

Internet of silly things

Vessyl



A sensor-packed cup that detects what liquid it holds. It can tell the difference between Coke and Pepsi, but will not say which tastes better.

US\$149

(More than US\$1 million in orders)

REAL-LIFE ALTERNATIVES

Read the label

Free

CH4



A fart-tracker that captures flatulence emanating from a back pocket. It tries to link the gas to one's diet to cut emission. Comes with fart-tracking app.

US\$120

(failed to reach Kickstarter goal)

REAL-LIFE ALTERNATIVES

Get a girlfriend

Free

Smartstones Touch



A Bluetooth-enabled "stone" that sends customised vibrations to another stoned user to encourage communication among family and friends. Maximum number of messages: 12

US\$179

for a BFF pack (US\$35,000 raised on Indiegogo)

REAL-LIFE ALTERNATIVES

Give a hug;
rear a tamagotchi

Cheap
(tamagotchis, not hugs)

Clickstick



A battery-operated deodorant applicator that recommends the right amount of deodorant, and alerts the user for the next olfactory boost. It lights up, bathing users' armpits in a blue glow. Each deodorant lasts 3 months.

US\$19

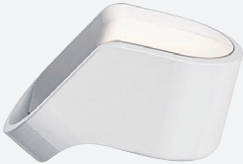
(About US\$65,000 pledged on Kickstarter)

REAL-LIFE ALTERNATIVES

Spray liberally; do not use deodorant in the dark

Cheap

BitBite



An in-ear device that monitors chewing quality to help users lose weight. Users log meals by describing them out loud. Social stigma linked to a triple bacon burger meal sold separately.

US\$235

for a 2-pack (nearly US\$85,000 raised)

REAL-LIFE ALTERNATIVES

Live with Tiger mum

Free