

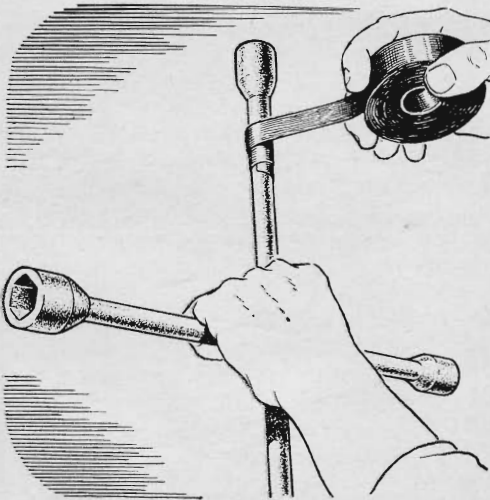
Hints from the Model Garage



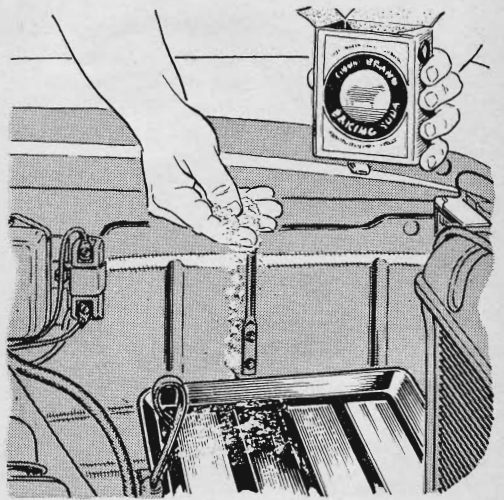
Here's a rope trick to simplify the installation of windows set in rubber molding. Place a heavy cord in the molding groove, press the window into position, and pull on the cord. The cord lifts the lip of the molding over the glass.



To protect your car's finish when working on the engine, drape a square of thin plastic sheet over the fender. The plastic is easy to wipe clean and folds into a tiny package for storing. Magnets make good nonslip hold-downs.

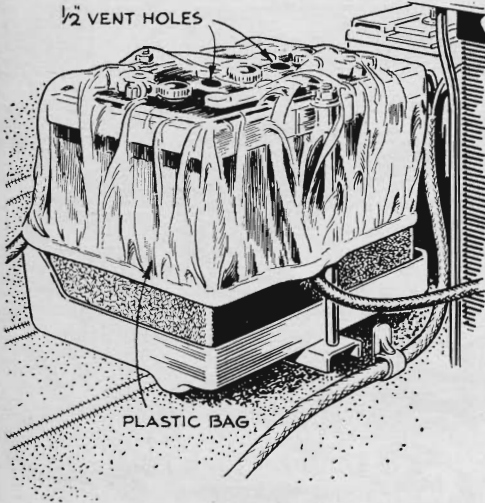


A four-way lug wrench is seldom used for anything but emergencies—often at night. Instead of painting the arm that fits the lug bolts of your car, as many people do, wrap it with tape that can be readily felt in the dark.

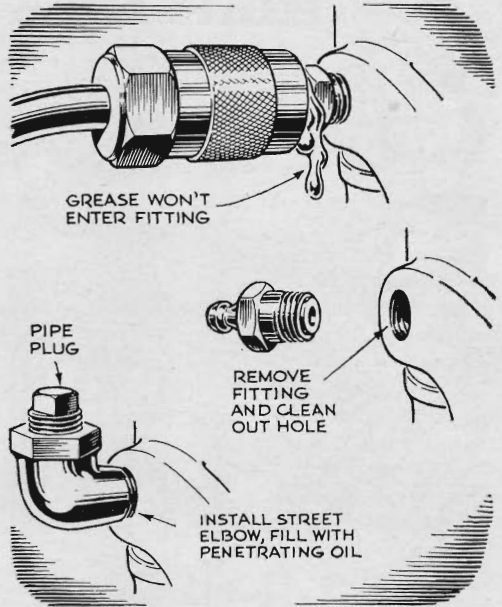


When installing a new battery, or one that's been out for a charge, brush out the metal tray of the battery holder and sprinkle some baking soda over it. The soda will neutralize any acid overflow and keep the tray from rusting.

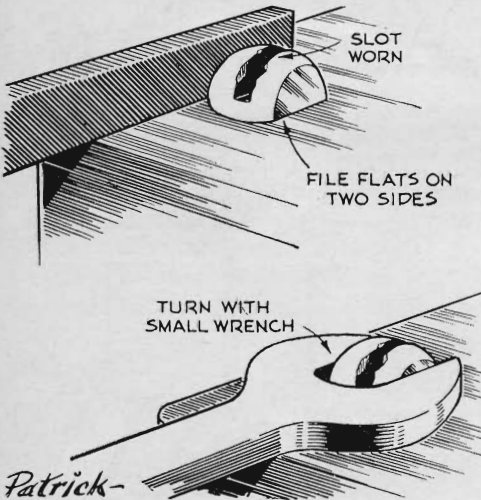
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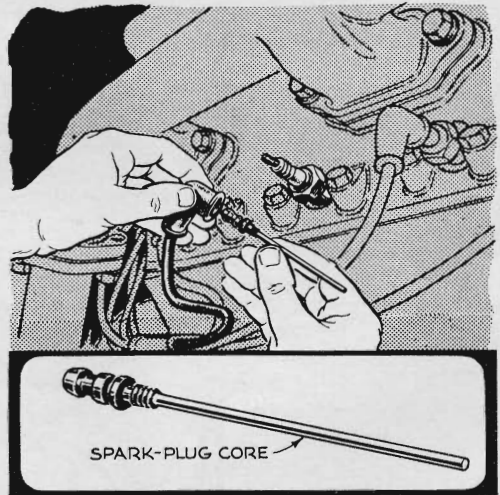
Protect the top of your battery from dirt and short-circuiting moisture, and cut down excessive evaporation of the electrolyte this way: Cover it with a plastic freezer bag. Cut two holes in the bag to vent off charging gases.



To clear a clogged grease channel, replace the fitting with a street elbow, fill the elbow with penetrating oil, and drive for a week. Put back the fitting and try your grease gun. Fresh grease should now force the old grease out.



A stubborn roundhead screw that resists removal because it's frozen or its slot is chewed beyond use can be unstuck by filing flats on opposite sides of the head. Then you can use a wrench on the flats to turn the screw with ease.



A spark tester, handy to use when spark terminals are sheathed in rubber, is easy to make this way: Break an old spark plug apart and save the core. The cap will snap easily into the wire terminal, leaving the core exposed for testing.