

Thematic Contents

Order the TOC not by strict chronology, but smear it a bit so that the articles are sequenced in the most readable fashion. The books should be a condensation, a lens on a particular episteme, a moment in history. What if there's a thematically organized TOC for a book that runs chronologically? And that's the only TOC? What would the "user experience" of this book be?

The subject index can give a little one-sentence or phrase blurb on each article, almost reveling in the pulpy, gaudy, attention-grabbing tone – but one that highlights key questions in media studies. Like:

- Scientifiction
- Tinkering & Technology
- Media History
 - Television?
 - Wireless?
- Broadcast Regulation
- Selected Fiction

Tinkering

- A New Interrupter
What happens if we boil mercury?
- The Dynamophone
How to start your motor with a radio!
- The Born and the Mechanical Inventor
What constitutes an "invention"?
- The Radioson Detector
Talk to your friends with nothing more than a vile of acid!

Scientifiction

- Signaling to Mars

What would it take to receive a wireless message from Mars?

Television

Wireless

- A Treatise on Wireless

How can I get started in wireless?

Scientifiction

- Our Cover

What will the wirelessly connected cityscape of 2013 look like?

Selected Fiction

- *Ralph 124C 41+: A Romance of the Year 2660*

Media / Mediation

- The Aerophone Number

What do we say when we wirelessly telephone someone?

Broadcast Regulation

- The Wireless Joker