Speaking of attic stairs, are you planning on getting the pull-down, fold-out version? I have some experience in installing them (two, actually) and they are tricky. It kind'a takes two people to install them with the spring to compress and all. So, if you are going to install it yourself I'll come give you a hand.

As to what Aristotle would think of Costco it is interesting to speculate about. He might think that no one had been reading Plato's *Republic*, then again he might decide he wants one of the sit-down, battery powered shopping carts that all the old ladies drive.