



The permanent camp on the Reserve about which the forester's home life centres.

age the reserve under his care much as if it were, as it really is, a large estate, and while using all his own accumulated experience and great local knowledge to solve all the more difficult economic and technical problems, he will assign to his assistants the investigation of all details. These assistants, while working in this manner, spend nearly all their time in the woods, living in camps established for this purpose, and acting almost wholly on their own initiative, as free to enjoy their surroundings as would be a party of summer campers. As well as being fortunate in their subordinate position, they are fortified by the knowledge that merit will be rewarded by promotion to a more responsible post.

Those who are engaged in research work and testing laboratories differ but little in their methods from students of similar problems in other professions. So much in the management of the forest depends upon the habits and characteristics of the different species, and so little is known of these char-

acteristics that now and for years to come one of the most important investigations conducted by the Government must be a study in the field of the different commercial species. The men doing this work travel constantly during the summer months, living and working in the open in all parts of the country, as close to nature as they can conveniently get, while during the winter months they usually return to the head office to "work up" their data. Such work is very popular, because of the opportunities it affords of combining three usually very conflicting occupying money.

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As well as learning the characteristics of trees in the forest, attention is devoted to studying the qualities of the products of all the important species. This is done in connection with different manufacturing plants or university laboratories, and as a rule attracts those who are inclined to work of a purely scientific or mechanical character, and those who do not