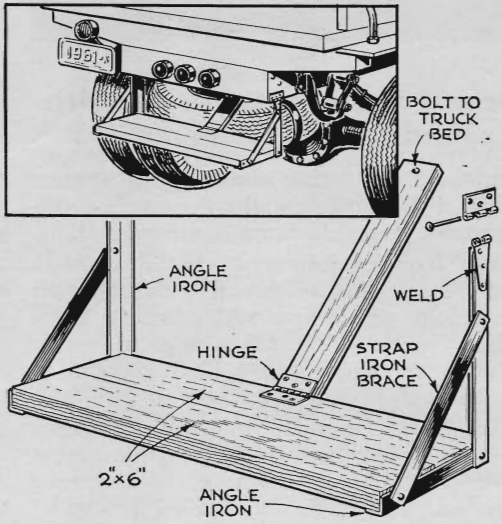
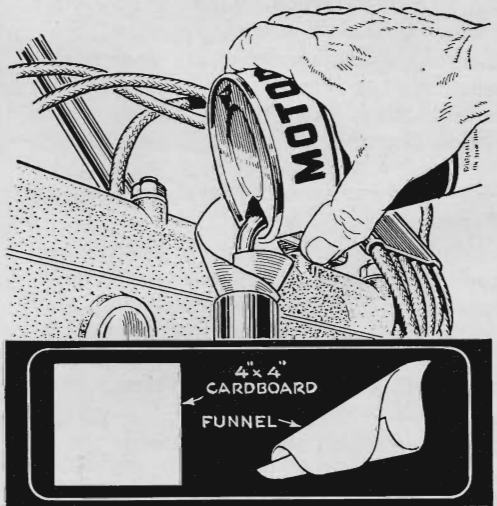
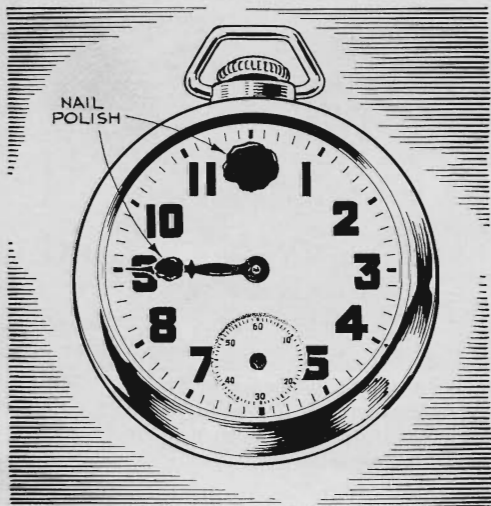


Hints from the Model Garage



Running out of gas is bad enough, but to be unable to get it when someone offers help is worse. A good thing to remember: A tire-pump hose or windshield-wiper hose makes a fine siphon tube for drawing gas from a Good Samaritan's tank.

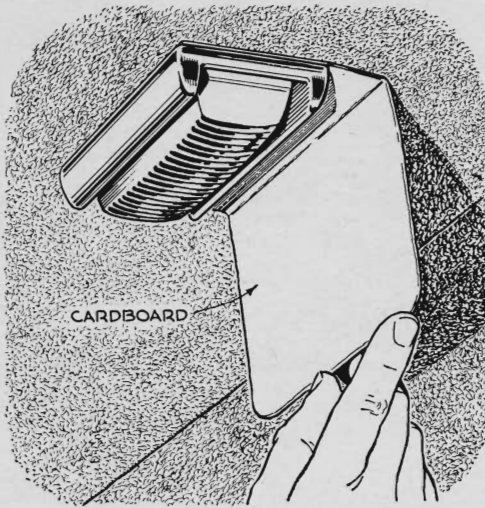
A rear step on a truck is sometimes useful, sometimes not wanted, depending on the work being done. A removable step solves the problem. Fasten it in place with hinges, using heavy cotter pins instead of hinge pins to join them.



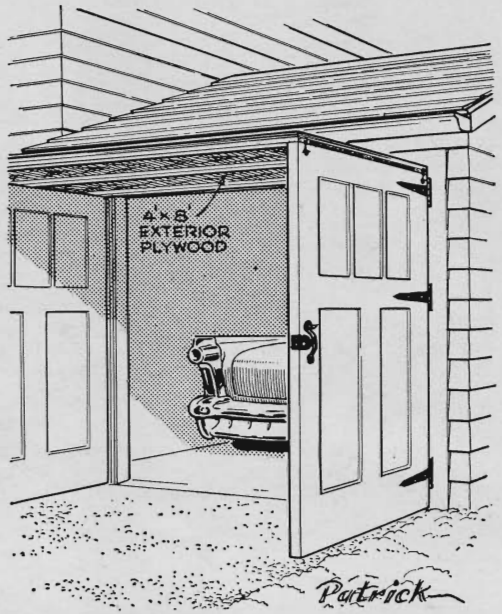
To avoid parking tickets, convert an old watch into a parking-meter timer by removing all but the minute hand and painting on red dots. Set it backwards for the time you paid for (15 minutes shown above) and check it as you shop.

The funnel is always clean when you roll your own from a 4"-by-4" square of cardboard, manila envelope, or aluminum foil. Throw it away after using it to pour oil or fluid into the engine or transmission, and roll a fresh one next time.

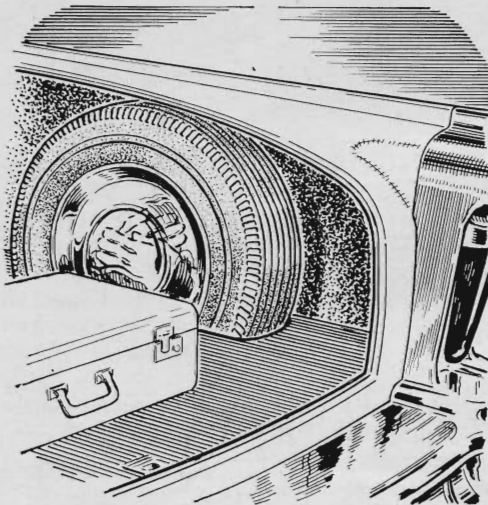
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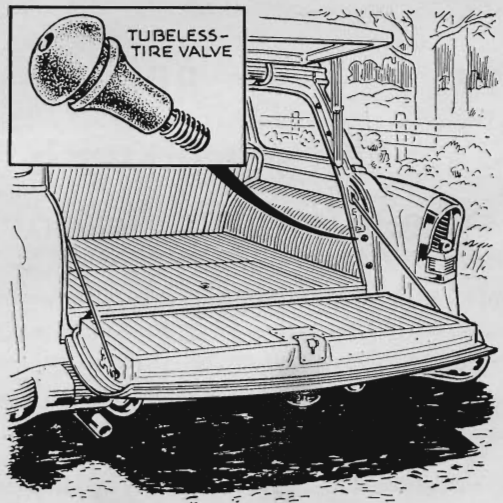
The dome light can be used by passengers in the rear seat, without reducing the driver's visibility, if a shield is placed in front of the light. Loosen the holding screws, slip folded cardboard under the frame, and tighten the screws.



You can gain extra room at the rear of your garage, or shelter almost half of a second car, by extending the garage length with an overhang. Create it by fastening a panel of exterior plywood permanently across the swing-out doors.



For a neater trunk, fit the spare wheel with a hubcap or wheel disk. This provides concealed storage space for work gloves, hand cleaner, and a rag—items that you'll find useful if you have to change a tire or make a roadside repair.



There's a use for everything—even old tubeless-tire valve stems. Drill holes in the tailgate frame of a station wagon and press the stems into them. The rounded bottom ends cushion metal-to-metal contact, effectively silencing rattles.