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They'll Give Kaiser Bill Something to Think About

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always round yon corner on two wheels, and gallop right through the gate. You're sure they're going to fetch up against that night post, but they always somehow miss it, and then they swing their waggon around against the platform as nice as you please, and just as unconcerned like as if there weren't no other way to drive. They're jolly fine fellows to meet, too, and very free-handed with their money. They'll give old Kaiser Bill something to think about, will them chaps."

ABOUT sunset I reached Bearsfield Park and strolled through its imposing gateway. Before me stretched a beautiful avenue of trees, with stretches of what had once been lawns on either side, now converted into parade grounds and plentifully dotted with low-gabled huts, the *sine qua non* of a Kitchener Camp. In the background I could catch inviting glimpses of a stately mansion, the former home of Prince Bunster (at present in temporary exile!), now the headquarters of General Keeley, who commands several units of Canadian Horse Artillery as well as a brigade of King Edward's Horse. The latter have been recruited in Great Britain, but are composed largely of Colonials and Britons from overseas, and both in their splendid physique and in their free-and-easy bearing might be mistaken for a colonial contingent. They are easily to be distinguished from other cavalry, however, by the chain armour that protects their brawny shoulders.

Probably many of your readers have heard of this accoutrement and know its name, but I must confess that my mind took an abrupt flight to a bygone age when our warlike progenitors rode back and forward over this very terrain, many of them protected to the girth by chain mail jerkins, from which this shoulder armour has plainly been evolved.

Apart from its delightful environment there was little in the Bearsfield Camp that differed from the many other camps I have visited. The huts seem everywhere of the same pattern and dimensions, and the mess rooms, sleeping quarters, canteens, etc., might be exchanged for similar accommodations from Salisbury Plain or Devon or Scotland, for all the difference it would make. I doubt, indeed, if any single architectural plan has been used for so many buildings since the dawn of history. There must be tens of thousands of them, and at a cost of approximately one hundred pounds apiece (which I am told is their actual cost to the Government), these military hutments must have cost in themselves a goodly king's ransom.

AS I say, I arrived at about sundown, and in exactly ten minutes I encountered a chap named Brown, who, on the strength of my name, not to mention my nationality, promptly took me in tow and showed me everything worth seeing. I inspected the guns, the horses, the ammunition, the guard-room, peeked into the officers' mess—interviewed the sentries—in short, I was made so thoroughly at home that wild horses (Canadian or Texan—it makes no difference) could not drag from me one indiscreet disclosure. But I can truthfully and proudly assert, and let the Censor make the most of it, that the Canadians I saw at Bearsfield Park are a credit to the Empire, and have honestly earned the admiration and esteem of the entire countryside. What their record will be in France—or Flanders—is doubtless indexed in the news so recently flashed from Ypres.

At nine o'clock I bade my namesake good-bye and hurried for my train. We planned, of course, soldier-like, to meet again. But will we? That is for Fate to say, and Fate, you know, is so confoundingly reticent!

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