Barley Water

This is a simple beverage which aids digestion. It also decongests the lungs and serves as a diuretic. In many Asian regions it is a popular beverage which may be consumed hot or cold. This recipe was taken from Daniel Reid's book, Guarding the Three Treasures, The Chinese Way of Health. It can be found on p. 431.

2-3 cups barley2 cups water

Put barley and water in a pot, bring to boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for about one hour. Strain in to a cup and serve hot or allow to cool.

Makes about 1 cup.