

Major atoms win consolation prize

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stalemate.
Oakville's equalizer came with a mere 23 seconds remaining. Dunbar potted a pair for Halton — whose other marksmen were Renaud, Reynolds and Clark DeGeer.

Geoff Strank collected three assists.

Atoms win consolation round

Milton's A major atoms took Erin-Hillsburgh to school December 27 providing a defensive clinic at the Dundalk Christmas Tournament.

Rep Hockey

Kyle Scott, Sam Tomlinson, Seth Ferguson, Laura Lighthall and Matt Mastrangelo blanketed the Devils' attack in two games — including a 4-0 consolation finals match.

They allowed just four shots on goal, all handled easily by netminder Mike Sanders.

Jake Madansky lit the lamp twice while Chris Hill and Steve Ellison contributed singles.

The Action Utility Trailers-sponsored crew won their initial bout with Erin-Hillsburgh 5-1 — again with Sanders in the cage.

Tykes blow out Chinguacousy

The Milton Winterhawk tykes flexed their scoring muscles and laid a 7-0 beating on Chinguacousy January 3.

Jeremy Price was flawless between the pipes while Jeffrey Black, Ryan Mitchell and Zach Woolford each tallied twice in the lop-sided home victory.



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Waples caught a lot of smiles

No driver on the OJC circuit wore a smile more often than Randy Waples in 1997 and appropriately enough it was Waples who was aboard for Catch The Smile's victory in the \$35,400 final of the Valedictory Series on December 26.

After Tony Kerwood elected to drive Handsome Hunk, with whom he had steered to back-to-back elimination wins, Waples, who closed out the finest year of his surging career, got the call behind the three-year-old son of Precious Bunny.

"I felt lucky to pick up this drive since Tony stayed with Handsome Hunk," stated Waples, who had three wins on the Boxing Day program.

Though he hadn't driven him before, it didn't take Waples long to learn the strengths behind Catch The Smile. He settled the colt away sixth before pointing him quickly to the lead by the half in :56.

Then a blistering :27.3 third quarter spelled the end for the rest of the field as Catch The Smile opened five lengths at the three-quarter mark. He widened the margin to eight by the top of the stretch until favoured Grin Reaper made a late dent. However, it was too little, too late as Catch The Smile reached the wire four-and-a-half lengths in front in 1:54.

"I went a fast third-quarter (:27.2) because this horse shows last quarters no better than 30 seconds," said Waples. "So I wanted to get a lot of open ground on the Robinson horses before the stretch."

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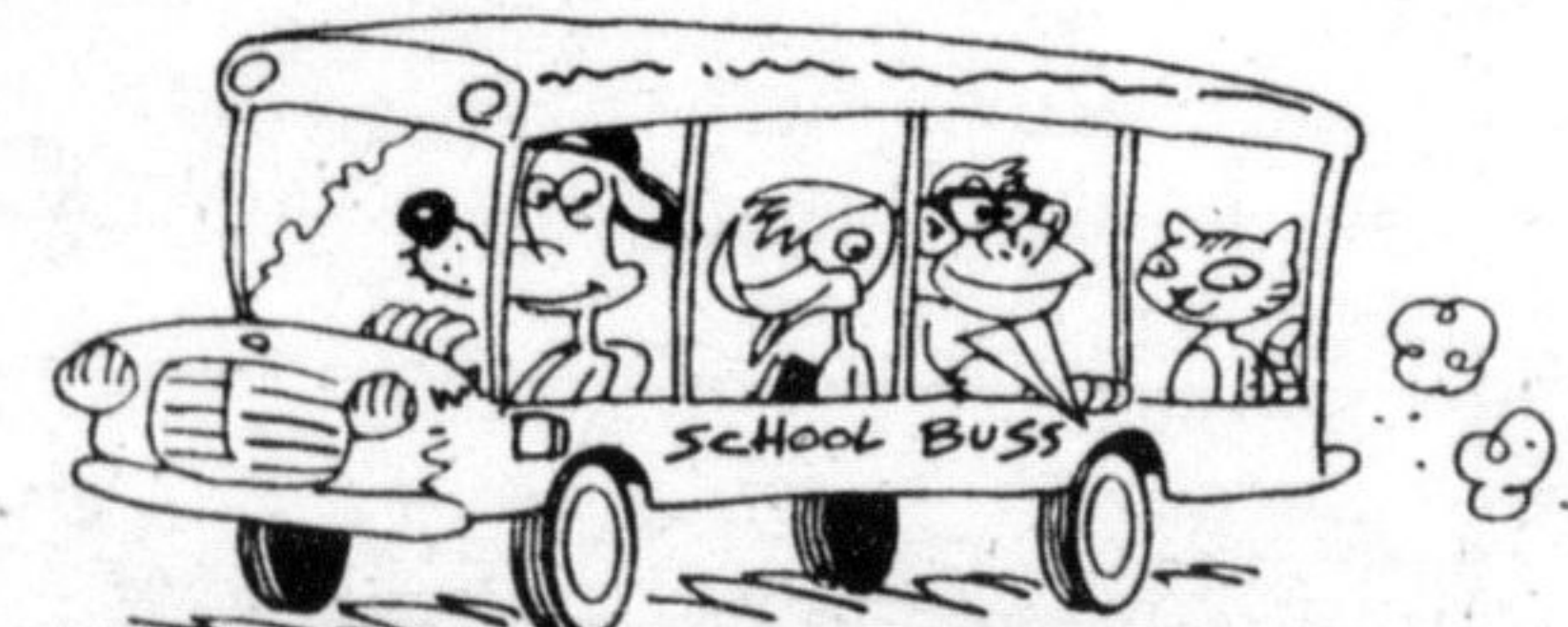
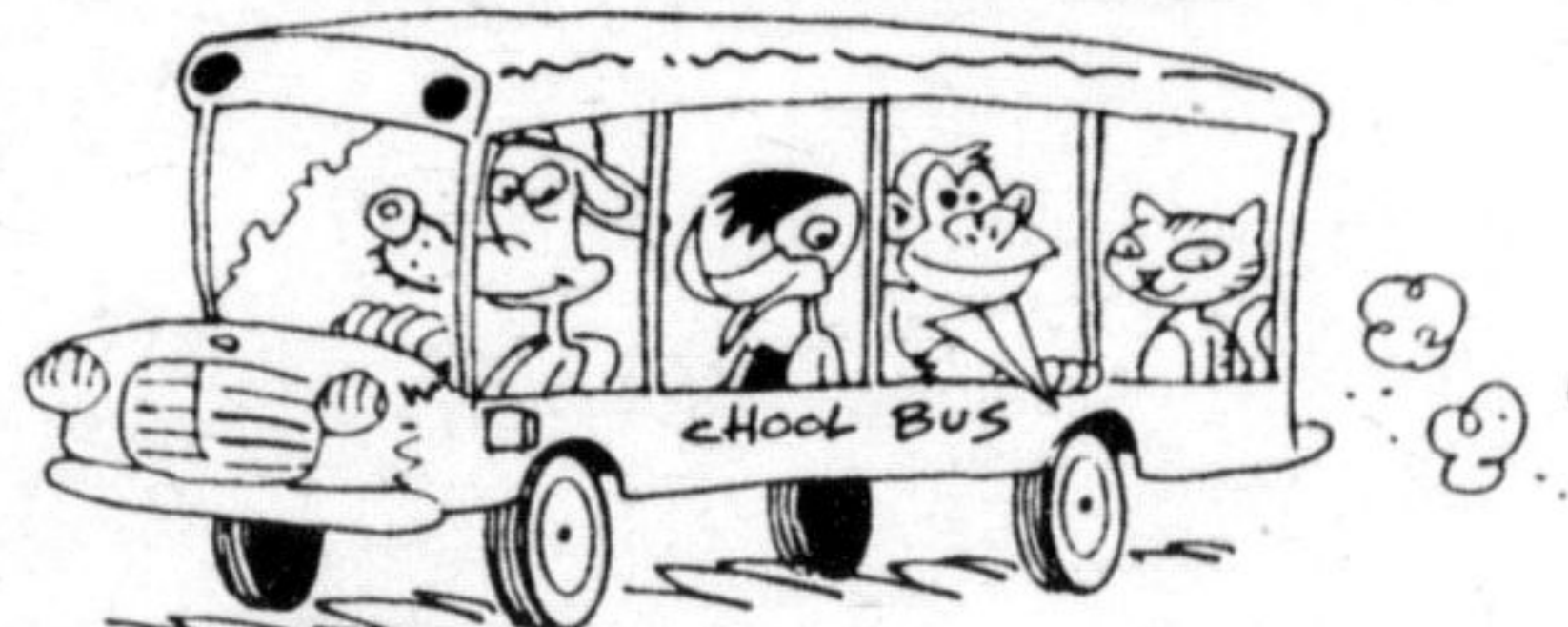
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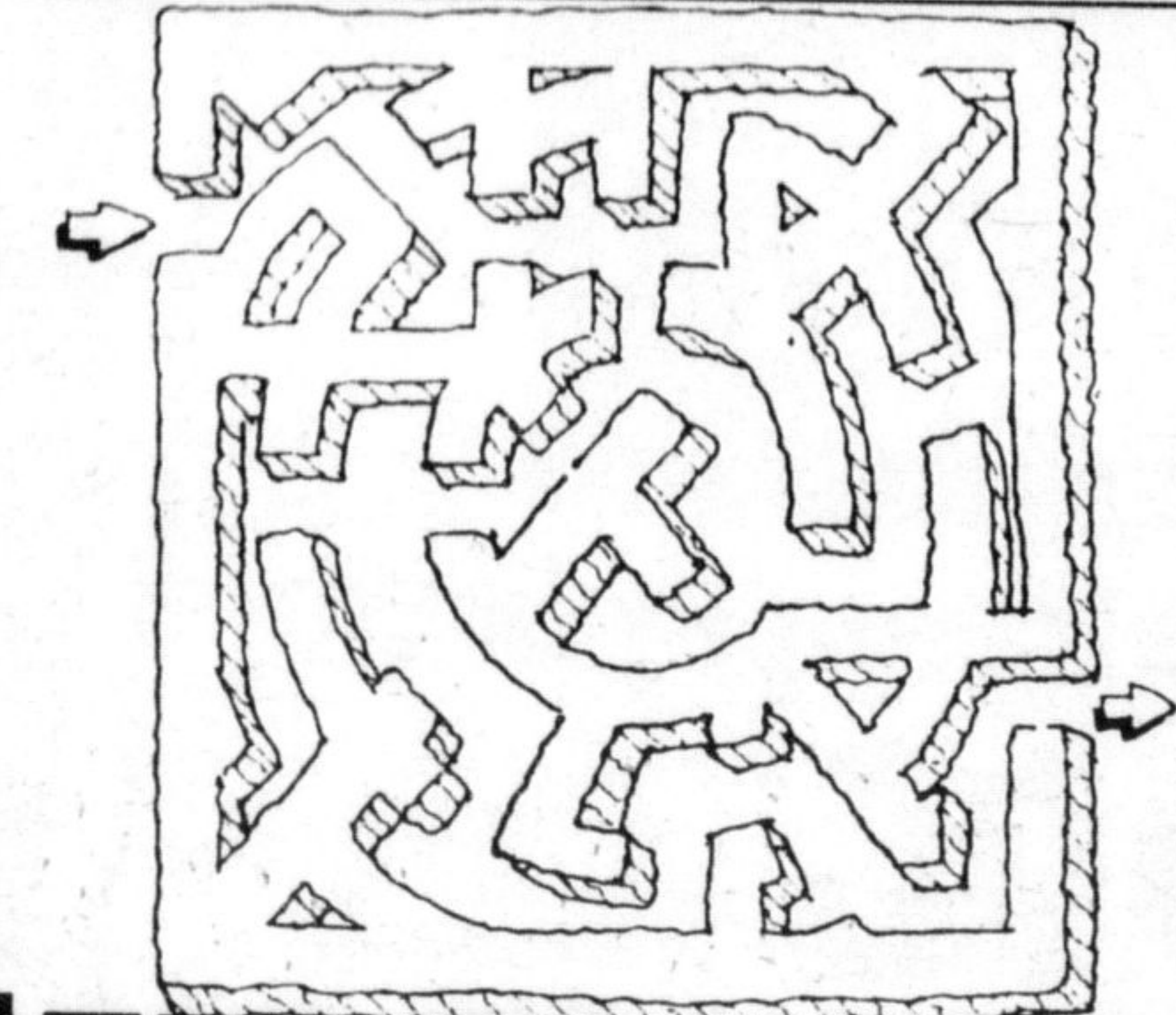
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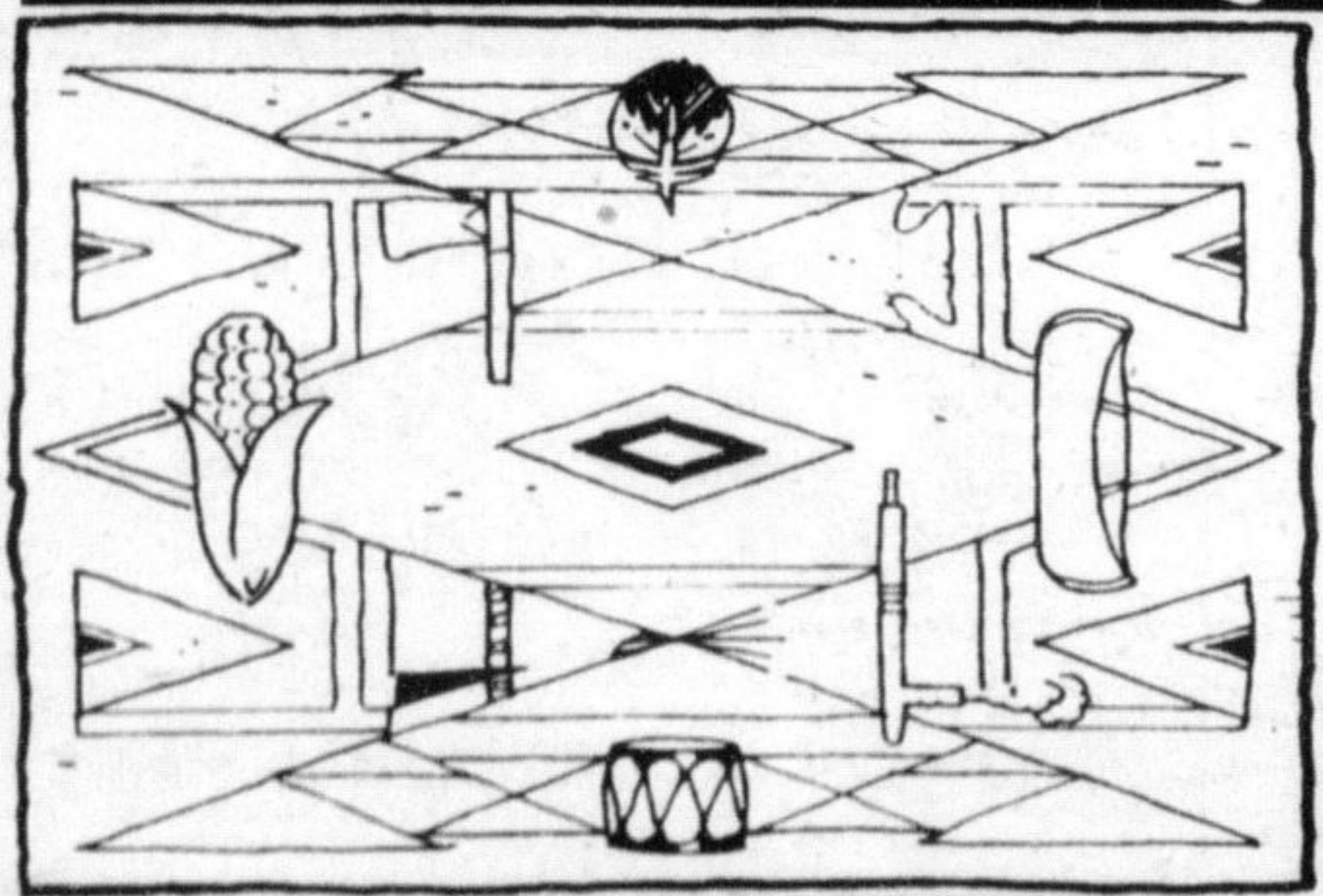
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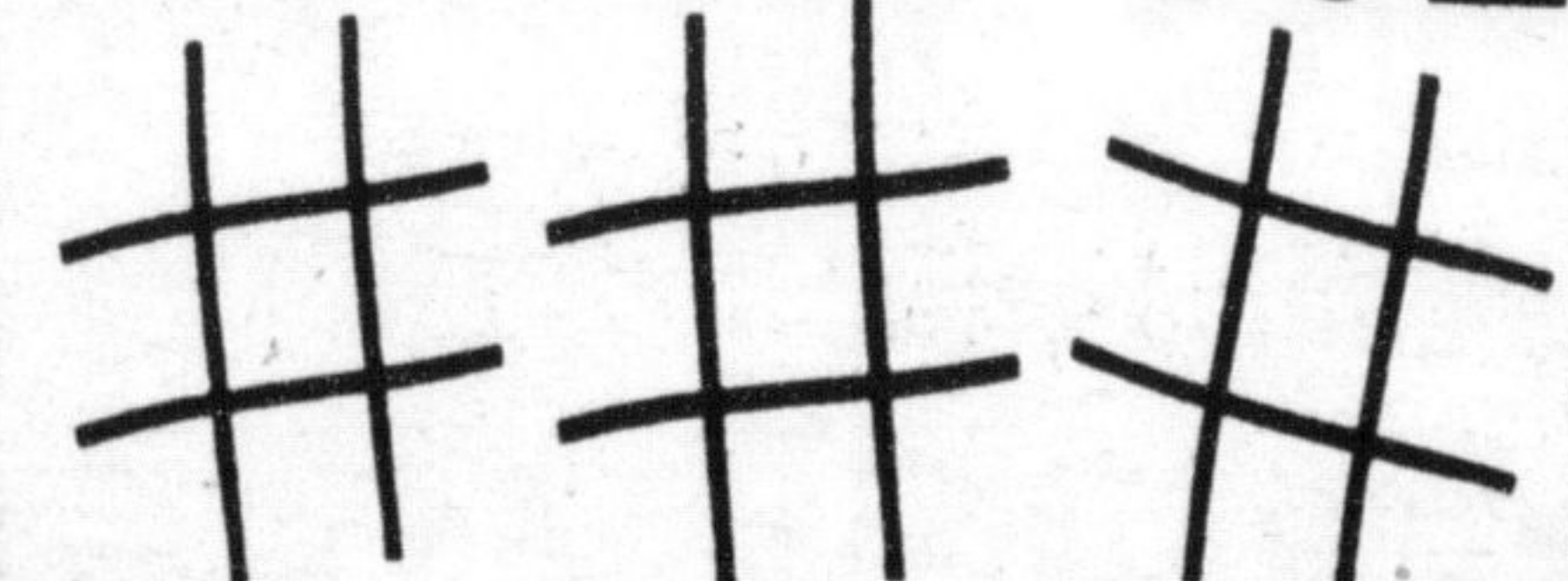
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