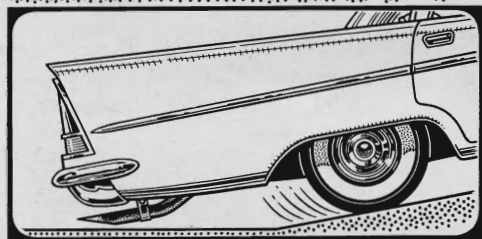
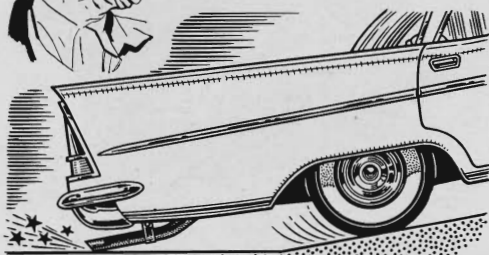
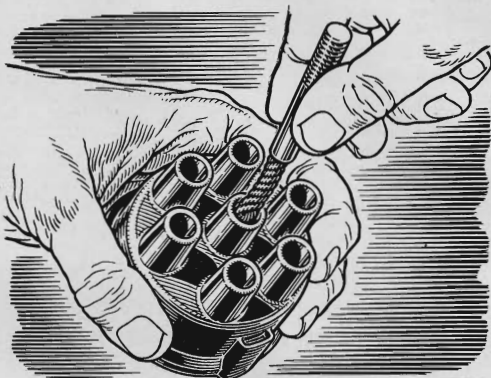




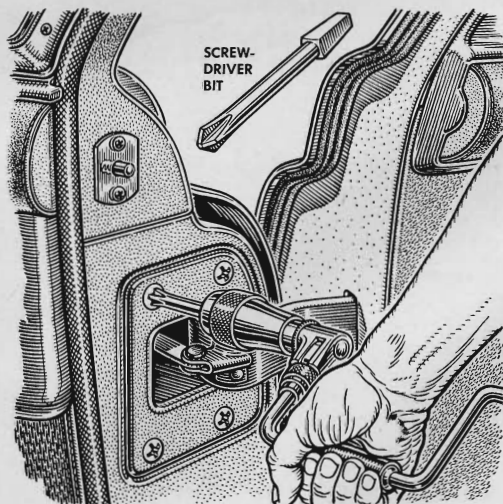
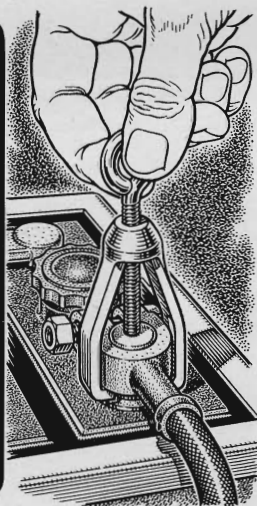
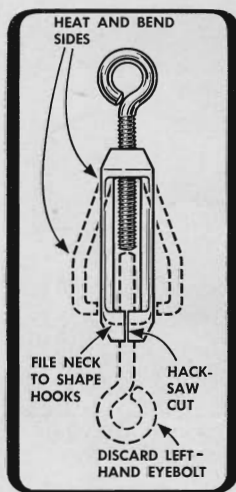
Hints from the Model Garage



A tailpipe that scrapes as you enter or leave a steep driveway can be cut without shortening it. Hacksaw a piece from the bottom of the pipe at a long angle. You gain road clearance, yet the overhang keeps the bumper free of exhaust stains.

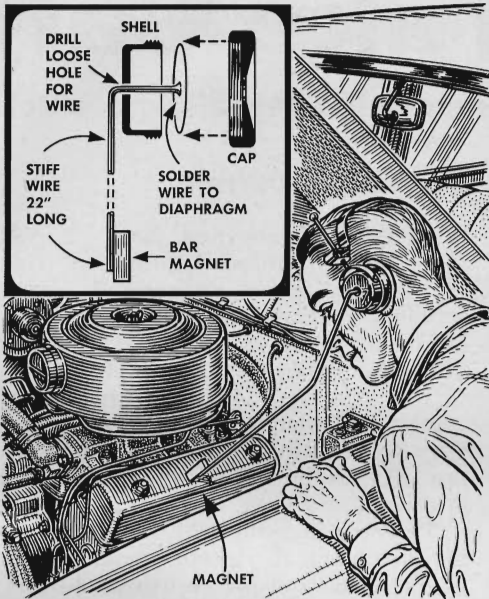


Corrosion can be cleaned from inside distributor-cap terminals with a wire brush made from a discarded hand-brake cable. Cut the cable near its end and use its adjusting rod as a handle. Unravel a few strands, insert in the terminals, and twist.

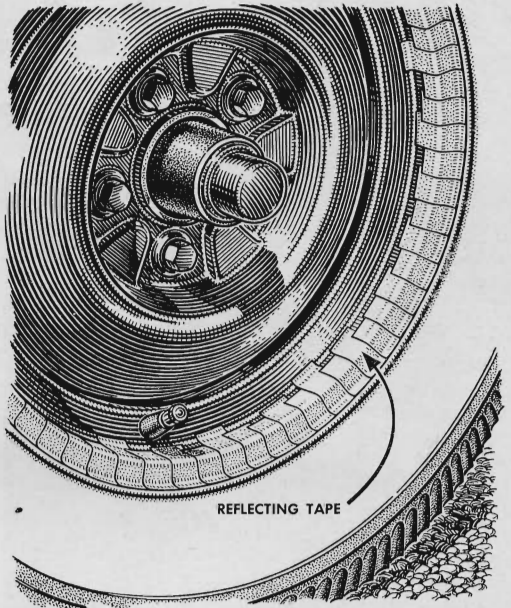


A safe battery-terminal puller can be made from a turnbuckle. Discard the left-hand eyebolt and hacksaw the threaded end down the middle. Spread the sides and file off enough from the split end to make hooks that fit under the cable clamps.

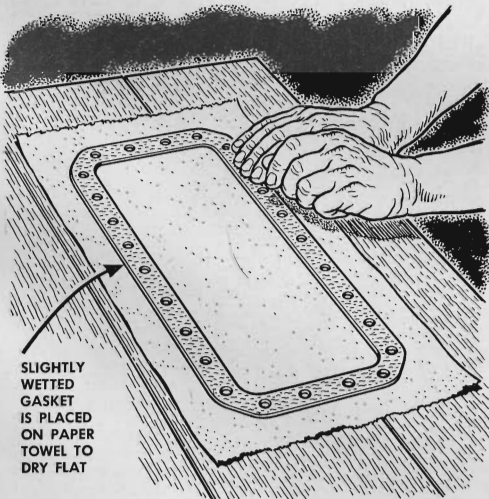
For that extra leverage needed to loosen the adjusting screws on door hinges without damaging their heads, try a carpenter's brace. Screwdriver bits with shanks to fit the brace can be purchased for both Phillips-head and slotted screws.



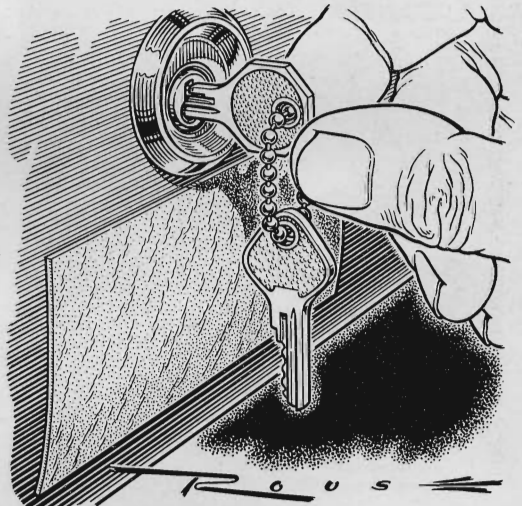
To pinpoint engine noises, use a stethoscope made from a radio earphone. Solder a stiff wire to the diaphragm, and the earphone's magnet to the wire's other end. Touch the magnet to different parts of the engine to listen and trace noises.



Short strips of reflecting tape placed side by side around wheel rims serve two purposes: They reflect an oncoming car's headlights when you drive out of a side street and they eliminate any occasional tendency for the wheel covers to creak.



A cork gasket that has shrunk can sometimes be restored to its original size by dipping in water and laying it flat long enough to absorb the moisture and swell. Don't soak it for a long period of time, as it might come apart or crumble.



The noise of keys jangling against the dash can be silenced by cementing a small square of leather to the metal below the ignition switch. Rubber cement will hold it without damaging the finish. Colored leather can be bought at craft shops.