

# Business Briefs

## Silk flowers

Pat Erskine offers something different for silk flower fanciers selling from her home studio at 551 Commercial St., Unit 25.

Wedding arrangements and seasonal bouquets can be rented from the Flower Maiden, a service which can represent a great cost saving, according to the flower maker. Bouquets with a meaning are another feature of this cottage business.

Mrs. Erskine designs message bouquets by including flowers which represent certain greetings or feelings—like Irises meaning a message of love. Cards are included to describe each flower's significance.

A recent resident of Montreal, her family's move to Milton was the result of a job transfer for her husband, a pilot with Air Canada.

In addition to her own hand-made arrangements, she also sells flowers imported from China.

For an appointment, call Pat at 876-3365.

## Opportunities

Despite predictions of doom and gloom, employment opportunities are looking up in Halton Region, according to the latest figures available from the business development department.

Matt Fischer, director of the department, told members of the administration and finance committee last week that applications for industrial-commercial building permits throughout Halton are up over last year.

In total, he reported, commercial-industrial building activity in Halton has increased by 2.5 per cent to the end of September.

Mr. Fischer also reported his files show 49 companies have committed to either locate or expand their operations in Halton, providing another 1,100 jobs.

Five firms have located or expanded in Milton, bringing a total of between 189 and 199 new jobs.

Mr. Fischer noted there are currently another 10 firms which have decided to locate in Halton, but which have not yet announced their intentions.

These firms will result in another 110 jobs in Halton.

## Local firm gets contract

Frankel Steel Ltd. of Milton is currently fabricating and erecting all the structural steel for a new skin-pass mill at Nanticoke, for Stelco Inc. The project involves a total of 1150 tons of structural steel, under a contract valued at over \$3-million. Included are cladding, decking and over-head doors—the latter manufactured and supplied by Secord Manufacturing Ltd., a sister company of Frankel.

The total contract is valued at over \$3-million. The 23 giant trusses required for the framing are each 16' x 130' long and weigh 6.5 tons.

## Shop windows

# MDHS students perform Xmas facelift

By Jane Muller

A group of Milton District High School students are providing the impetus for what will eventually be a Christmas tradition in downtown Milton.

The 19 Grade 10 and 11 marketing and art students are each dressing a Main St. business window with an old-fashioned Christmas theme in mind. The Dickens era of the late 1700s will be reflected in the creations, to be judged by members of the Downtown Business Improvement Area, (DBIA), Thursday, December 10, 1981.

"We're trying to start some Christmas traditions for downtown," explains Jane Reid, DBIA member organizing the window displays.

She anticipates once merchants not participating this year see the success of the project they will be encouraged to join the window decorating scheme next Christmas season.

A more appealing atmosphere along Main St. is not the only benefit of this project, according to Mrs. Reid. Merchants have been pleasantly surprised by the teenagers and both groups have learned from the experience.

Don Leonard, head of marketing at Milton District High School, has 12 students involved on a voluntary basis.

"They study display in their course and this gives them experience in a retail setting," he says.

He admits he is trying to stay in the background as much as possible, where the project is concerned, as it is a contest offering cash prizes and he doesn't want to influence their ideas. He would like to see the concept continue in the future.

"I see it as a positive thing for everyone concerned," said Mr. Leonard.

The 19 windows involved include many which normally receive no treatment at all—like business offices and Town Hall. This is another positive aspect of the project noted by Mrs. Reid.

She feels the DBIA has done considerable work to improve the aesthetic appeal of downtown and this project, among others, will help capitalize on the organization's efforts. Main St. improvements have cost the DBIA more than \$250,000 since last fall—when beautification efforts were first implemented.

As a native Miltonian and manager of a downtown business, Mrs. Reid does not want to see the core of the town die a slow death. Projects such as the window dressing contest are hoped to bring a spirit to downtown to enhance the area.



PRECISION'S MARY BAILEY

## Plant goes retail

After years of leaving the marketing to others, Precision Fasteners of Milton is going retail, making their vast stock available to the average handy man and construction contractors, as well.

A subsidiary of H. Paulin Ltd., Precision Fasteners, at 470 Harrow Rd., offers a large stock of fasteners.

"There is a lot bigger variety here than at a hardware store and if someone wants something that isn't here we can get it," assures general manager Derek Boneham.

Offering not only a vast stock, the new retail outlet as part of the factory, eliminates the middle-man resulting in lower prices.

# Ontario gives Region child services funds

A special committee studying the state of children's services in Halton has been given a new, but temporary, lease on life.

Members of the region's health and social services and administration and finance committees agreed last week to accept \$20,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services as interim funding for the Children's Services Steering Project.

Oakville Coun. Carol Gooding,

chairman of the health and social services committee, said the \$20,000 grant from the Ministry was only a bridge financing arrangements until the full budget could be made available.

The committee has requested \$60,000 to fund the second year of its operations.

"If they don't get the money then they are simply going to have to fold up," Coun. Gooding told committee members.

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## Public works review

Recommended changes in the structure of Halton's public works department will be reviewed by a special committee of Regional councillors formed last week.

The formation of the committee, to review the organizational audit of the public works department, was recommended by Regional council recently.

The audit was ordered by the Region as the last step in the management review carried out by the consultants in the wake of the deficit crisis.

Some councillors had expressed disappointment at the fact that the final report, still kept secret by the region, did not make specific recommendations for changes or contain a breakdown in the ability of some senior staff members.



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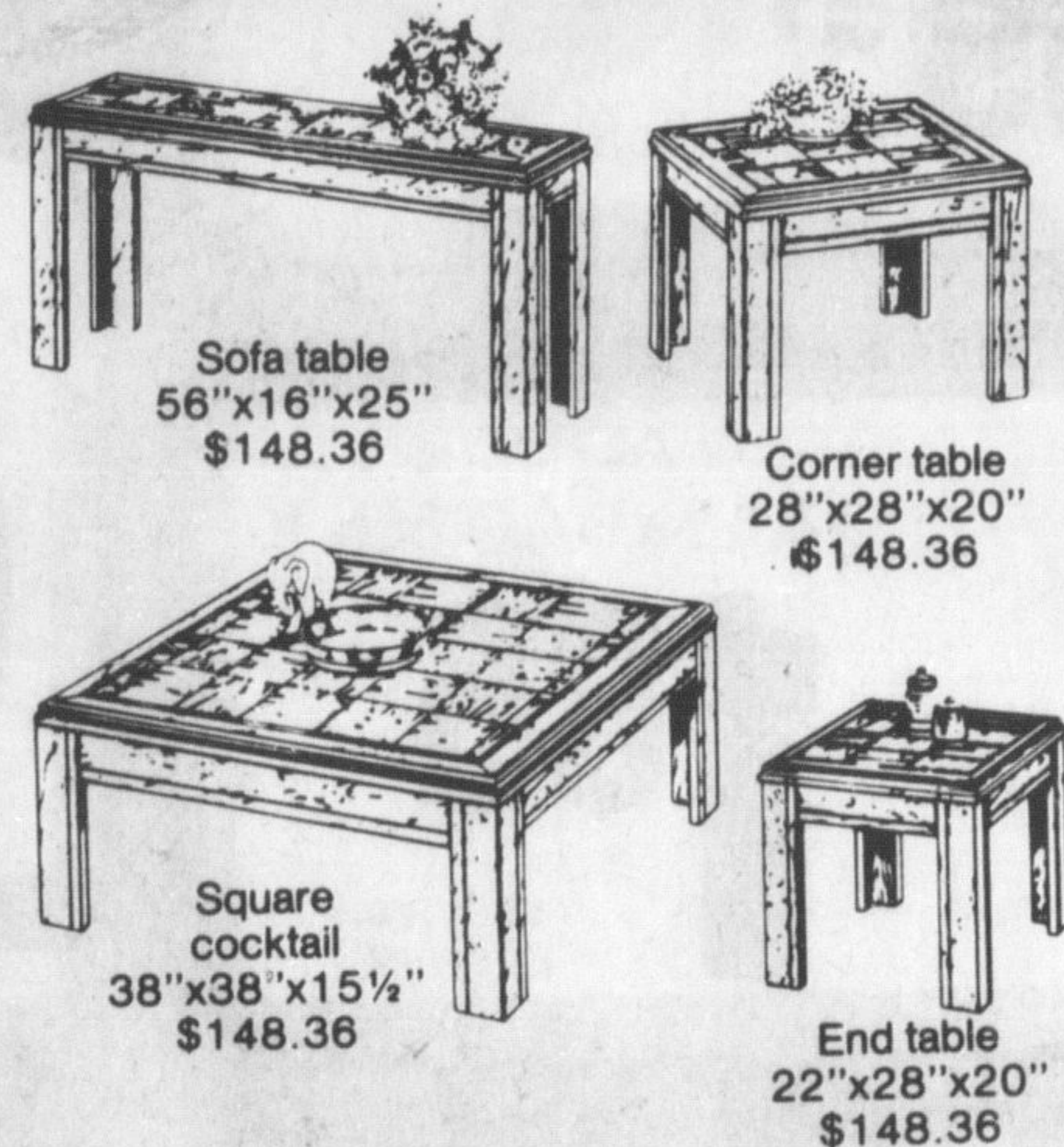
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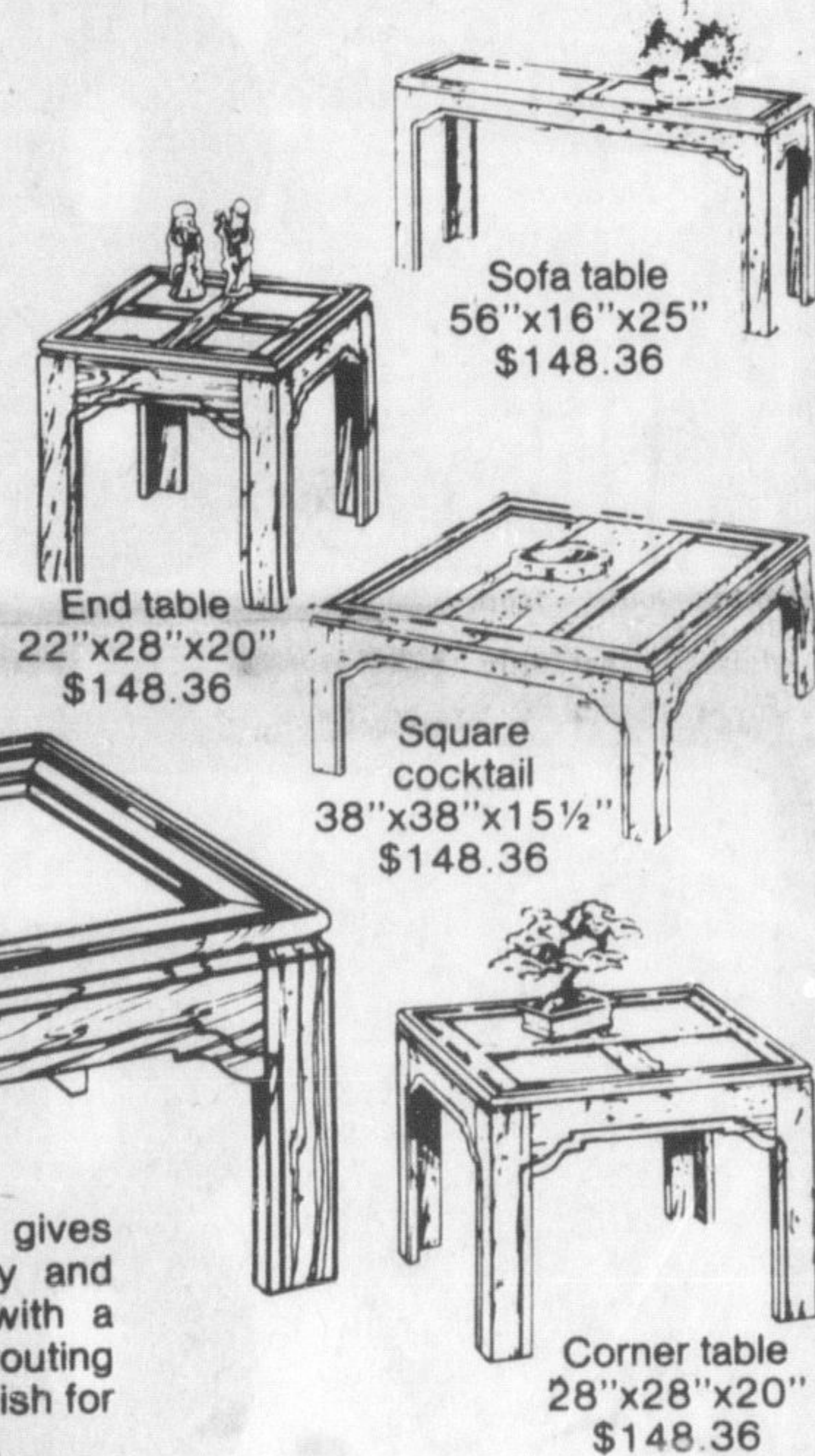
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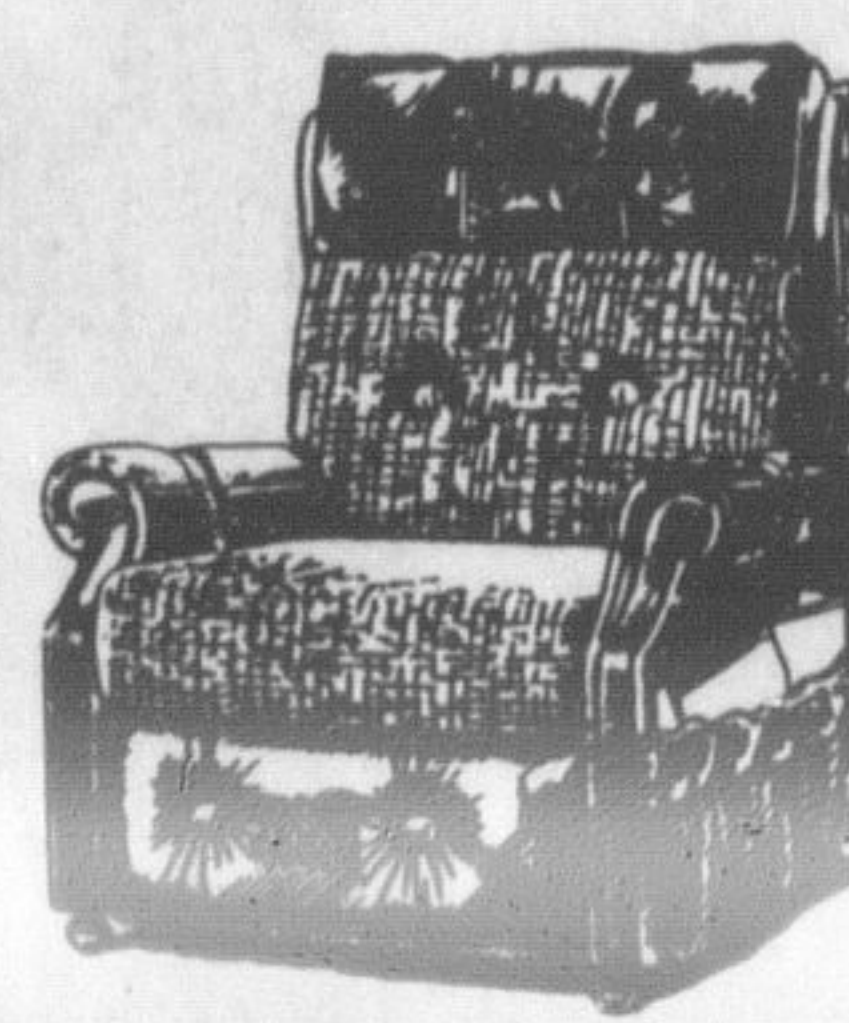


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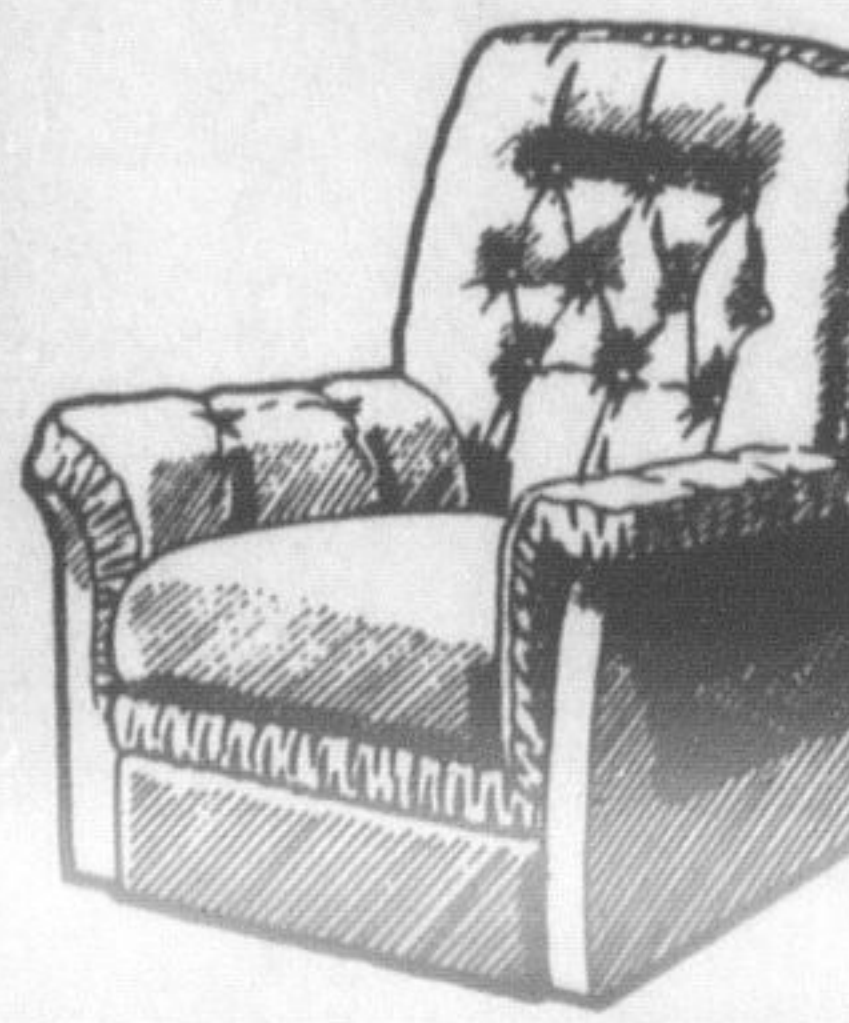
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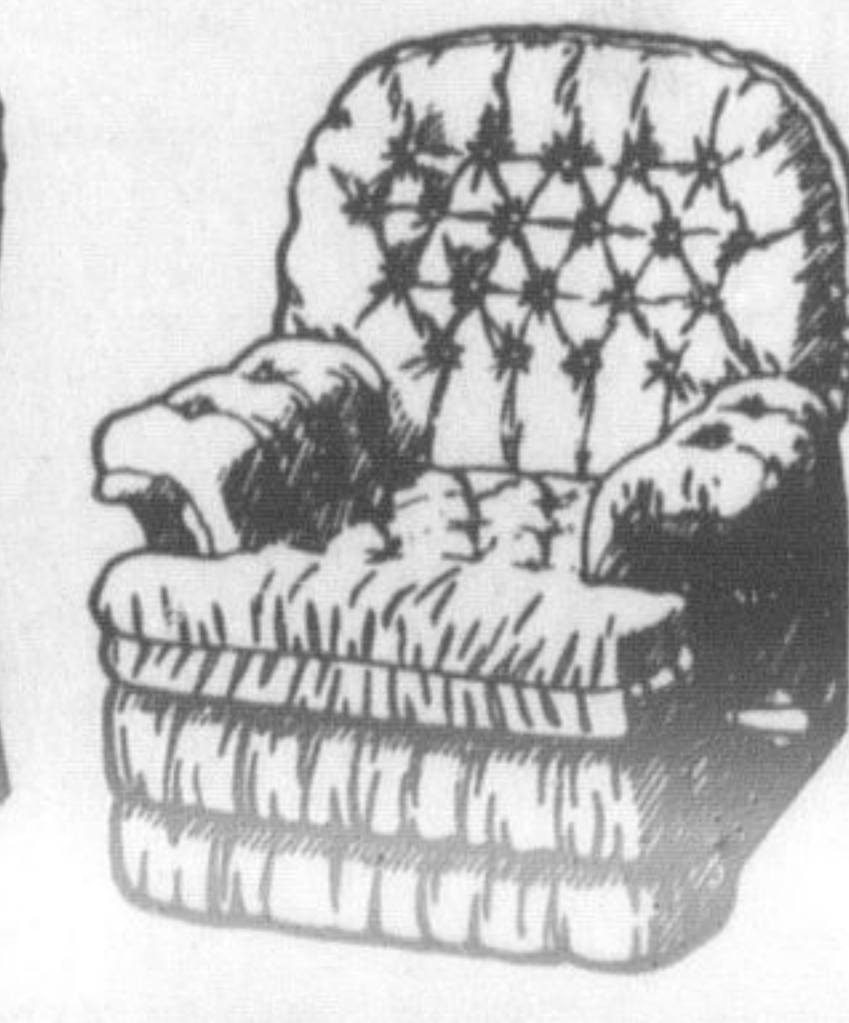
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