first garden before cruelty was born into the world.

THE LIE.

(By Grace Duffield Goodwin.)

How brave the lie was as she flung it out—
 Woman's poor shelter in her hour of need;
 Blackening her lips with laughter none might doubt,
 To keep her soul unspotted from the deed.

Not low enough nor mean enough to pay
 Truth's awful price—lives twined within her own;
 Oh, easier far, denying day by day

Her soul's high gods that thundered from the throne.

And when her time comes to be judged of this
 By Him who sees life truly, sees it whole,
 For His eye clean, and bare of earthly bliss
 Stands one who dared to lie to save her soul!
 —Smart Set.

Dear love, with tender hands, and kind
 I'd pray each night that I might find
 A heart like thine
 To keep for mine always;
 And, ah! I'd wear it proudly
 As a queen her crown—
 If I dared thus to pray.

—Margaret Sayres.

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