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In the foundry, it's cast iron scissors. See, still as long as I worked there, I don't think I got any scissors around here (laughter), no kidding. I had bought scissors for people. Yeah, this is the cast iron. And this is made in Japan. We got to the place where we could not compete with import so we was importing scissors. This is China, someplace in China. This is cast iron. But when we were making cast iron, they make molds out of sand. Here's the mold here. It's made of sand and everything like that and it's put onto a machine, like a pressing machine. They press down and they get the form of a blade, not together like this, but a single. And you get that formed and then towards the end when the mold is made, the hot metal, they pour the hot metal into the molds and that gives the form of the blade. From there it goes upstairs to the picking room, they call it, and they grind the roughness off and everything like that. Then the next operation is they gotta be inside grind, the edges got to be done and everything like that. But it was just too much for the company. They weren't making any profit, so they started importing. I remember some years ago we were hollering about importing, they wanted us to write the Congressman about all this import coming in, but yet they end up likewise.