USEFUL AUTO HINTS

I NEAT REPAIRS to the fabric finish of doors, which usually become worn around the inside handles, giving a shabby appearance to the car interior, can be made by removing the handles and gluing squares of artificial leather over the worn portion of the panel. The top should run up under the window molding, and identical patches on each door give a tailored effect.—R.W.K.

2 SPRING TENSION, which can be felt at the foot accelerator when your car reaches 40 miles an hour, will help you keep your speed down to an economical level. The spring is loosely connected as shown, and adjusted by experiment to take effect when car speed reaches 40. It will not hamper the use of full throttle on hills.—H.F.H.

3 TIRES STUCK TO RIMS can often be freed with little effort by the simple expedient of placing the wheel on the ground under a bumper and using the car jack to force the bead from the rim. Center the jack under the bumper to take advantage of as much car weight as possible.—J.P.L.P.

4 SQUEAKY STEERING-WHEEL SPOKES are a distracting annoyance and sometimes difficult to get rid of. An unusually effective remedy is obtained by rubbing hydraulic-brake fluid on the junction of the spokes and the plastic wheel itself, both at the hub and the rim. Wipe the fluid off again with a clean cloth.—J.R.







