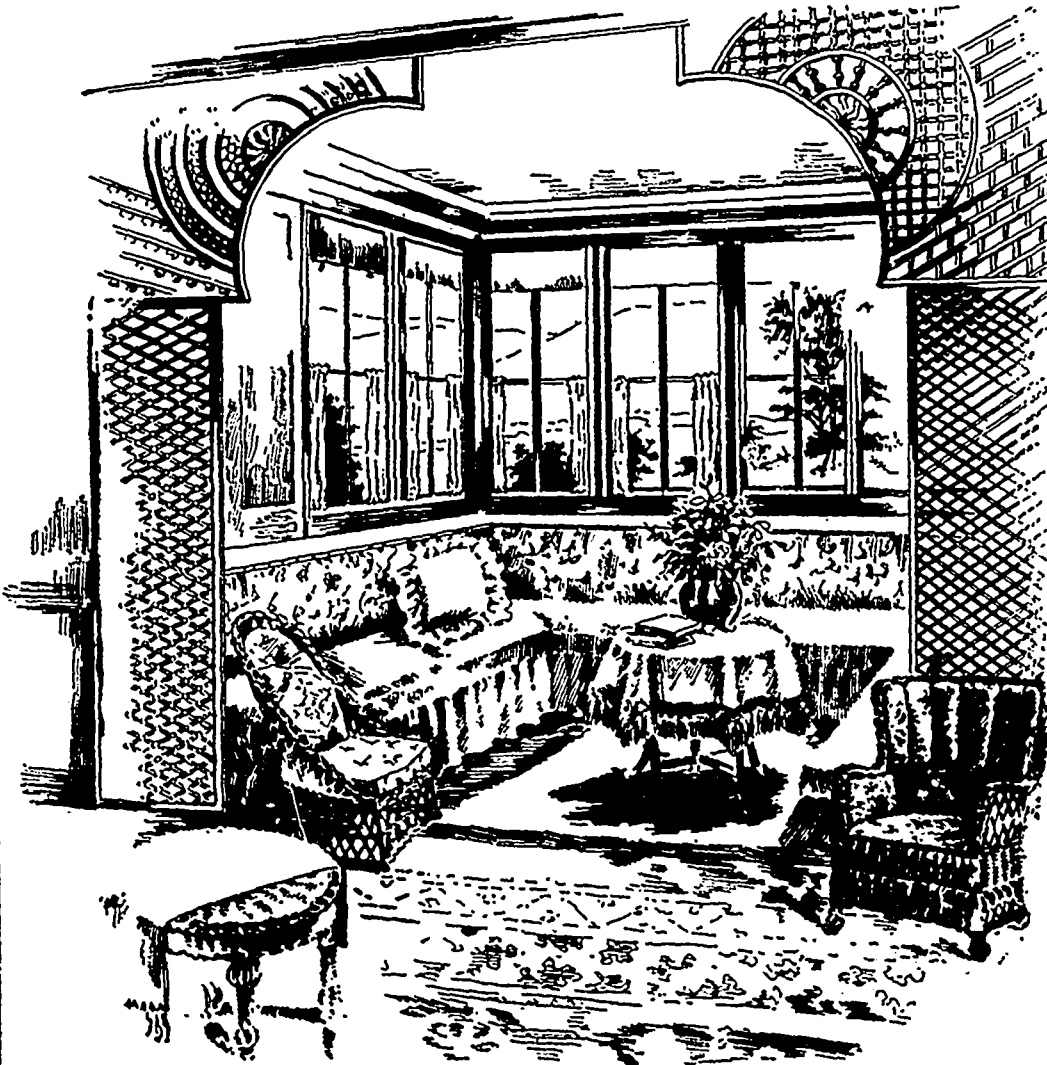


HOUSE FURNISHING AND DECORATION.

And now the Summer cottage awaits refurbishing. Inexpensive cotton stuffs in cool-looking colors may be successfully used as draperies or furniture coverings, producing a fresh, cool effect by very simple means. Suggestions for draping a dressing case are given in the smaller picture. The idea is a particularly happy one for partly-worn furniture and may be followed exactly as here shown, or varied at pleasure. The dressing case is enamelled in white. Figured cretonne in pale hues is draped to fall rather low at the sides and in a short festoon across the front, the points being caught to the top of the case under rosettes. A bow of ribbon with long ends is fixed at the right. A graceful drapery is adjusted about the looking-glass, rosettes fastening it at the top and sides, a ribbon bow being placed lower down at the right. The arrangement suggests a canopy drapery. Madras curtains finished with ball fringe are hung at the window with leaded panes back of the dressing case, the curtains being held back by cords and tassels.

The retreat pictured in the large engraving is ideally home-like and well adapted to a country house. At the entrance is an artistic grill of light wood. Beneath the windows is built an upholstered seat covered with Delft-blue-and-white cotton crape with a valance. A cushion of blue denim with a ruffle is an accessory. There is scarcely a limit to the use of cushions in a retreat of this kind. The windows are only partially curtained with white Swiss run on brass rods fixed on the lower sash. A brown wicker chair with seat and back upholstered like the window seat and a center table covered with a fringe-



trimmed blue denim cloth, holding books and a bowl of flowers, complete the furnishing. In the outer room is another upholstered willow easy chair and a willow tea-table spread with a scarf of white linen trimmed with fringe. As many odd-shaped willow chairs as the apartments will hold, may be introduced. Japanese rugs in blue-and-white cover the stained wood floor, but instead blue-and-white matting could be laid.

Matting is obtainable in a variety of colors and designs and furnishes a very satisfactory floor covering for country houses.

A charming addition to the nook would be a swinging Venetian iron lamp, that could be supported by a chain or bracket in the center of the grille, or from the middle of the ceiling. These lamps are supplied with colored glass panes, through which the light shines soft and mellow.