WHOLE EARTH CATALOG

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Understanding Whole Systems

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PURPOSE

We are as gods and might as well get used to it. So far, remotely done power and glory—as via government, big business, formal education, church—has succeeded to the point where gross obscure actual gains. In response to this dilemma and to these gains a realm of intimate, personal power is developing—power of the individual to conduct his own education, find his own inspiration, shape his own environment, and share his adventure with whoever is interested. Tools that aid this process are sought and promoted by the WHOLE EARTH CATALOG.

FUNCTION

The WHOLE EARTH CATALOG functions as an evaluation and access device. With it, the user should know better what is worth getting and where and how to do the getting.

An item is listed in the CATALOG if it is deemed:
1) Useful as a tool
2) Relevant to independent education,
3) High quality or low cost,
4) Not already common knowledge,
5) Easily available by mail.

This information is continually revised according to the experience and suggestions of CATALOG users and staff.

USING THE 1968 CATALOG

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BUCKSKIN

YOGA

HUNTING

SHOE

UFOs
Why haven't we seen a photograph of the whole Earth yet?
DROP CITY

By PETER RABBIT

“...the oldest and most famous of the modern communes...” - ESQUIRE

First Hippie Commune Wins
The Buckminster Fuller Cymazion Award!
DOME COOKBOOK

by Steve Baer

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Box 422, Corrales, N.M.

$1.00

CAR TOPS

Car tops are a good building material. They are cheap, strong, hard, and excellent paintable and are available almost everywhere. The thickness of the tin varies from car to car since it varies from 20 gauge (butter top) or more 18 and 19 gauge. The tops can be cut into pieces and nailed onto a wood frame or they can be made into structural panels themselves which can be bolted, screwed, riveted, or welded together to form a dome made of sheet car tops.

Most tops taken off a car with an axe will be between 37 and 32 inches wide and 50 to 70 inches long. A station wagon will give as much as 8 feet and a van or mini-bus even more. An experienced man with a good axe can easily chop 6 or 8 tops an hour and using the axes parted close together you can chop faster than this. Due to the General U.S. Army in World War II with submachine guns a stockpile of over 1000 has been cut. In the United States various implements including a kind of giant can opener made from power saws with water-jets, drills, electric shears, etc. All these will make tops off. The advantage of using an axe is that it's cheap and after some practice it can become a real pleasure to chop the tops off.

CAR TOPS should be used first on the front and back. Throw open the doors, one foot on an open door and one foot on the car is a good stance for chopping the sides.

On cars with sheet metal boxes be careful of standing on the night in both of the rear seats--some of these have gaps spanned only by cardboard and it is easy to step through--old Ford's are one of the worst.

Don't swing the axe hard once you have a slit going. Cut swaying the head almost parallel to the top. If you hit fast, as you would a log you'll quickly reach the metal. You have to first go after the metal with a good deal of practice. It takes a while before you get the hang of it.

Recently ran into and stopped an air compressor, keyed over the cabinets, and put a hose to a point of the air, and put a piece of metal to the back of the truck, and put a piece of metal to the front of the truck. I cut the trimmings of the top, which was the second thing of the work in the previous routine. It also meant we could bend twice as many tops in a lead.

85 cents a top has been the going rate in New Mexico and Colorado. The tin may be sold as junk and in many places junking car bodies is so profitable that the yards give them away. Don't let junk dealers just give you the idea of it. The best people to work with are the men who bend the bodies to a railhead or a sawmill. They don't care what you take.
Marshall McLuhan
Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man

"The oracle of the electric age" — LIFE
"The oracle of the New Communications" — NEWSWEEK
A Signet Book Complete and Unabridged
4. Project MAC: time-sharing system at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has 150 terminals on the M.I.T. campus and nearby and is also available from distant terminals. As many as 30 terminals can be connected at one time, with each user carrying on a direct and in effect uninterrupted dialogue with the computer. The terminals are, for the most part, simple typewriters such as the teletype model 31 (19), 35 (5) or 37 (10). Some are in offices, some in large “pool” rooms, some in laboratories and a few in private homes (11). In addition to students and staff members doing their own research, the users shown here include secretaries preparing papers for publication (13), authors Fano (8) and Corbató (24) and a psychiatrist at the Massachusetts General Hospital (18).

5. Computer-assisted instruction in elementary arithmetic is facilitated by cathode-ray-tube display and light pen. A first-grade pupil, receiving “real-time” work preparatory to instruction in addition, is shown two possible answers to a question implicit in the symbols occupying the top line of the cathode-ray-tube display. As he watches (top photograph), his earphones carry a spoken message asking him to select from the symbolic statements of union shown in the second and third lines of the display the one that is identical with the equation shown in the top line. The pupil signals his choice (bottom photograph) by pointing to the statement he prefers with machine’s light pen; the computer then records the answer.
Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.