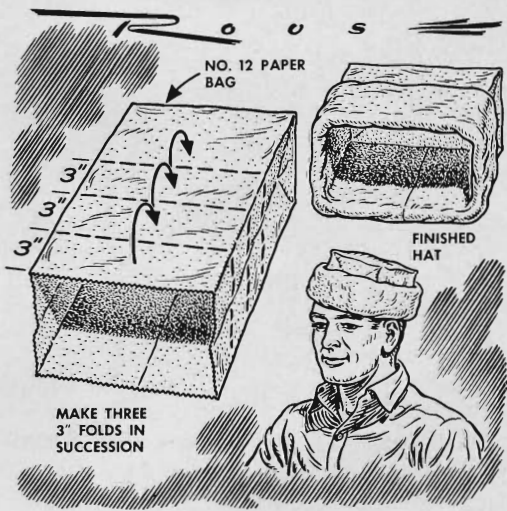


**Scratch oil-level marks** on your dipstick heater and use it in place of the regular dipstick through the winter. Run the wire into the car where it can easily be passed out a window and plugged into an outlet whenever the car stands idle.

**When bleeding brakes** with no one to help, a spring clothespin on the bleeder hose serves as a one-way valve to prevent the hose from drawing in air bubbles when the brake pedal is released. Check the master cylinder after bleeding each wheel.



**Aim a flashlight** where you need it by propping it between the open jaws of pliers stuck in the ground. If the ground is paved or too hard-packed, secure the jaws of the pliers to the light with tape so the handles serve as legs.



**A paper hat**, folded from a No. 12 paper bag, provides double protection when you work under a car. It keeps grease and dirt out of your hair, and the folded sides cushion bumps and soften contact with the ground when you rest your head.