



Straps "Lock" Car Doors To Keep Children Safe

CHILDREN riding alone in the back seat of a four-door sedan cannot open the rear doors while the car is in motion if the simple expedient illustrated above is used. Lower the door windows slightly and fasten a one-inch leather strap around the door frames and center post. The doors cannot be opened until the strap is unbuckled, and the danger of children tumbling out during a drive is eliminated.—C. W.

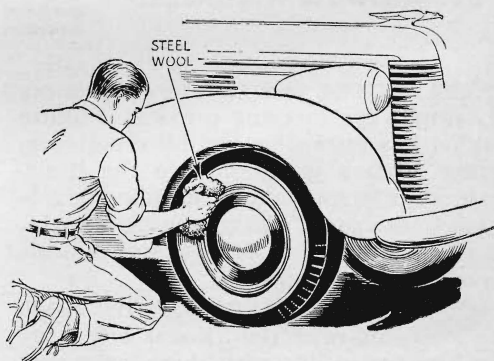
Dust Serves as Polish for Chromium Plating



IN CLEANING my car, I've found that the fine dust that accumulates on the hood makes a fine polish for chromium plating. I simply brush the dust up into a pile with a soft cloth, pick it up with a damp cloth, and rub it over the headlights and other metal trim. A brisk rub with a polishing rag completes the job.—R. D. S.

Steel Wool Cleans Spots from White-Wall Tires

THOSE white-wall tires have a way of defying your best efforts to get them perfectly clean, particularly after they have been on your car for a year or more. Small surface cracks that weather into the rubber become clogged with tar and grease from the pavement, and soap and water, while they clean the bulk of the grit from the walls, cannot do the job thoroughly. To restore the original whiteness to the tires, I've found a good rubbing with steel wool will do the trick. Besides getting the dirt from the tiny cracks, the wool will remove scuffs and scratches in the rubber. Naturally, the operation should not be repeated too often, as the continued rubbing may injure the side wall of the tires.—P. F. R.



Wire Extension on Spout Improves Oil Cans

FOR oiling out-of-the-way places in my car, I wrapped a length of soft copper wire around the spout of an oil can so that it extends several inches beyond the tip. In use, the end of the wire is placed on the point to be lubricated. The oil is forced from the can in the usual manner, but instead of dropping free from the end of the spout, it flows along the wire to the desired place, as depicted at the right.—H. S.

