

LANFANGEL SKERRIES.

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PART I.

Miss Frewen had been educated at Girton. She had taken a high place in the Classical Tripos, and was understood on Etruscan Sarcophagi.

Three weeks later they sat together on the heather by the Horse's Head Brook (I could put in Welsh if I chose, but I mercifully spare you); Miss Frewen with the last batch of proofs of "Etruscan Sarcophagi," Mr. Arthur Pelew—for it was that distinguished young chemist—with a volume of "The Ham Yatong," which he had bought on

cent gone wrong in a quotation. The other day, always let "Lanfangel" pass as proper Latin. He may be useful this Oxford man, I'll ask Mrs. Griffith the name of him.

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"I was only reading your name on the title-page," Arthur Pelew responded hastily. "Etruscan Sarcophagi, by Monica Frewen." I didn't know before your name was Monica.

"There's no 'they,'" Miss Frewen answered, never raising her eyes from the proof as she spoke. "I have only my mother; and she calls me Monny."

"This class of relief, however, in spite of Keller, cannot justly be considered as Corinthian in origin; it appears more likely—"

"Why did they call you Monica, I wonder?" Arthur Pelew continued, chewing the cud of the name as if it greatly concerned him.

"After St. Monica, of course," Miss Frewen said, somewhat testily. "My mother's High Church—appears more likely that an Athenian or Ionian model first gave rise to—"

"Who was St. Monica?" the young man inquired again.

Miss Frewen laid down her proofs with marked austerity. "Now, Mr. Pelew," she said, "you know I came out here to look over these slips. I asked you not to come with me. You begged to be allowed, and promised me you wouldn't interrupt me if I let you follow. I'm unaccustomed to being followed—I can't bear dogs and things—but I foolishly consented. And then you keep on asking me stupid questions. For St. Monica, see the Bollandists, or Alban Butler's 'Lives of the Saints,' or any encyclopaedia, passes my comprehension. That an Athenian or Ionian model first gave rise to the series so largely represented on tombs at Corneto and elsewhere. This favorite subject—"

"The young man leaned back on the heather and looked up at her admiringly. Once more he interrupted. "Miss Frewen," he said, in a very slow voice, "you know, you make me feel ashamed of myself."

"So you ought," Miss Frewen answered. "You will neither work yourself nor allow a moment's peace for you to others."

"Oh, I didn't mean that!" Arthur Pelew cried out. "I meant—speaking generally. You seem to know such a lot of things; while I—well, I don't know anything much except chemistry."

Miss Frewen regarded him with a compassionate glance. "You're very young," she answered. "As a matter of fact, he was three years older than she was." "You have plenty of time to learn. I advise you to set about learning at once—and not to trespass upon other people's hours who are busier than you are."

"I wish I was a classical man!" he cried.

"I wish you were. Then you might be some use to me. It was a blow to me when I learned you were only natural sciences. I thought you might have helped me to look over my proofs, you know."

"Miss Frewen?"

"That was an ominous beginning. When a young man professes a remark with a solemn adoration by name like that you may always be sure something important is coming."

"Do you know, till I met you, I had no idea how intensely interesting archaeology might be. Why, it's better than chemistry."

"So I think," Miss Frewen replied, deleting a "b" and putting an "r" in place of it.

"And the Etruscans, too! The Etruscans! So extremely delightful! I shall go to Italy next autumn to look up Etruscans!"

"You have never been there?"

"No, never." "How sad!" "But I mean to make up for it! I see now that nothing on earth is so interesting, so absorbingly interesting and important, as Etruscans. * * * Or, at least, hardly anything. I shall brush up my classics—I never had much of them—just enough to help me through Smalls, don't you know—but I shall take to them now in earnest. And I shall go to Italy. I shall begin over again—on an Etruscan basis."

Miss Frewen laid down her proofs. "If you do," she said, with great seriousness—for this was really important, "let me earnestly implore you to begin with Corneto. Don't read much about it till you go there; see the objects first; and don't be persuaded to start with Volterra or the Tombs of the Vulturni, as too many people do. It is a fatal error. It puts you at once on a wrong, backward track. Begin with the fountain-head! Go straight to Corneto!"

"You think so?" the young man said, with pathetic interest.

"I am sure of it," Miss Frewen answered, with the conviction of an evangelist. "I've been studying there for two years, ever since I took my degree, and I'm quite convinced it's the

BONNIE'S BILL SIDETRACKED. Governor Hastings has stated to our State Senator Hardenburgh that, on account of the burning of the capitol and the condition of the finances of the state, that he cannot see his way clear to sign the Erie bonus bill, even if it passes the legislature.

OTHERWISE, ETC. How would you like to see of your thoughts for a day in print? The people of Windsor voted down an appropriation of \$50 to observe Memorial day. When the patriotic dead served Windsor they evidently made a mistake.

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A VERY WISE HEN. Susquehanna has a hen with a head for mathematics. Last spring she sat and hatched a few chickens. Two were taken from her and added to another flock. But she would not give it up. Instead, she went outside and clucked until her proper number of chickens—no more, no less—and stratted about with her head on the ground.

WHITNEY'S BUDGET. Farmer Thomas Discovers a New Kind of Food for Cows—Saw and Gist Mill Burned.

Susquehanna, February 23.—Farmer Thomas, of Great Bend, had quite an experience when he cut the stock of hay ran out, and, being unable to get more in time he gave the cows some of the leaves he had collected for the bedding, and he was surprised to see that they appeared to enjoy them.

JONAH AND THE WHALE. Samuel More, Ph. D., Q. Q., D. etc., editor of the Great Bend Plaindealer, closes the controversy concerning Jonah and the Whale as follows: "Some ministers seem to catch the shadow of a doubt in the Jonah and the Whale miracle. The Bible says the Lord created a great fish to swallow Jonah. Now when the Lord created a fish for this special purpose he could just as easily create a specially large mouth and throat. Some of these men who cast doubts as to the Bible, have been created with peculiar mouths, which is a miracle we all acknowledge."

IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY. Great Bend fears an epidemic of scab fever. An inquisitive newspaper wants to know if there are any great men who were not born in Susquehanna county. A few of them were born in Lackawanna.

ODDS AND ENDS. New made sugar, made last year, is arriving in the market, with the fine monograms skillfully erased. Some of the New Year resolutions evidently have "that tired feeling." Easter bonnets are beginning to blossom.

WHITNEY. Some recent days have suggested the approach of spring, but it has deceived the deluded mortals who pinned their faith to the ground hog and goose bone, and ignored the true harbingers, the Buck of Bacchus and the Wandering Minstrel of the Eternal City.

publican, has been tendered an appointment of aide-de-camp on the staff of the second grand division upon the occasion of McKinley's inauguration, March 4.

LITTLE LOCALETTES. Judge Judson H. Cook is seriously ill. Susquehanna's shirt factory is a certainty, the necessary papers being signed on Saturday.

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"THE NEEDN'T BE AFRAID OF ME." forehead. Sunny, fluffy locks, in profusion round her face; each hair of it all distinct, crossing and recrossing at innumerable angles.

"It's rather a bother, though this Oxford man," she thought to herself, with a passing shade, "I came down here to be quiet. I wanted to finish the part of 'Etruscan Sarcophagi,' relating to the Earliest Hellenic Imitations. I didn't want to be bothered with what didn't suit society. Still, it may be as well, perhaps, to have an Oxford man near me. I wonder if he's classical? If so, I might get him to revise his proofs for me. A second eye is always useful. One sometimes overlooks a Greek ac-

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