USEFUL AUTO HINTS

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1 STOPPING YOUR CAR always at a desired point in your garage can be made easier if you suspend a rope from the ceiling and locate it so that it will touch the windshield when you have reached the particular spot at which you wish to bring the car to a halt.—R.E.C.

2 STRIPPED THREADS in light zinc-alloy castings can be repaired with a length of solder. Simply place the solder in the hole and force the bolt in until it takes hold. The solder will act as a filler in which new threads will be cut by the bolt. Such a repair will be permanent if there is not too much strain.—C.R.G.

3 AN EMERGENCY-BRAKE HANDLE held by a padlock cannot be released by children or meddlers. A hole slightly larger than the shackle of the lock should be drilled through the handle at a point not too near the edge. When the lock is snapped in place, the brake handle cannot be compressed sufficiently to release the brake and allow the car to roll.—J.B.

4 GASOLINE-TANK LOCKS frequently become encrusted with ice and are impossible to open as long as they remain frozen. An oiled-silk dish or milk-bottle cover, such as those used in refrigerators, will keep rain and sleet off a lock and guard it against freezing in the coldest weather. Just snap the cover over the neck of the tank, and the lock will stay dry.—W.W.B.