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