

Hints for Car Owners

Striker Plate Adapts Latch to Overhead Garage Door

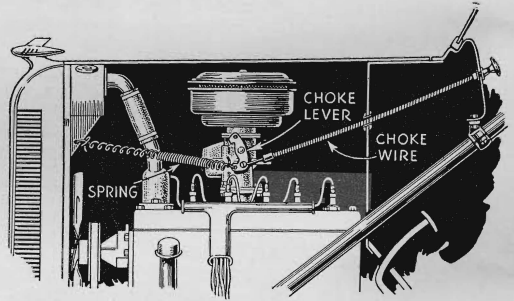
A REGULATION door latch may be adapted for use on an overhead-type garage door by the simple expedient pictured in the photographs at the right. The metal section of the lock into which the latch fits is fastened to the door jamb, and above this an easily made, curved striker plate shaped from $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by $\frac{1}{8}$ " steel is installed endwise, as pictured. The latch case is then positioned on the door itself. As the door descends, the latch will contact the edge of the steel striker and be forced inward to clear the top side of the metal receptacle into which it slides. When the door has been pulled down all the way, the latch bolt is then free to slide into place as on an ordinary swinging door.—W. O. W.



How the striker plate works. Easily shaped from steel, it depresses the latch as the overhead garage door is lowered

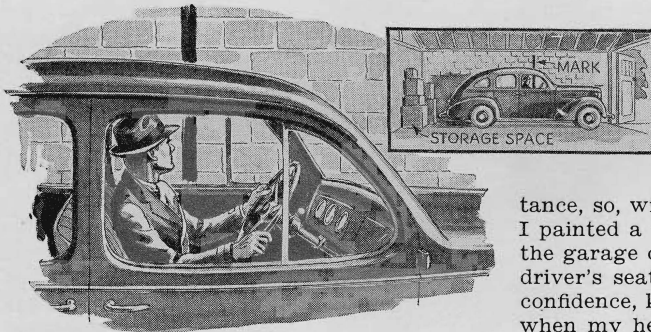
Choke-Rod Return Spring Aids Forgetful Drivers

IF YOU find that you sometimes run your car with the choke button partially out, forgetting to push it in after a cold-weather start, try attaching a spiral spring between the carburetor choke arm and a convenient spot on the radiator shell. Then adjust the spring tension so that the car vibration will joggle the spring and cause it to reopen the choke.—C. R. H.



Spring tension returns the choke if you forget it

Garage-Wall Mark Shows Backing Limit



The line shows the driver he has backed far enough

BECAUSE I use the extra space in the rear of my garage for storing things, I have to know exactly where to stop my car when I back it in. A few rear-end bumps convinced me that I could not trust my sense of distance, so, with the car in the right position, I painted a vertical line in the side wall of the garage opposite my head as I sat in the driver's seat. Now I back the car in with confidence, knowing that I have only to stop when my head comes even with the line.—

L. H.