Hunt For a Hangman. The British army was once in diffculties through the lack of a hangman

Murder was committed by a soldier in the Crimea, but nobody could be found to carry out the sentence of the court martial. It was announced that £20 and a free discharge would be granted to the man undertaking the task. At last a man did volunteer. He was a

newcomer to the army. On the night prior to the date fixed for the execution they locked up the hangman in a stable to keep him safe. In the morning

the party at the gallows waited, but there was no hangman. He had gone mad during the night or else he was

now simulating madness. The officer in command turned to one of his captains with, "Captain, you will have the goodness to hang the prisoner!" The

captain changed countenance, but he

pulled himself together and appealed to the sergeants with, "Which of you

will hang this man?" And to spare his captain one of the men volunteered. He afterward had the satisfaction of flogging the man who had volunteered

The Way to Work. If work has to be done the only way

to escape will paralysis is to launch

it is difficult it is not likely to grow

easier and that some sort of a begin-

ning must be made. "Keep the facul-

ty of effort alive in you by a little

gratuitous exercise every day," writes a canny psychologist in his chapter on

"Habit." This gratuitous exercise it is that trains the will to rule life and

destiny; it is the one great secret of success. Postponing of disagreeable

duties means laxness invading the will, a certain slackening of all the mental

nature, an invasion of a paralytic tend-

ency. If the will failed to obey at a

given moment yesterday it is vastly

less likely to obey today, whereas a

daily habit of forceful inhibiting or

commanding makes for that most de-

sirable of all endowments, "a completely fashioned will." - Harper's

The First Nails.

sharp teeth of various animals. Then it is believed pointed fragments of flint

followed. The first manufactured metal

nails were of bronze. The nail with

which Jael killed Sisera was a wooden tent pin, probably pointed with iron.

Bronze nails have been found in the

Swiss lake dwellings, in several places

in France and in the valley of the

Nile. Until the nineteenth century iron nails were forged, a blacksmith being

able to make only two or three dozen

a day. The first cut nails were made

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