Recontextualizing Past Technology for Modern Affordable Living
“Ours is a culture habituated to the social machine that is utopia. We intend utopia constantly, mechanically, having lost the awareness that we are doing so. The phantom possibility of actually achieving utopia haunts our every endeavor, sneaks into every hope and dream. We practice utopia constantly in our positivistic science, our technocratic social structures, our banal nomenclature, our over-familiar contempt for the visible world, and, above all, our pedagogy. At every step, we prepare our world and our lives for the arrival of utopia—any day now, surely—by liquidating our world, our knowledge, our society, and our minds into the currency of images.” –Jonathan Powers *Chora, Volume Six*
“the machine, which all by itself, did the work of God. Deus ex machina, the god has been removed from the machine.” —Alfred Jarry