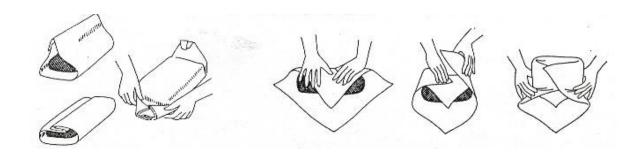
HOW TO PACK A LUNCH IN 1892

Your lunch might be carried in one of several ways. Some farm children carried it in a basket lined with a dish towel or napkin to keep the food from drying out. Others had their own tin lunch pails or box. These had a tightly fitting lid and handles. Boys may like to put their lunches in a piece of cloth and tie it to the back of a long stick.



HOW TO WRAP YOUR SANDWICH

No plastic wrap, baggies, aluminum foil, Tupperware, paper napkins, or waxed paper. Wrap your sandwich in butcher's paper, a piece of a brown paper bag or a cloth napkin.



MAKING A TIN LUNCH PAIL

Materials Needed:

- Large tin juice can or coffee can, or smaller can from oversize soup or canned tomatoes.
- 1 or 2 feet (depending on can size) of 17 gauge wire, or heavy duty string or twine.
- A common nail (10 p with head), hammer, piece of scrap lumber, scissors, wire cutters/pliers.
- A piece of cloth (old-fashioned looking if you like) that is larger than the top of the can - Remove the label from the can by soaking in hot, sudsy water.
- Let the can dry.
- Punch one hole on each side at the top, using a hammer and nail. Make sure you have a piece of scrap wood underneath the can to stop the nail.
- Take a piece of the wire and fasten it through the holes as a handle. You can substitute a strong piece of string or twine, but wire is more authentic looking.
- Cut a circle out of the cloth allowing enough overlap so that it hangs down over the sides of the can. Tie with some twine.

