



Toast and Renovations

Digital Video, mechanically altered television bracket.

Occasionally, very occasionally, ideas appear unbidden and without effort, practical problems do not occur, and a work of art takes shape without the intrusion of thought, or understanding, and within the space of a single day. This is one such work, that remains a mystery to me still. I am not sure what it was about toast and the renovations that were going on in my next door neighbour's bathroom that enticed me to make this work. Or why it was that I felt the resultant video should be played as end credits in the movies are – rolling slowly down the screen. These mysteries are some of the happiest. While I am sure that I could have remade this work, made it look better, used a camera that shot something more than 720p (this was a while ago now), it would have ruined something – something I barely had to touch. Vaguely awkward (I am no actor, or even performer), but none-the-less the only work that I think it could be. These kind of things happen rarely, and they should be cherished.

I am working on another project at the moment I write this – a script –but I wrote something else in it about toasters, and I thought it was pretty funny, so I'll put it here too:

quantities.

Yes, isn't it quantities that always seem to turn people on.

I mean give a man a four slice toaster more than likely he'll fill it.

Though even with a two slice toaster, maybe that logic applies.

Perhaps you could just eat one slice of toast?

Was it easier for the toaster manufacturer to make two toaster slot toasters

Than it was to make a lever for each toaster slot to be activated?

Shouldn't we have the option to have one slice of toast?

Why is it that it is always only ever a two slice toaster.

So if we want only one slice of toast

we're either wasting electricity or overeating bread.

Oh well

A strange idea indeed. I'm sure it works out for both bakers and toaster makers.

Probably a conspiracy of some sort.

Maybe this will be your big break.

Lever per slice toasters.

Nobody probably wants them, do they?

Do you ever really want only one slice of toast?

But maybe you only ever want two slices

because that's how every toaster presents itself.

Doesn't toast feel better in pairs, though?

Look lonely alone?

Isn't it more excellent to have two different spreads

on two slices of toast

than to either divide your toast into two long pieces and spread each with a different condiment,

or alternatively to have one single slice with one single condiment on it?

Oh well.

