

EASE AND COMFORT MARK LIFE IN B. C. INTERNMENT CAMP

**Families of High Degree in
Their Own Countries Have
All Delights of
Home.**

**MAIDS FOR WOMEN;
GAMES FOR THE MEN**

**Second Grade Prisoners Paid for
Work—Four Hundred and
Fifty Held.**

VERNON, June 4.—Four hundred and fifty Germans and Austrians of various social degrees are held prisoners in an interment camp a half mile from the postoffice, in a condition which closely approaches the luxurious and which is more comfortable to them than are camp conditions for the men who guard them.

The 30th squadron of the B. C. Horse provides a guard. They sleep in tents. In the big red brick building, formerly used as a provincial jail, Baron von Mackensen, Baron Ludwig and sundry Prussian, German and Austrian folk of high degree in their own land, live, sleep, dine and exercise as their fancy dictates and trusted with the liberty of the camp. They have their own separate gardens, their pianos, their games and their wives have their own maids. There are five women in the camp.

Like Country Estate.

The place resembles nothing so much as a little country estate with its ten acres of market gardens, flower gardens, trees and shrubbery. The windows in the brick building are barred and all around the place stand sentries with barbed wire enclosures for the prisoners of less degree and a most disheartening high barbed wire fence around the whole square.

Yet if the tents of the guards were removed, if the bars were taken from the windows, the whole block would show no evidence that it was used for any other purpose than that of a country gentleman's abode.

The men are treated with every consideration. They are given as much liberty as is compatible with good military judgment. They are even paid for the work that they do, receiving twenty-five cents a day and fed, clothed and housed. Their bunk houses, those in which the prisoners of the second class live, are models of comfort and convenience.

Rheumatic Victims.

Spring beds, covered with straw mattresses and equipped with blankets, are provided the men. A hospital tent is being erected. The most common ailment suffered by the men is muscular rheumatism. Most of the prisoners have labored in lumber yards or logging camps or else have earned their daily bread at some other equally arduous work. But in all the camp there are only two or three of these.

Major Clark is commanding the camp. He has it organized on splendid lines. His charges appear to be in the very best of good humor. They should be. They have the best of food, they are served with clothing, boots, straw hats of the "hick" type, but mighty good sunshades for all that, and work when it can be found for them. There are one or two gardeners directing a few laborers in the market gardens, and the others are set to work building bunk houses, cook houses or else sent out along the road to repair the municipal highways. Major Clark has no lack of applicants for work.

Some Sullen Ones.

The men are really treated better than are the soldiers who, on the ridge a few miles away, are training to down Germany and defeat her aspirations. There are some sullen ones in the camp, but these appear to be in the minority. If any of the prisoners can find a grievance he must use a microscope or else invent one.