

HOUSEHOLD.

Something About Filters.

Every year there are numbers of filters put on the market, each one setting forth some special claim to excellence. As a matter of fact, half a dozen thicknesses of fine soft cloth are exactly as good as any filter in the market. The cloth will not remove disease germs from the water, neither will any of the ordinary filters. The cloth will take out organic matter and objects large enough to be seen. Disease germs that must be magnified a thousand times in order to be visible, will go through any of the substances used for filters, with as much ease as mice will get through a stone-pile. There is more fallacy to the square inch in filter theories than in almost anything else with which the general public has to do. It is a great mistake to suppose that the ordinary filter is a protection against disease. It not only is not that, but it soon becomes a most prolific disease-breeder, is, in fact, a hot-house for microbes, and infinitely more dangerous than unfiltered water. It is a popular error that organic matter, especially that which produces green scum, is so injurious. An uncontaminated pool covered with a green blanket is much more likely to be healthful, than a spring running perfectly clear with its headwaters near some old dwelling, and possibly receiving the drainage of cesspools or other dangerous elements.—N. Y. Ledger.

Warm-Weather Comfort.

One important change which everyone can make in summer without the expenditure of a dime, is the removal of all superfluous furniture from our rooms. No one thing gives such an air of comfort and coolness as space—room to breathe, to lounge and rest, with a free circulation of fresh air. Heavy draperies are sure to make a room stuffy, besides being uncomfortably suggestive of warmth. Nothing imparts such a sense of comfort and rest to a room in warm weather as subdued light coming in through sheer, delicately-tinted, window draperies. For this purpose cheese-cloth is just as effective as swiss or silk, and there are few more artistic or comfortable summer cottages than one recently seen with long window draperies of white mosquito netting. Lattice-cloth, which, as its name indicates, has an open weave, makes delightful summer portieres. But whatever the material used, don't have any fixed arrangement at either doors or windows. Simply suspended from a pole to draw back and forth at will, they are at once artistic and convenient.

If you have not already made a living-room of the piazza, do so without delay. Never before was shown such a variety of handsome and comfortable verandah furnishings as now; but whether you can compass them or not make it attractive and restful, and spend every hour possible out of doors. Among the desirable verandah furnishings are fibre rugs and art squares, Japanese jute, cotton, rags, rattan, willow and bamboo furniture, bamboo curtains, Japanese, Komo, Madagascar grass-cloth and fibre-covered cushions, none of which are injured by dampness and exposure to weather, for the floor, and hammock and chair cushions covered with washable linen and cotton stuff.

For genuine solid summer comfort, either on a piazza or indoors, a swinging hammock couch is in every way superior to an ordinary hammock. Japanese rush chairs are in high favor for verandah and lawn use, as they are exceedingly comfortable, and are not affected by weather.—Katherine B. Johnson, in 'Woman's Home Companion.'

Selected Recipes.

Tapioca Ice.—One cupful of pearl tapioca, soaked in cold water over night; boil in water until clear and soft, add one cupful of sugar and a pinch of salt; chop a large, ripe pineapple fine and pour tapioca over it; mould and place on ice; serve with whipped cream.

Rice Goms.—Separate the whites and yolks of three eggs into two bowls. Add one pint of milk to the yolks and beat lightly. To this add one level teaspoonful of salt, three cupfuls of sifted flour, one table-spoonful of melted butter, and mix thoroughly, after which add one scant cupful of rice. To the beaten whites of the eggs

add two rounding, teaspoonfuls of baking powder and add to the mixture. Bake from twenty-five to thirty minutes in a quick oven.

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