

# Useful Kinks for Motorists

*These Suggestions, Contributed by Our Readers, May Save You Time and Money in the Operation of Your Car*

**C**AR waxing can be made much less of a job by making use of your household electric fan. The wire guard and fan blade can be removed easily. All that is necessary then is to mount a soft-wood disk on the shaft and pad it with flannel. Since little pressure is needed for polishing it will not harm the motor and the fan can be restored to its original use in a very few minutes when the job is completed.—A. H. W.



A padded disk, fitted to the shaft of an electric-fan motor, makes car polishing easy

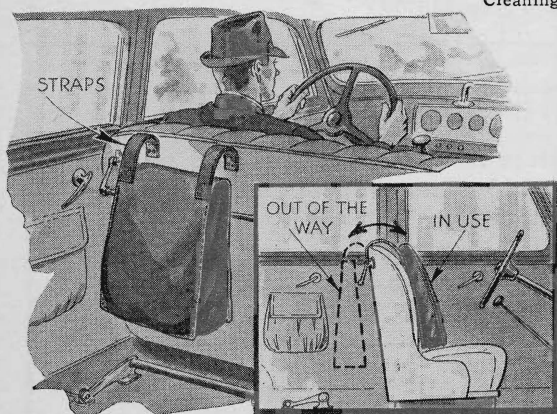


## "Canned Heat" Keeps Windshield Clear

SOLIDIFIED alcohol, sold as canned heat, rubbed on your windshield will prevent rain from sticking in droplets and obscuring your vision. The material contains a waxy oil that sheds the water as effectively as the more expensive alcohol-glycerine preparations.—E. N.

## Driver's Extra Cushion Hung From Top of Seat

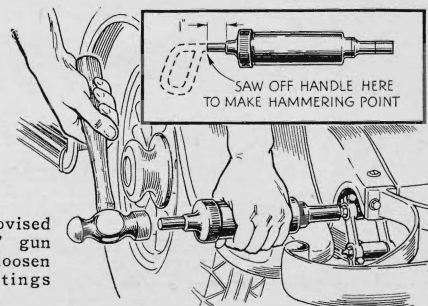
THE problem of storing a driver's back-rest cushion when it is not in use can be solved by sewing two straps to the upper end of the cushion and fastening them to the seat as shown. When not in use, the cushion is allowed to hang back over the rear of the driver's seat.—N. E.



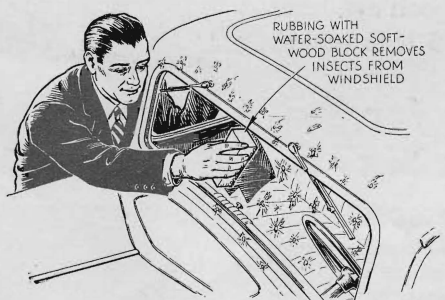
Held by two straps, driver's back rest can be swung out of way

## Impact Grease Gun Opens Clogged Fittings

TO OPEN clogged grease fittings, a "shock-type" grease gun often is the only tool that will do the trick. An ordinary grease gun can be altered to serve the purpose simply by sawing off the handle to leave about one inch of stem. In use, the gun is placed on the fitting and the short stem struck with a hammer. The impact of the hammer blow will force the grease through most clogged fittings.—E. T. G., Jr.



How an improvised "shock-type" gun is used to loosen clogged fittings



Cleaning windshield with water-soaked block

## Removes Bugs From Glass With Wet Wood Squeegee

HERE is how one car owner solved the "buggy" windshield problem: In one of the door pockets of his car he keeps a small block of soft wood provided with shallow, parallel saw cuts on one of its flat surfaces. To remove the accumulation of squashed bugs after a day's trip, he simply soaks the block in water until it is well saturated and then rubs it as he would a squeegee over the insect-incrusted surface of the windshield.—J. P.

## Hairpins Anchor Gaskets

WHEN placing oil-pan gaskets on cars that use flat cork strips, the amateur mechanic can save time and prevent leaks by following the kink illustrated. First the end cork should be about one half inch too long so that it will squeeze into place and prevent gaps. Next three hairpins should be pushed through each curved cork strip so that they straddle the edge of the pan. They can be locked in place by pinching the ends together. The flat pan gaskets, placed so their ends overlap the end gaskets, can be tied with strings through the bolt holes. It is not necessary to remove the strings and hairpins when the mounting bolts are tightened. They will squeeze into the gaskets.—T. W. B.

