

of some nationally known bakers for selling short-weight loaves. Today he told a Day Book correspondent how American housewives everywhere can best handle the emergency confronting them.

"First of all, it is up to the women of this country, not the men, to demand the stoppage of gambling in wheat," Hartigan said.

"When large bakeries are substituting the 10-ounce for the 12-ounce loaf, and wheat gambling continues, the women must execute a flank movement and form a housewives' trust! That is an organization against which no monopoly could hold out!

"And their first maneuver should be to bake their own bread! There

BREAD ONLY STAPLE THAT HAS NOT SOARED IN TEN YEARS—NOW THAT GOES UP!

Figures on the rise in the prices of staple foods show that in the past ten years bread is the only staple that has not soared in price. Now THAT commodity is to be given a boost. The table herewith covers from 1906 to date:

	Sept. 1, 1906.	Sept. 1, 1911.	Aug. 1, 1916	In- crease.
Milk, per quart	\$.23.525	\$.04025	\$.05	\$.01475
Eggs, fresh, per dozen ..	.24	.26	.30	.06
Bread, per loaf .....	.04	.04	.04	...
Butter, per lb. ....	.24	.27	.30	.03
Coffee, good, per lb. ....	.0825	.13375	.095	.0125
Tea, Formosa-Ool'g, lb. ..	.17	.165	.185	.045
Sugar, per lb. ....	.048	.0625	.0765	.0285
Beef, carcass, per lb. ....	.08875	.11	.1272	.03845
Hogs, mkt. pigs, per lb. ..	.09	.0975	.1350	.0450
Mutton, carcass, per lb. ..	.0975	.0950	.16	.12475
Potatoes, 180 lbs.	1.75	2.75	2.00	.25
Ham, smoked, per lb. ....	.14	.155	.185	.045
Bacon, smoked, per lb. ....	.09625	.0925	.1475	.05125
Lard, per lb. ....	.0880	.0955	.1280	.04
Salt, fine, 224 lbs. ....	.83	.94	1.23	.40
Cheese, choice, per lb. ....	.1275	.135	.16	.0325
Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl. ..	25.00	26.00	20.00	...
Codfish, large, dried, qtl. ..	7.25	7.50	8.00	.75
Molasses, per gal. ....	.30	.30	.40	.10
Rice, per lb. ....	.05	.04125	.06125	.01125
Beans, choice, 100 lbs.	2.85	4.45	9.90	...
Peas, choice, per bu.	1.15	4.50	5.95	...
Apples, per bbl.	2.25	2.00	1.50	...

Note.—These are wholesale prices in New York city. They show what the retail butcher or grocer had to pay more, but they do not, of course, indicate what he charged more. There have been as many different retail prices during these ten years as there have been different conditions, situations, circumstances and designs. The retail prices range in excess of the wholesale figures all the way from ten to twenty cents a pound—in some instances higher.

Bread has remained exactly stationary. The meat prices do not show the prices of different cuts.