

# The Craze to Do "Something New"

## Some of the Latest and Most Extraordinary Ways of Performing Strange Feats

WHEN Herman Lindemann, the former Chicago printing establishment, and Miss Ella Zier, to whom he was engaged to be married, quietly slipped away from Chicago a few days ago they apparently had all their plans laid out to create a sensation. They had intended to do a few of their closest friends before leaving that they were going to Elkhart, Ind., to be married. They didn't want a church wedding, they had said. They preferred something more romantic, a quiet wedding, but with all the trimmings of an elopement.

So they eloped; but instead of going to Elkhart they went to St. Joseph, Mich., where an obliging justice of the peace made them man and wife. Early the next morning they alighted from the train at South Bend, Ind., and went direct to the hotel where they had engaged a room ahead by telegraph. They took breakfast, walked down to the St. Joseph river and apparently committed suicide in a most deliberate and novel manner.

First they engaged a small rowboat at a wharf on the river bank where pleasure boats are kept for hire. Lindemann stepped in gallantly helped his wife aboard, took the oars and headed for the dam near ball park, a pleasure resort a mile or so below the town.

As the small boat neared the dam a man at women on the island and on the river banks were alarmed to see Lindemann cut aside the oars and stand up, allowing the current to sweep the boat toward the destruction. His wife stood up, too, and Lindemann put his arm around her to support her. Both seemed heedless of the warnings that were being shouted at them to row for their lives. Instead of making any effort to save himself

South Bend with the deliberate intention of committing suicide together and there is every evidence that they did, they certainly selected a novel and most tragic way in which to take their own lives.

But more remarkable still was the way in which Douglas Sherwin Fritz, Pantan, a London lawyer, ended his life at a lonely spot on the rocky coast of Cornwall a few weeks earlier. His dead body, manacled hand and foot, and dressed in woman's attire, was found on the rocks at the foot of the cliffs at Mousehole, a village close to Penzance and not far from the spot where John Davidson, the poet, recently disappeared under most mysterious circumstances.

Douglas Pantan was 35 years of age and a grandson of W. P. Fritz, the famous artist. On the day previous to the finding of his body Pantan arrived at Penzance by train from London, and registered at the Queen's Hotel at "B. Platten, London." His baggage consisted of a brown leather suit case which he guarded carefully and insisted on carrying to his room.

That evening he was seen for a walk, taking a big paper bundle with him. Later he was seen walking along the cliff near Mousehole, a picturesque fishing hamlet about three miles from Penzance. He still had his paper bundle with him. This was the last time he was seen alive. He did not return to his hotel that night.

On the following evening a boy wandering along the cliff spot which appeared to be a woman's body fully dressed, lying among the rocks close to the water. When the police and the coast guard reached the place there was an extraordinary discovery. There were handcuffs fastened to the wrists and ankles of the woman. As to add to their amazement the woman had close cropped hair and a



HERMAN LINDEMANN  
COOLLY LIGHTED A CIGARETTE AND WROTE AT THE PACIFIC STRICKEN PEOPLE

had not been considered eccentric and the reason why should not take his life has been discovered. But that he did take it there appears to be no doubt, and when he committed suicide he sought, like Mr. and Mrs. Lindemann, a new way in which to do it.

**Thinks Sand Dust Beneficial.**  
But the sand dust is something new and not confined to that of a man of turn of mind. Imagine a man eating 12 spoonfuls of sand, partly because he likes sand and partly because it is worth five dollars a ton. J. H. Hubbard, an architect of St. Joseph, Mo., has a theory that ordinary building sand is a beneficial effect on the human system. At least, he says he has found it so in his own case. Mr. Hubbard was in Minneapolis on business last month and while chatting with some traveling men in the hotel he ventured to express his opinion of the medicinal value of building sand.

He said he had offered to eat a dozen spoonfuls of sand just to prove that he knew what he was talking about. Then William Brand, the hotel clerk, set him five dollars that he thought was any such thing. The traveling men seemed to think that such a dose of building sand would kill the architect. So he sent for the sand and they all stood around him while he gulped down 12 heaping teaspoonfuls. He seemed to relish it and he collected the five dollars and did not suffer any ill effects.

"Sand is considerably milder than the one I took is one of the best things in the world for the stomach," he explained after the performance. "I don't place any faith in the theory of those traveling men that sand is poison for that it hurts the membranes. I am going to go on eating sand all my life, because it is better than any other medicine I know of."

**Married in a Balloon.**  
Married in a balloon and by wireless telephone is the latest word in unusual marriages. Carey A. Howe of Seattle and Miss Margaret, a daughter of Lewiston, Mont., both taken with the craze to do something new and original, were married that way at Seattle in a couple of weeks ago. In the basket when the balloon sailed skyward were only the engaged couple. The balloon was equipped with a double telephone system of the wireless variety. The wireless apparatus was on the ground below, surrounded by assistants, the best men and attendants and the relatives of the young man. An Episcopal minister, Dr. Sundstrom, was also present to officiate at this very odd wedding ceremony.

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or his wife, Lindemann coolly lighted a cigarette and wailed it at the panic-stricken people on the river bank. As for his wife, she rested her head on his shoulder and waited for the end.

**CONVICTS TO BE SET APART.**  
Government of Egypt Will Colonize Those Recognized as Habitual Criminals.

Crime in Egypt has increased to such an alarming extent of late, and the ordinary measures of repression at present in force are so inadequate, that the Egyptian government has decided to enact a deportation law empowering it to deport to certain isolated parts of the country all offenders, those who have evil reputations, and who, notwithstanding their misdeeds, have managed to get around the law.

The government has decided on the cases of Kharga and Bahariya, and projects establishing three penitentiary colonies, where the exiles would carry out useful work in the irrigation and development of those tracts of land. The cases are ideal spots for the establishment of such colonies, as they are heretofore ignored in the desert, the only means of communication with the outside world being by the Farshut railway, which the government is about to acquire. No escape is possible, as the desert is everywhere watched most carefully by the camel patrols of the coast guards.

The new scheme is really the only solution to the present serious state of affairs. How serious is that state can be best gauged from the fact that the persons sentenced to penal servitude for repeated crime and released since 1904 over 54 per cent. have been reported by the police to be living by dishonest means, by eliminating the "old offenders" and "bad character" classes their evil influence will no longer be felt, and a new element of the world will be sent out as a strong deterrent to crime. The average native desert journey into unknown parts; in fact, it takes him a long time very often to decide to go home, and he is a village, the idea of being exiled to the desert will, therefore, do more to keep him on the paths of righteousness than any amount of detention in ordinary prisons.