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Help Wanted

The Editors of *Material History Review* are considering the preparation of a reader in material history suitable for use by university students or museum professionals who require an introduction to the field.

The objective of this volume will be the compilation of the major contributions to material history which have appeared in *Material History Review* since its inception. Articles will be distinguished by their informational content, interpretive approach or methodology. An introduction to the field of study, briefer introductions to topical sections, and suggestions for further reading will be included.

Our readers can help us. **We need advice on which topics in material history are of most interest and which articles published by *Material History Review* are the most important.** Please write to the Editor in Chief, care of the National Museum of Science and Technology, P.O. Box 9724, Ottawa Terminal, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 5A3 or telephone him at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, at 819 776-8365.

Soyez juges...

La rédaction de la *Revue d'histoire de la culture matérielle* songe à préparer un recueil de textes sur l'histoire de la culture matérielle, qui s'adresserait à des étudiants ou à des muséologues en quête d'une introduction à ce domaine. Cet ouvrage serait une compilation des écrits fondamentaux en histoire de la culture matérielle publiés dans la *Revue* depuis le début, regroupés en fonction de leur contenu informatif, leur démarche d'interprétation et leur méthodologie. Le recueil comprendrait une introduction d'application générale, de courtes introductions au début de chaque section et des suggestions d'ouvrages de référence.

C'est ici que vous entrez en scène. **Nous aimerions que vous nous disiez quels sont les sujets qui présentent le plus d'intérêt pour l'histoire de la culture matérielle, selon vous, et quels sont les articles les plus importants parus dans la *Revue*.** Veuillez écrire au rédacteur en chef aux soins du Musée national des sciences et de la technologie, C.P. 9724, Ottawa (Ontario) K1G 5A3, ou lui téléphoner au Musée canadien des civilisations, à Hull (Québec), au (819) 776-8365.

CHIP Is Coming!

No, it's not the return of the Canadian Home Insulation Program but the arrival of the Curatorial and Historical Index of Periodicals. This is a new reference database soon to be available via the Canadian Heritage Information Network, and it brings to our readers and others an online index to *Material History Bulletin* and *Material History Review*. The project is a result of work by Hilary Perrott, Chief Librarian at the National Museum of Science and Technology. As part of her degree requirements in a graduate program at Carleton University, Hilary undertook to index the contents of *MHR* since

its beginning. An analysis of our contents based on that index is found in the *Research Reports* section of this issue. To serve the readers of *MHR* better her advisor, Peter Rider, suggested that CHIN be approached to see if the index could be developed as a reference database for network clients and other users. Out of that contact, CHIP has emerged. Not only will *MHR* be there and indexed to the current issue, but other historical and curatorial journals will be included as well. As soon as they are indexed to project standards, two Ontario journals are scheduled to be added to CHIP. Others are