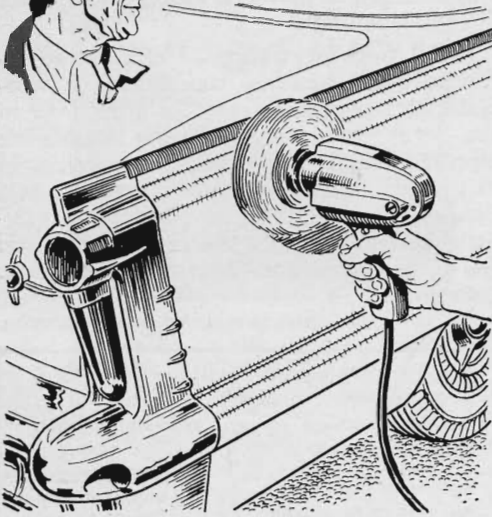
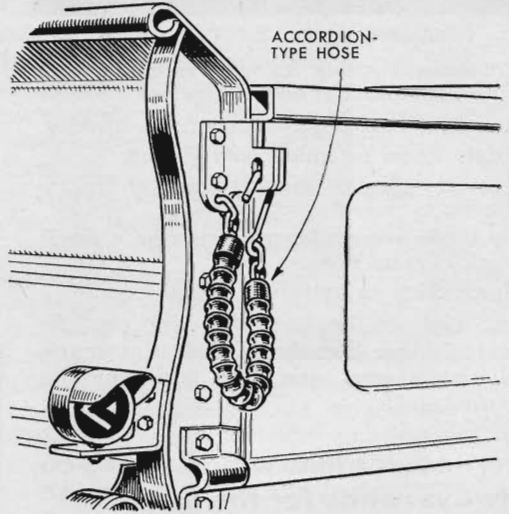




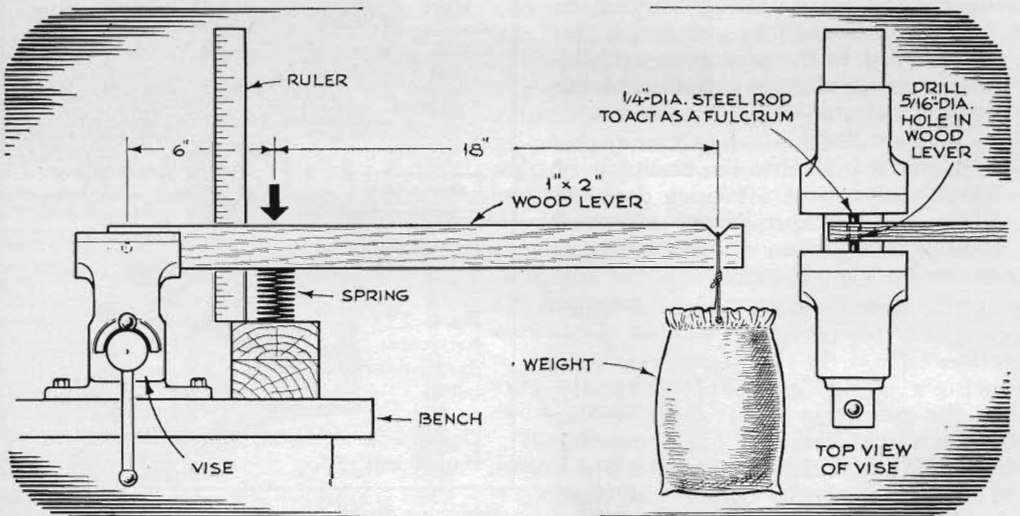
# Hints from the Model Garage



When polishing a car with a power buffer, it's easy to wear through the paint on sharp edges like the rain gutters and ridges on the hood and fenders. To avoid this, cover the edges with masking tape and polish them later by hand.



Hush noisy tailgate chains by covering them with lengths of accordion-type rubber hose—the kind used in car heaters, skin-diving equipment, or old war-surplus gas masks. They'll save wear and tear on paint as well as your nerves.



Check valve and clutch springs for proper strength with a rig like this. Shop manuals list correct spring compression under a given load. If a spring compresses more, it should be replaced. To find the weight needed for the end of the

lever, multiply the desired load on the spring by the distance (here 6") from the fulcrum to the spring, and divide by the lever's total length (here 24"). The result is the required load in pounds. Measure spring compression with ruler.