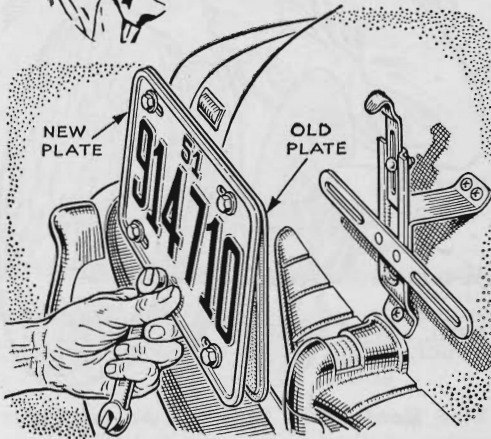
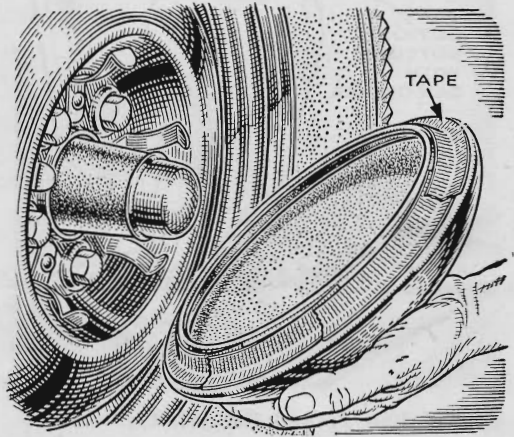




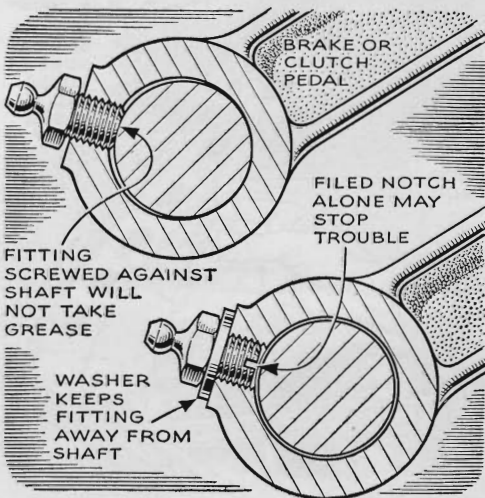
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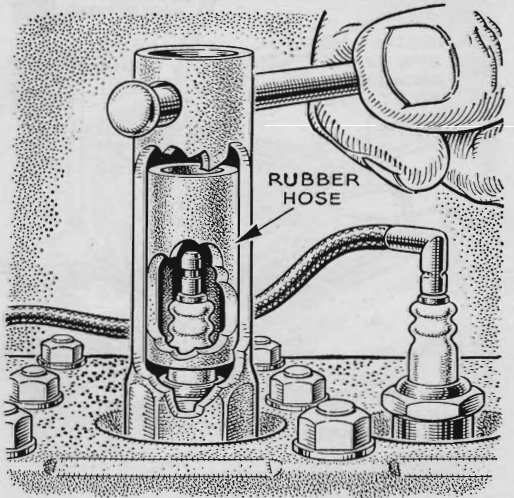
Old Plate Reinforces New One. Some states economize by making their automobile license plates out of thin-gauge metal. You can reinforce these—or any other plates—by reversing your old ones on the bracket behind your new plates.



Tape Protects Wheel Paint. The outer rim of a hub cap sometimes wears paint off the wheel, leaving a rusty ring. J. C. Branstetter, of San Francisco, has found that this can be avoided by placing strips of masking tape around the rim.



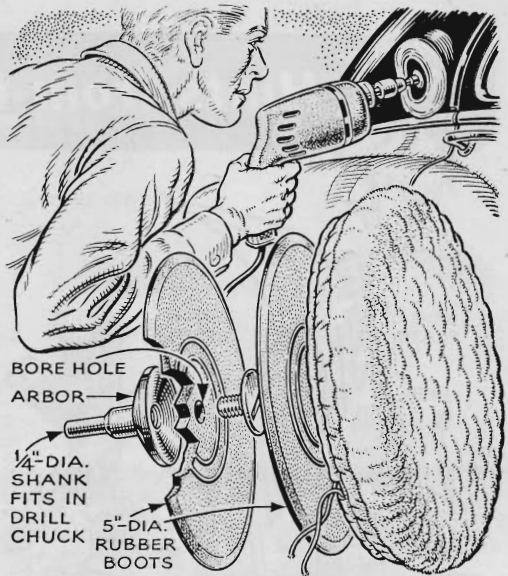
Refitting a Grease Fitting. If a grease fitting won't take grease, it may be that the end bears against the shaft, keeping the grease from getting through. Try a new fitting first. If that doesn't work, you can do one of two things—file a notch in the end of the fitting or use a washer as a spacer to hold it away from the shaft.



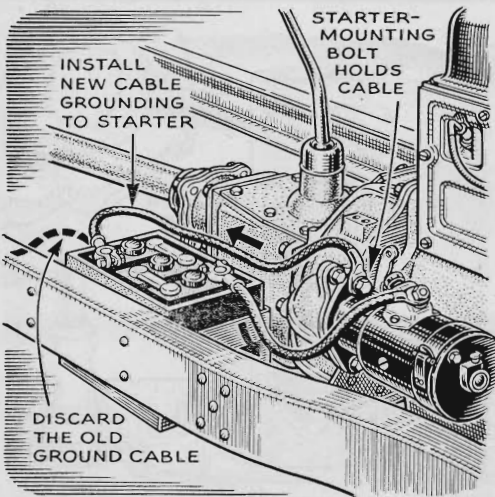
Hose Protects Spark Plug. When you are removing or replacing a spark plug, the porcelain may be cracked if the wrench slips to a cocked position while you are exerting pressure. To prevent this, Marion L. Rhodes, of Knightstown, Ind., suggests slipping a short piece of rubber inside the wrench to act as a cushion.



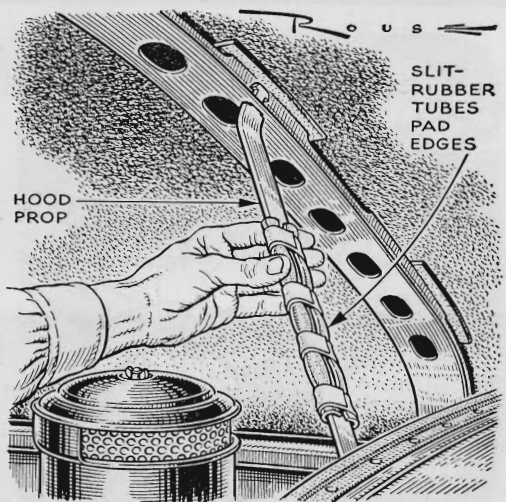
Can Makes Valved Funnel. Cut the bottom from one of the containers in which whipped cream is now sold and you've got a handy funnel for filling a battery. Before cutting, make sure can is empty. Pressure on the stem opens the valve.



Tire Boots Pad Buffer. Two tire boots make excellent backing for a buffing bonnet. Use the round kind that are reinforced at the center. Run the screw through only one. The other will then prevent scratches if the bonnet wears through.



For Easier Starting. Your engine may start a lot quicker, especially in winter, if you transfer the battery ground lead from the chassis to the starting motor. With the battery grounded to the chassis, a rather high voltage drop sometimes occurs. The trick will work on both positive- and negative-grounded batteries.



Pad the Hood Prop. The swinging bar that's used in many automobiles to keep up the hood will be easier on your hands if you pad it with a strip of rubber tubing. Slit a length of tubing, slip it over the edge of the bar, and wrap adhesive or friction tape at intervals to keep the tubing in place. You'll find it handy in cold weather.