

It may seem strange that we should feel called upon to write an editorial upon such a commonplace subject as water, especially to such a learned and intelligent class as our readers are, but it only goes to show that a person who is brought in contact with diseases, caused by impure drinking water, gets careless and neglects his own health in attending to the hygiene of others. We feel no hesitancy in asserting that impure water is responsible for much more ill health than the average individual ever dreams of. Why, even the Romans seem to have had a much better conception of the importance of pure water than we of the nineteenth century do, inasmuch as they refused to drink the water from the Tiber, running past their doors, but sent away

to the far-off hills for their supply. Yet we, as scientific and learned people, drink the water contaminated by sewage and filth of all kinds. Such being the case, with no immediate chance of a change, why not take necessary precaution and filter all water for drinking purposes? Having made up your mind on that point, the next question is, What filter shall I buy. It must be germ-proof and durable. To aid you we would therefore advise you to see the Pasteur Germ-proof Filter, at the ware-room of the Aikenhead Hardware Company, 6 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, where they have fitted up, at great expense, a separate department for exhibition purposes. Parties not able to call can have particulars sent on application.

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