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Domestic catering

'Everybody comes to the party bring a plate'. What about a sort of community ~~eating~~ meal-pool, regular home delivery of hot meals, cooked in homes and in central kitchens of all size scales (1' case, 100 kg of potatoes). Computer control of what goes where, so with a sort of 'lucky dip' meal supply, recipients can dial in for 'No 234's Fried chicken' or whatever they got last night, again. Maybe No. 234 won't be cooking for ^{an effect} so do so, no matter. Nice to eat in other people's homes for the variety - gives some

LIGHT-OPERATED COMPUTER

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It would be possible to have a non-electric computer operated purely by light (eg. photo diodes & photoreceptors) instead of electricity. The energy levels involved would be very low, so daylight would be adequate to drive it.

{ There may be some other physical (≠ fluid flip-flop) mechanism which would work at the molecular level. Think about it. }

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Price display in shops

With automatic bar-code system shops, price or delivery can be displayed electronically, with description - near suitable display. Some price/description info can be used on an 'on-line catalogue' either within the store, or displayed on a complete 'bulletin board' outside.