

HOUSEHOLD.

Comforts for the Porch.

'While a few chairs are the only necessary pieces of furniture for the comfortable disposal of the several members of the family, it is oftentimes a pleasure to convert the piazza, or a portion of it, into a convenient lounging and reading-room. It will be a very simple matter to arrange the few odd pieces of furniture necessary to bring about the change. A few chairs, a table, divan, hammock and some stools, a rug and some large plants in jardinières, if tastefully arranged, will work a wonderful change in the appearance of any piazza, and if the sun should shine on any part sufficient to annoy the occupants, a few large bamboo screens can be fastened in place to shade it nicely and protect one's eyes from the unpleasant top light.

'When old furniture is to be renovated for this purpose it should be well fastened together with screws to insure the strength and safety necessary; then, having been sand-papered to remove rough places and old varnish, two or three successive thin coats of some desirable colored paint can be applied until the appearance is satisfactory. Upholstered seats or backs that are pretty well worn can be re-covered with denim or other serviceable and strong material and fastened in place with upholstery tacks with large oval heads.

'If the old furniture that is found in the attic or cellar should not be available for piazza use it is possible to make some very good pieces from some boxes, boards and a little upholstery goods. Furniture of this description will be found very serviceable on a piazza, as it needs little or no care, and if somewhat abused regret will not follow, as in the abuse of a better grade that has been purchased. Awnings about the upper part of a piazza are oftentimes a necessity to keep the sunlight off, and consequently keep it cool, and in any event they prove a satisfactory shield to the eyes from the light above. Where they are used the mild and subdued under light that prevails is soft and pleasing, particularly if a buff or straw-colored canvas is employed.—'Woman's Home Companion.'

Selected Recipes.

Potato Croquettes.—To cold mashed white potatoes, add pepper, salt, one or two beaten eggs, melted butter, a teaspoonful of lemon juice and minced parsley. Proceed to dip in egg and bread crumbs and fry.

White Cake.—One cup sugar and one-half cup of butter creamed together, the whites of three eggs beaten to a stiff froth, one-half cup of milk, two and one-half cups of flour, and one teaspoon of cream of tartar, and one-half teaspoon of soda. Flavor. If mixed in the same order I have written it, it never fails. Frosting.—One cup of sugar and nearly one-half cup of milk boiled together for five minutes. Remove from stove and beat until cold. Flavor. If any one wishes a plain chocolate frosting, melt one square of chocolate and beat in with the sugar and milk as soon as taken from the stove. If a chocolate cream frosting, you can spread on the white frosting of the cake, and after it is hard enough spread on the melted chocolate. This is a very nice frosting.

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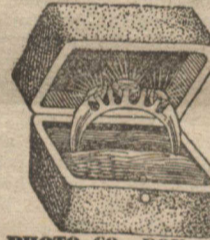
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