

Let's talk about

HORSES

By Jennifer Harr



Enthusiasm is high for the new Acton Fall Fair horse show format. Local competitors (and some not so local) are delighted with the abundance of classes, separation of sections, and an entire two days of activities.

Not so the Georgetown Fall Fair. The recognized show, an integral part of the fair, is a disappointment to most casual competitors who like to join in the fun of the fair but are not ready for the "big time". Junior riders are usually out in the cold unless they have an excellent mount, considerable talent and don't mind ruining their green status by competing. Yet complaints heard indicate the recognized show isn't as good as it should be, attracting few good riders.

Parents of Esqueping Pony Club members were recently approached by the Fair Board requesting the formation of a committee to organize a separate unrecognized show for juniors. A tentative program consisting of a variety of Pleasure classes, both English and Western, a command class, and a costume class, was made up.

However, a later call from a representative of the CHSA (Canadian Horse Show Association) reminded the organizers of rules prohibiting non-recognized shows being held at the same events as recognized shows.

Back to square one and no show for the juniors. The committee are currently trying to get permission from the CHSA to run such a show but time is getting short. The Fair runs October 4th and 5th.

It seems a shame recognized horse shows have to be a part of the fall fair scene. It defeats the object of a "fun for all the family" day. Fall fairs are a time when Mom can do her baking, Dad can show his cattle and junior can try for the pony race ribbon or perhaps a prize in the potato race. Recognized shows should have the benefit of another time slot.

Halton Hills Riders win at shows

Local riders from Mountainview Farms, R.R. 4, Acton, recently travelled to various horse shows.

At Erin EB-HO show, Sept. 8, Laurie Clements of Limehouse was Junior Champion of the day riding Trixie. She took a second in Equitation, fourth in Hunter Hack, and a first in Novelty.

Brenda MacCallum of Georgetown riding Goldie, won a sixth in Novelty, and a sixth in Hunter Hack. Andrea MacCallum was second in Walk-Trot.

In the Intermediate Division of the same show Kim Clements on Chico was second in Working Hunter, third in Equitation, second in Working Hunter and fifth in Showmanship.

Terri MacCallum rode Mardy in the Senior Division winning a third in Green Working Hunter, third in Open Working Hunter, a first in Hunter Hack, and a third in Working Hunter.

Margaret and Stephen Lister travelled to Cambridge Fall Fair to show Sonny, a horse owned by J. Walsh of Acton. This horse placed second in Green Working Hunter, and fifth in three other classes: Green Working Hunter (a second class), Hunter Hack, and Hunter Stake. They also took Black Label owned by W. Yundt and J. Walsh of Acton, who placed fifth in the Open Working Hunter and Handy Hunter classes.

Jennifer Lister rode for three days at Maple to finish fourth in the Junior Training Division in the Ontario Three Day Event Championships riding Scarlet Fever.

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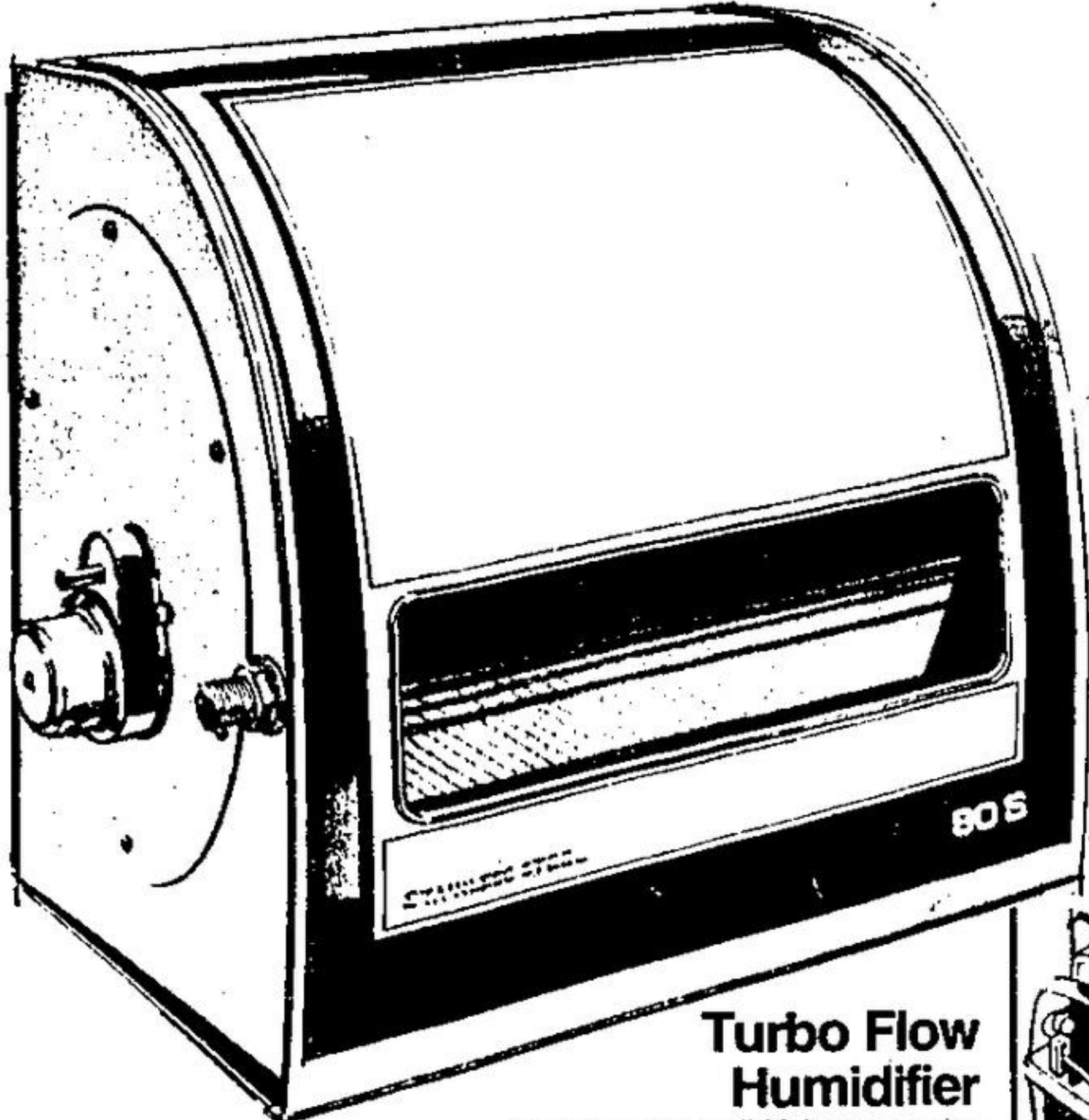
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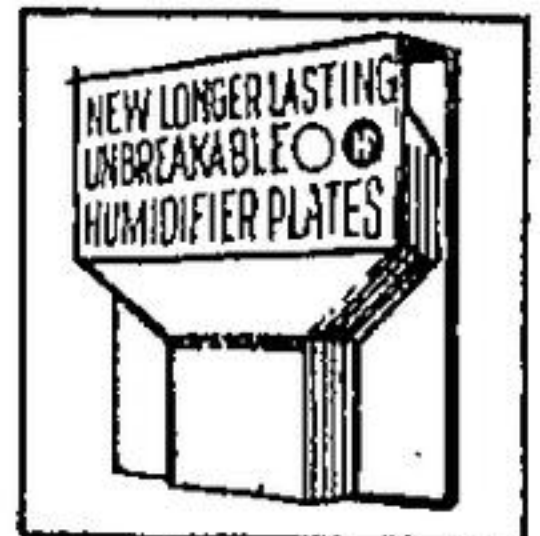
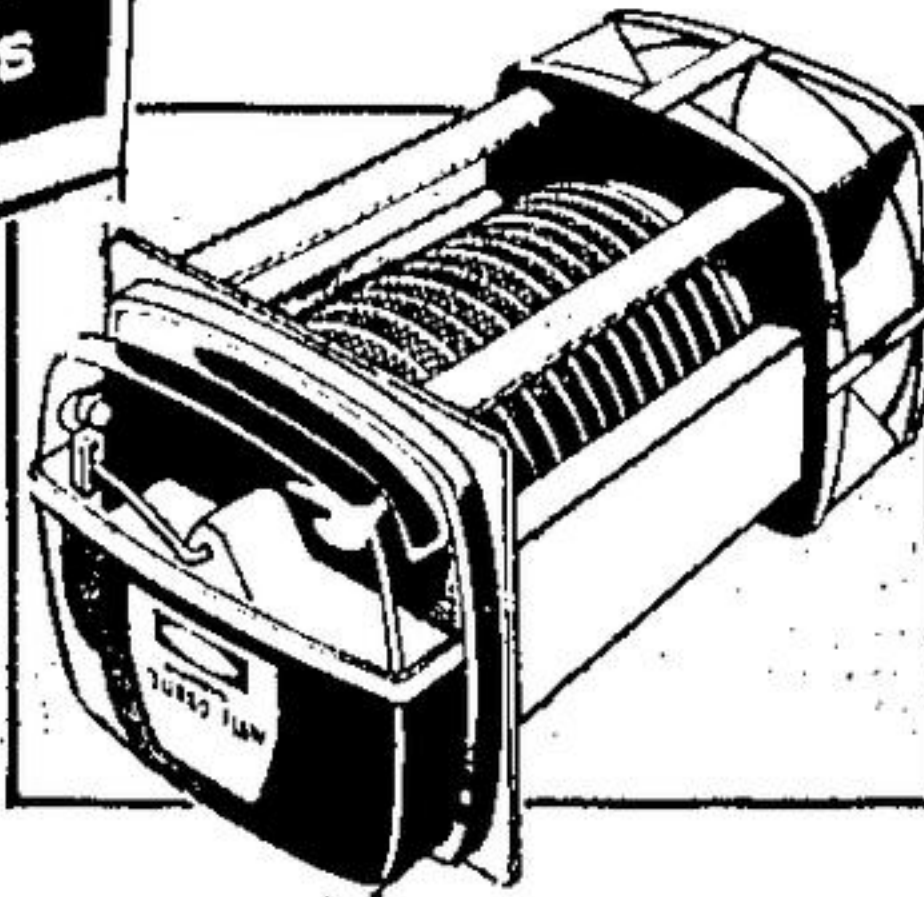
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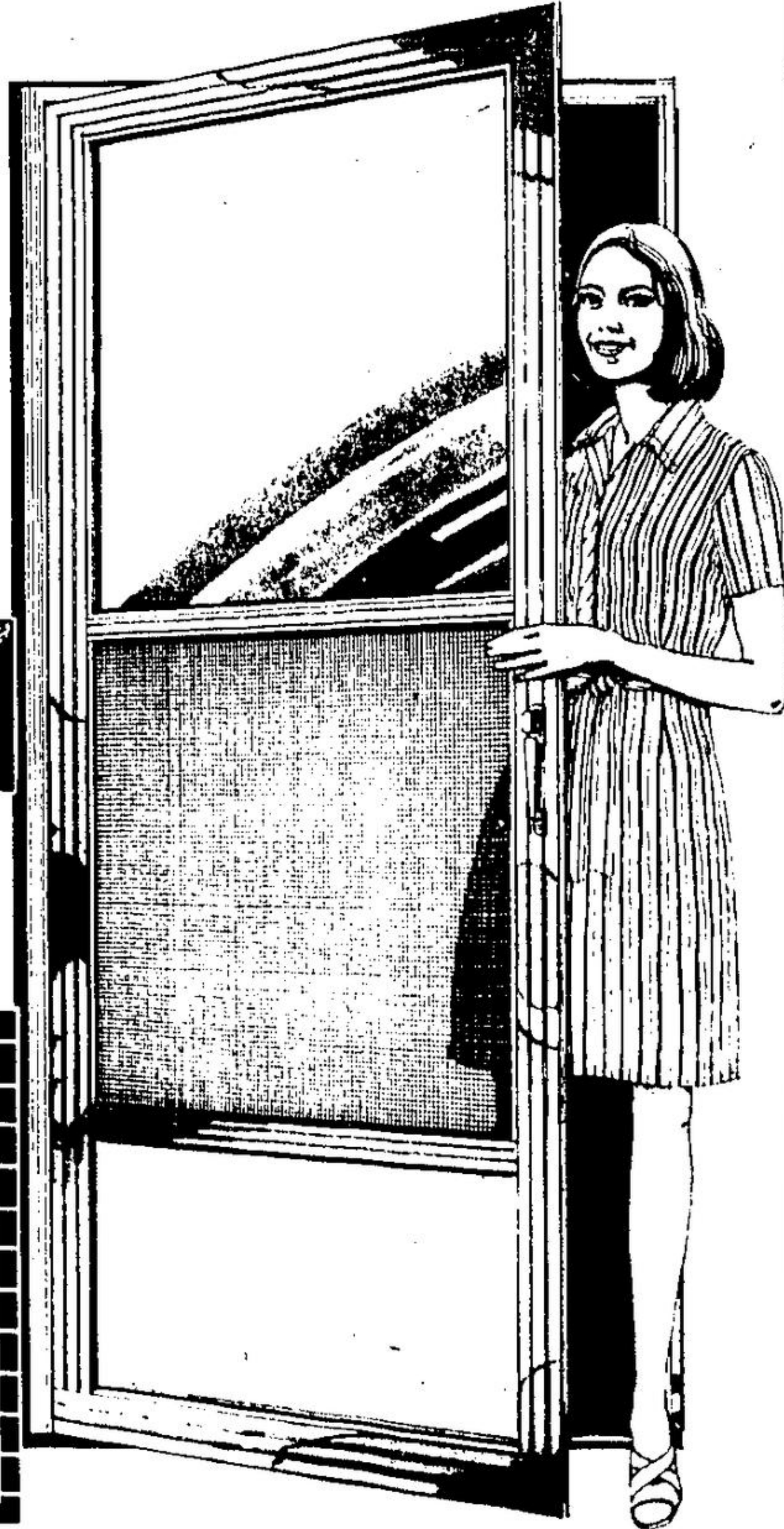
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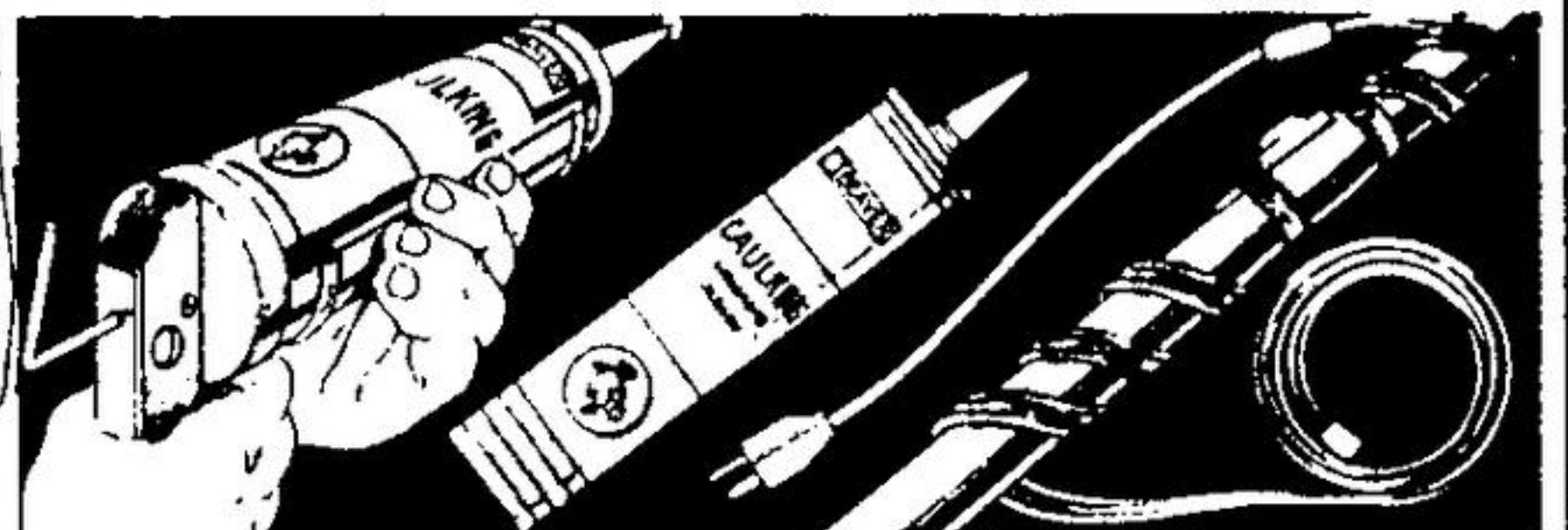
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