Miss Tarbell he is the exact antithesis of Lincoln, and as truly typifies his times. Yet her attitude toward him throughout is just, and even kind. This is shown even more clearly in the character study of the man that was published some months after the completion of the history of his trust. His great power, as well as that of the organization he built, is fully acknowledged, and the utter pathos of his attempts to rehabilitate himself in the eyes of the world and to free himself of a little of the crushing burden of its hate by means of his immense charities and his irreproachable private life. He is a business man who keeps his accounts straight to the last cent, and he is paying his debt to civilization in his own way. But there is always the conviction that the moral debt he owes to the nation can never be paid, that the harm has been done and is irrevocable until such time as the moral sense of the people purifies itself sufficiently to once more produce a type of man like Abraham Lincoln,—sane, unselfish, devoted, and too innately honest to take unfair advantage of any man or to accept special privileges in the effort to achieve success.

That we, as a nation, are at last awakening to the necessity of this is due to the courage of those who have dared to give us “analysis, ruthless and unflinching,” of conditions as they exist, and to point out whither they are leading us. The number of these analysts is increasing every day and the battle of strong powers for good and for evil is on in earnest, but when the result is recorded in the history of the future, first among the names of those who led the fight for national honor and fair play will be that of the woman who was wise enough to see the truth, and strong enough to make the people stop and listen while she told them what she saw.

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"A S for the ethical side, there is no cure but in an increasing scorn of unfair play—an increasing sense that a thing won by breaking the rules of the game is not worth the winning. When the business man who fights to secure special privileges, to crowd his competitor off the track by other than fair competitive methods, receives the same summary, disdainful ostracism by his fellows that the doctor or lawyer who is "unprofessional," the athlete who abuses the rules, receives, we shall have gone a long way toward making commerce a fit pursuit for our young men."

Ida M. Tarbell.