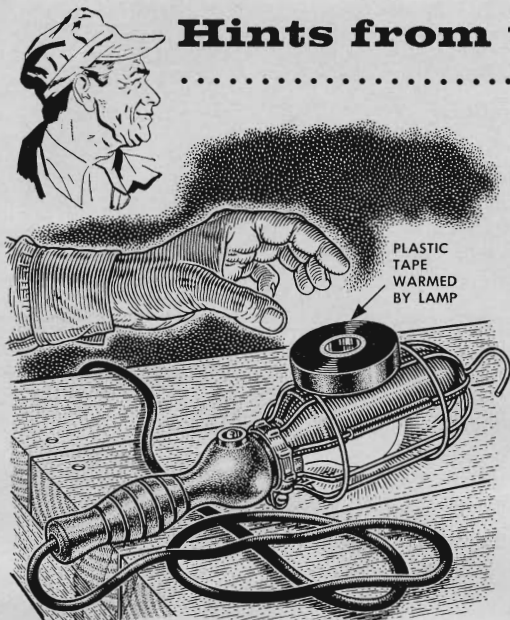


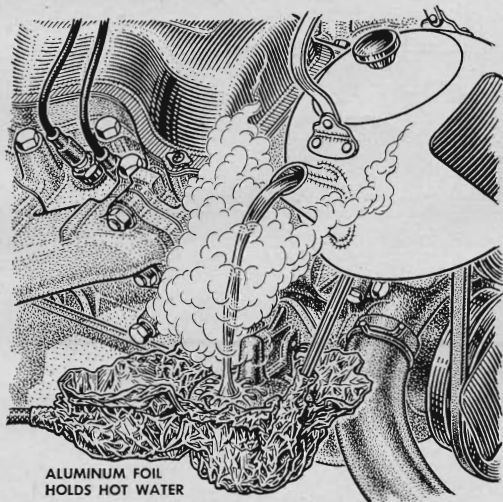
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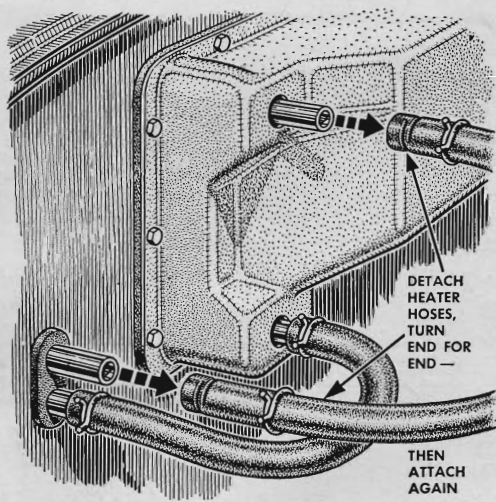
Plastic electrical tape must be warm and pliable to make it wrap and stick easily. When using the tape in cold weather, you can keep it workable by laying the roll on the shield of your trouble lamp, or on a warm engine.



Your car will start easier if you rock it back and forth with the transmission in gear. This causes the wheels to rotate the engine slightly—just enough to break the piston seizure caused by oil that congealed during the cold night.

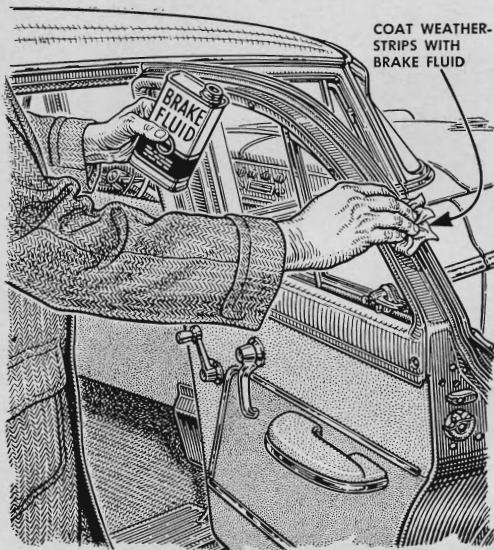


Water frozen in the fuel-pump sediment bowl is almost impossible to thaw just by pouring hot water over it. To retain the water's heat long enough to have an effect, shape aluminum foil into a container around the frozen part and fill it.

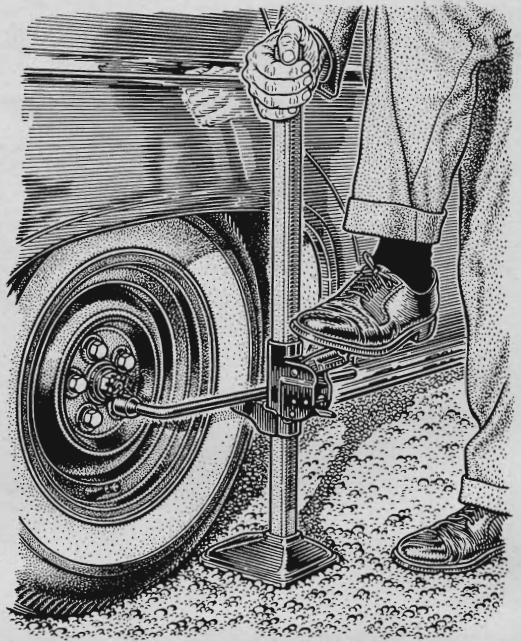


Heater hoses deteriorate twice as fast at the ends attached to the engine because of the extreme heat and oil vapor. You can double their useful life by removing them and turning them end for end when they become slightly spongy.

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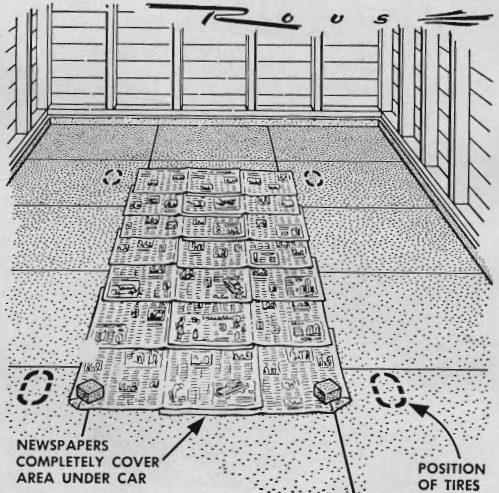
Weatherstrip that freezes to the door jamb after snow or sleet is often torn loose when you pull open the door. This won't happen if you clean the rubber when it is dry and coat it with brake fluid or rubber lubricant.



A stubborn wheel lug that resists brawn may yield to brains. Place the wrench firmly on the lug and rest the handle on the bumper jack. Operate the jack by pressing the ratchet lever with your foot until the lug loosens.



Small breaks in cork gaskets can be patched with a filler made by mixing grated cork with gasket compound. Grate the cork on the fine side of a vegetable grater and stir it into the compound until the mixture becomes stiff.



Newspapers can be placed accurately on the garage floor to catch every drop of oil dripping from the car if you mark the location of the four wheels. Since this seldom varies more than an inch or two, complete under-car coverage is easy.