



queen's park
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Government sponsors overseas advertising

Before I leave the topic of my Private Member's Bill, The Innocent Persons Protection Act, I would like to acknowledge and express my appreciation of the editorial support which the media in York Centre gave to the principle of that Bill.

As I reported last week, the Bill was defeated in a free vote of the members by only 15 votes, and I believe that the real reason for this lay in the fact that there is insufficient time allocated for debate of Private Member's Bills.

Nevertheless I am heartened exceedingly by the attitude generally displayed which would hold from publication the names of those individuals charged with offences prior to the commencement of their trial.

FOREIGN ADS
The Opposition has strongly condemned the Government for sponsoring advertisements in British newspapers for skilled workers while there are 319,000 people unemployed in Ontario.

Apparently, an ad in the London Sun in March called for experienced tradesmen to work in the General Motors transmission plant in Windsor. Although the ad was paid for by the automotive company, it was placed and sponsored by the Ontario Government's selective placement service in London.

When asked why Ontario residents are not being trained to fill such positions, the Minister of Education replied that she was not aware of the advertisement, and that while adequate training exists in Ontario, the Government can't "go out and coerce people into training programs".

When a North Bay man approached the Ministry of Education's industrial training branch in North Bay about becoming an apprentice, he was told by them to look in the yellow pages to find a possible employer.

Liberal Leader Stuart Smith raised this matter in the Legislature, and also reported that Ministry officials told the man it was not their job to find such positions. When he telephoned Ministry offices in Toronto he was told some firms were placing advertisements in the Saturday edition of a Toronto newspaper, and were interested in hiring apprentices.

The Minister of Education said she was not aware of this situation, and that it is, in fact, the role of the industrial training branch to assist young people to become involved in apprenticeship.

MINI-SKOOLES
The Minister of Community and Social Services has announced that

Town passes bylaw for new channel

Last Monday night, Richmond Hill town council passed a bylaw expropriating lands for an outlet channel to be constructed from the west end of Lake Wilcox to Yonge Street.

A Hearing Officer had been appointed by the province to hear objections from land owners as well as reasons why the town considered the Channel necessary.

Seventy-seven homes are in the area designated "flood plain", meaning in a severe storm these homes would be flooded out without an outlet channel to the lake.

There were four objections from land owners not living in Richmond Hill, but the hearing officers did not consider valid.

The land expropriated is "very marshy" with no homes built on the property, said Mayor Dave Schiller.

Mayor Schiller said the town hopes to begin work this summer on the outlet channel, but under expropriation procedure the first possible date contractors could enter the lands would be June 11.

The town is presently preparing to tender the work.

operators of Mini-Skools Ltd., day care centres in Ontario, must either meet government staffing requirements or lose their licences.

"If they are not prepared to provide the service at Ontario standards, then they can look elsewhere."

The company's six day care centres in Metro are being investigated by the Ministry following the allegations in the

Legislature of improper staffing and unsanitary conditions.

BOOZE PRICES UP

On April 9, the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations announced that because supplies were running low, he was lifting a freeze on liquor and wine prices imposed last summer by his predecessor.

The next day, the Treasurer announced generally higher markups on domestic liquor and wine, effective April 30. Next, the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, on April 18th, announced higher domestic liquor prices because of increases to distillers and the resulting increase for the Government. Now, he has announced that both

domestic and imported wines will cost more as of April 30.

Officials of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario have been appearing before the Legislature's Public Accounts Committee, which wanted to establish who decides that the price of wine or liquor should be increased.

Liberal MLA Pat Reid, Chairman of the Com-

mittee, commented "We want to know how much autonomy the board has, and who sets the prices."

It was disclosed that the Treasurer of the Province sets the prices as high as is necessary for the amount of revenue he wishes to raise. The LCBO is consulted about things like price elasticity — what the market will bear — but the "ultimate decision is the

Treasurer's".

However, the federal and provincial governments are not the only culprits in the matter of increasing prices. What Liberal MLA David Peterson termed "the OPEC of booze", an association of Scotch distillers, deals as a group with liquor boards, setting its own price, and allowing the boards no leverage.

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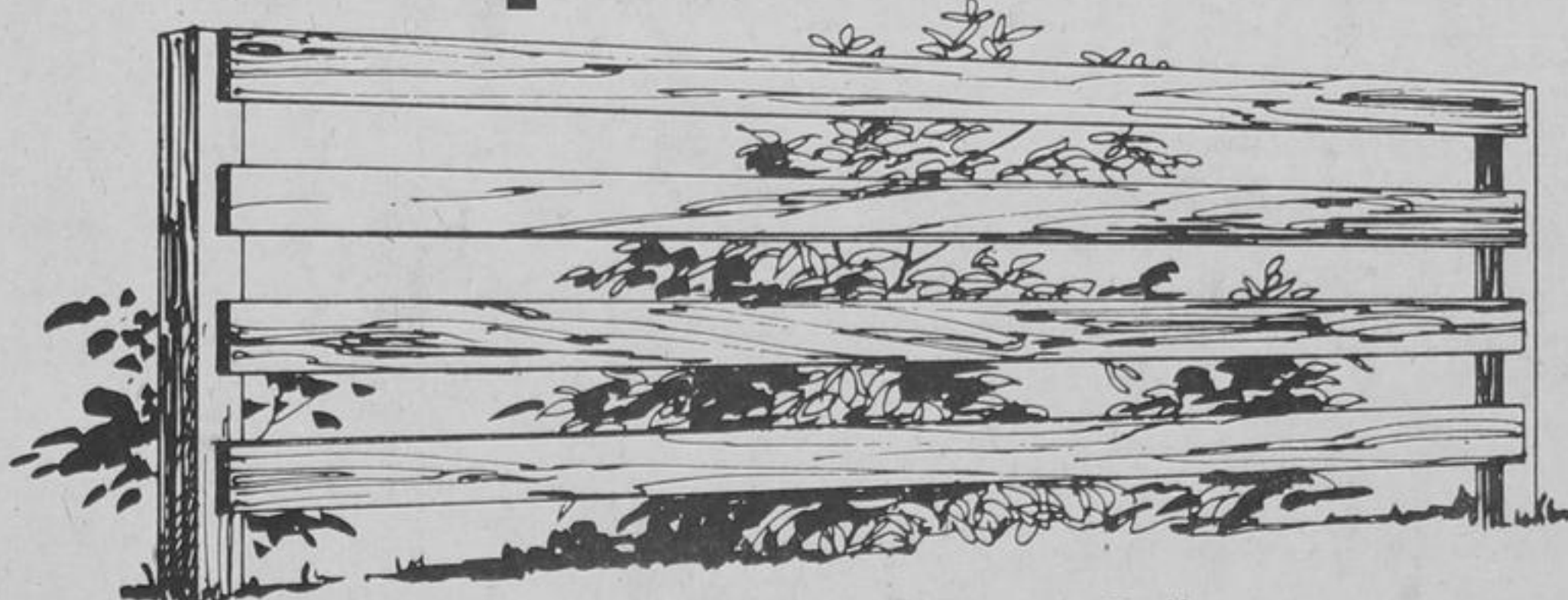
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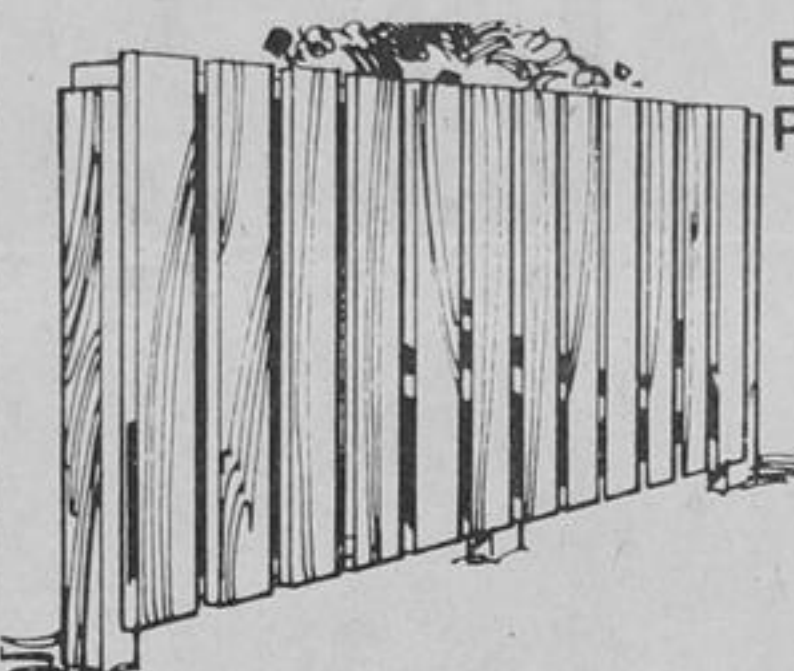


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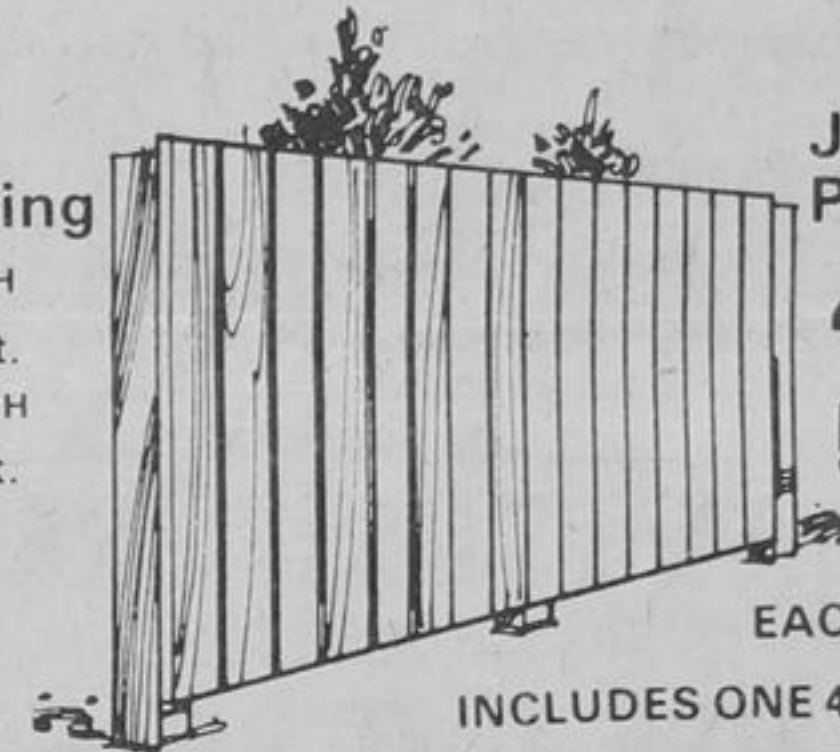
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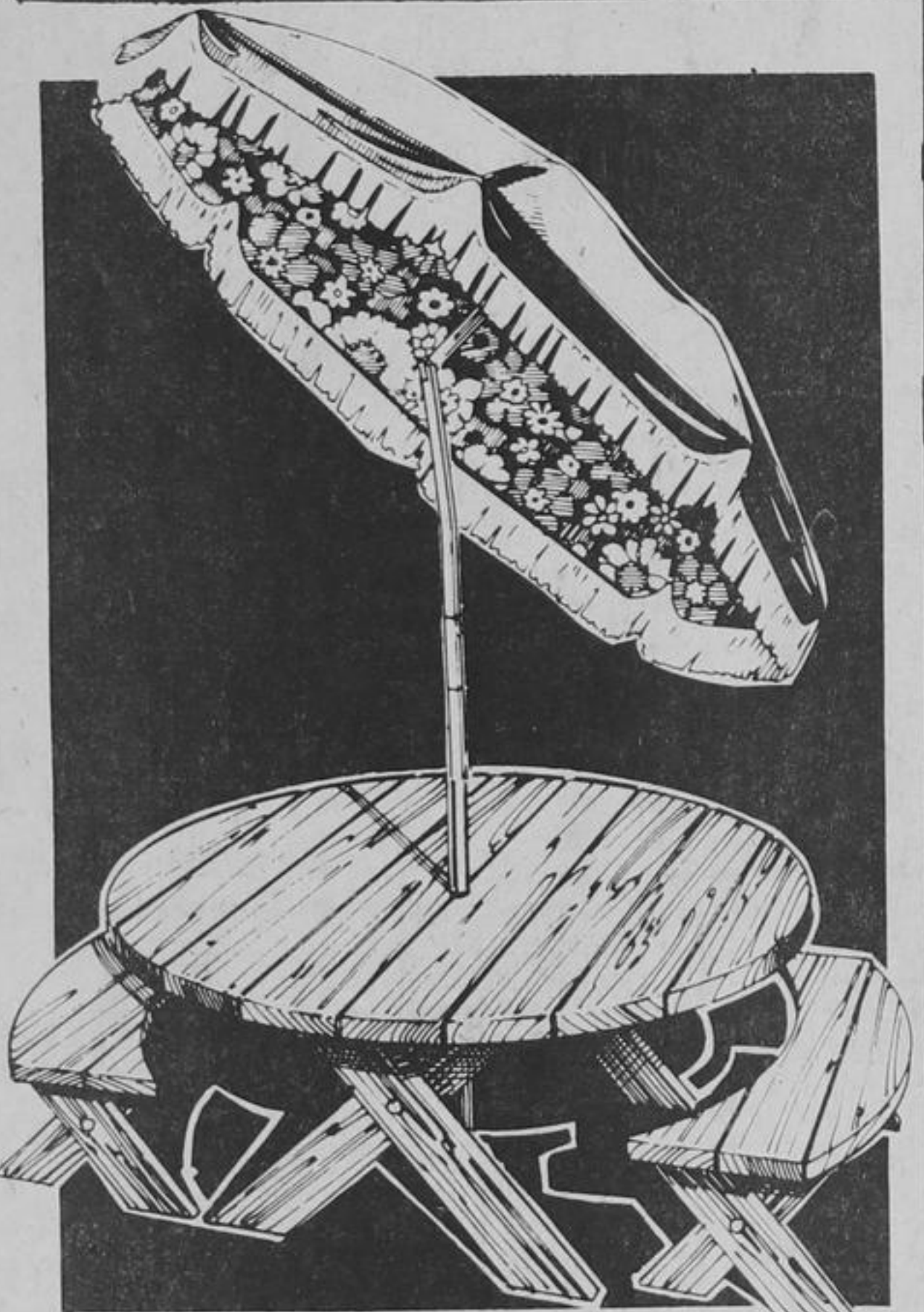
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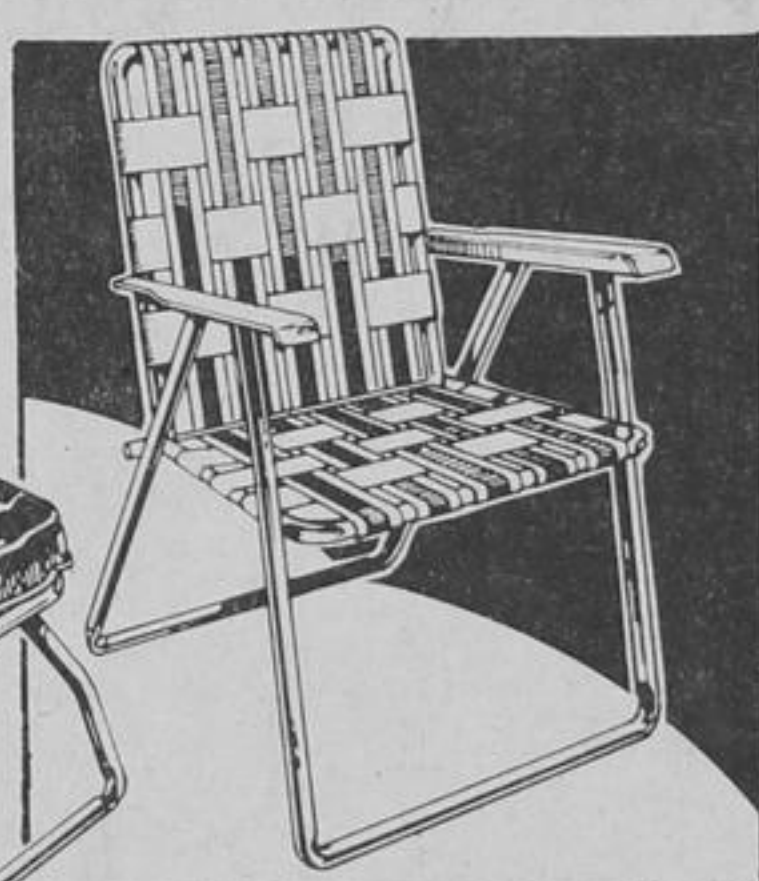
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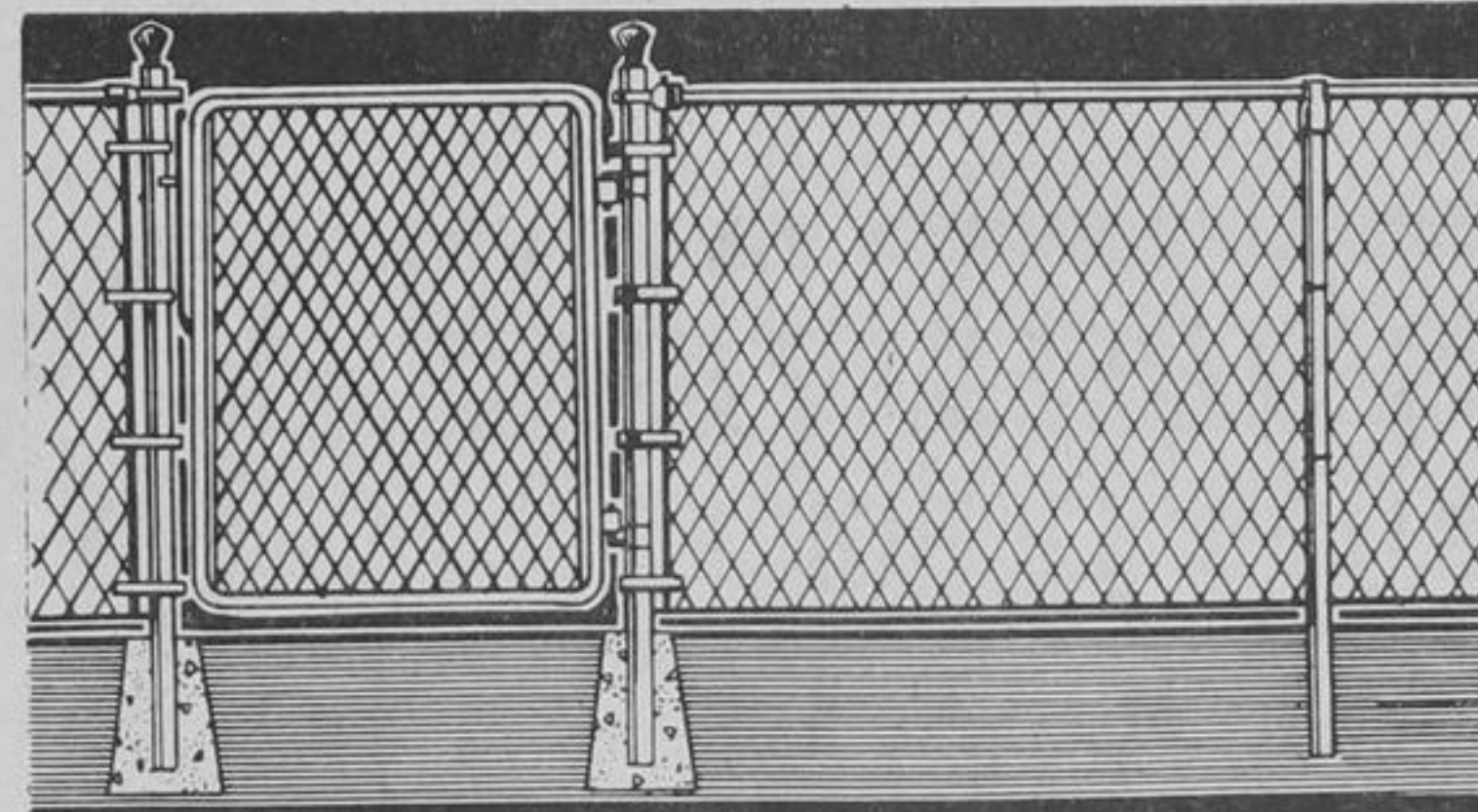
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