



Art is what makes life more interesting than art. <sup>1</sup>

says Robert Filliou.

... and by the way look for his 'Principle of Equivalence' (bien fait, mal fait, pas fait), **The Smiling Cedilla**, and the

aesthetic of the <u>hook</u> in his *bricolage*.<sup>2</sup>



# warmlightcomposehomeunderthetable

#### warm

in dreams, so they say, home connotes body

All the times you came home, passing through the hallway toward another...

## light

everyday hands across the kitchen table Responsive before they know how alight

hold plant wash

harvest cook brew



home

it all depends

Cycle begets cycle

a compulsive re-invention:

a re-enactment of our own (tasteful) confinement

## compose

a balancing act of system connections above

\_passing misrecognition

and below ground do-it—yourself decay with

under the table transactions

(Recall the child's furtive divestment of greens to the family dog.)

tending the way to the outdoor

plot.

Assemblage '... its inherent instability ... and its epistemological multi-valence could mean so many different things at once' and so different lines of communication can be sent to different audiences.<sup>3</sup>

Like the cities described by Michel de Certeau an assemblage is haunted by its strange material heritage in the uncanniness of the "already there". Reformulated from indecipherable pasts such materials can no longer be ' "pacified", nor colonized by semantics' but instead take to their existence and their wild delinguency.<sup>4</sup>

## **Phototaxis**

an organism's automatic movement toward or away from light...

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