

United States, have adopted municipal ordinances or board-of-health regulations compelling protection by wrappers, or otherwise, of all bread and bakery products between the manufactory and the kitchen.

This staple article of diet is possibly the only one which now comes into our homes, which is not further treated before placed upon the table for consumption.

An occasional loaf may be seen in Canada, partly wrapped, but so far, no board of health appears to have regulated towards the sanitary measure of wrapping. And yet one only requires to be an ordinary observer of the bread wagon and the route to see that even a delivery man is not all that he should be in the way of cleanly habits.

It has now been definitely determined wrapping does not affect quality and palatability. There is no injury to a loaf so hygienically treated.

Clean milk is the prime requisite as regards that product—why not clean bread?

Bakers and drivers are but human, and so long as the public does not care, why should they worry.

It is indelicate and a breach of fine table manners to hand a slice of bread, even though it be from the beautiful hand of a fair hostess or other lady. But we seem to care nothing as to how many times and by how many hands—and what hands sometimes!—the loaf has been manipulated ere it comes to the table.

Toronto's health department, and other civic health departments in Canada are abreast of the times, and in some cases well ahead of some American cities, but in the matter of the sanitary wrapping of bakers' bread they are behind even some villages in the United States.