



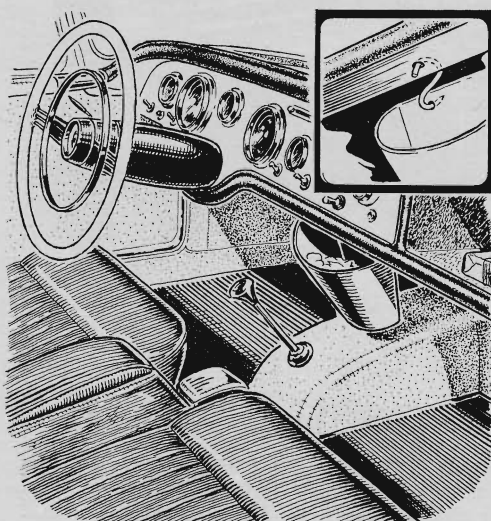
# Hints from the Model Garage



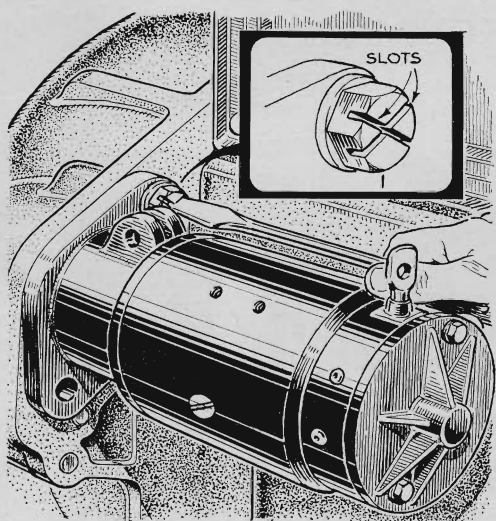
Radiator hoses slip into place easier if you smear the first inch or so of the hose on the inside with graphite jointing compound. Apply the stuff to the radiator or engine pipe, too. The compound also helps you get a good, tight seal at the joint.



A flashlight makes a good trouble light when you're making repairs under a car. To one corner of your creeper attach a tin can with its top removed. Put the flashlight in the can. It's easy to aim the light anywhere you need it.



Mount a litter basket with a metal shower-curtain hook, using one of the many accessory holes that are factory-drilled at the bottom of the dashboard cowlings. Hang the basket right over the transmission hump to keep it from taking up passenger leg room.

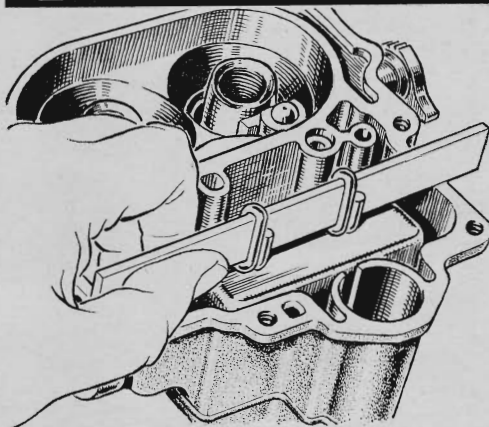
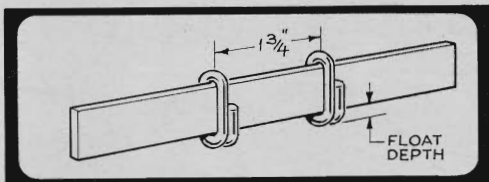


Hard-to-reach bolts like those on top of many starter motors can be engaged easily with a screwdriver if you cut an X-shaped notch in the head with a hacksaw. After the bolt has been screwed in, it can be tightened with an ordinary wrench.

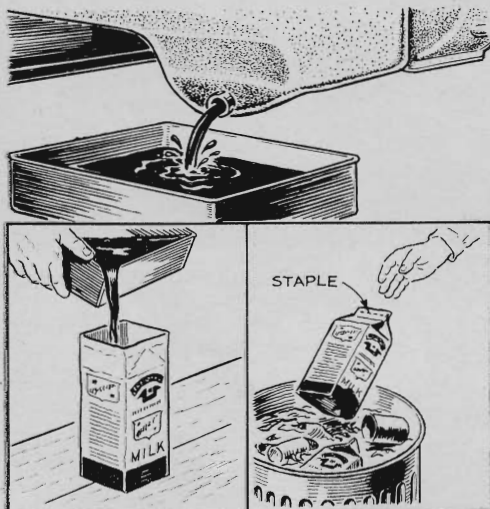
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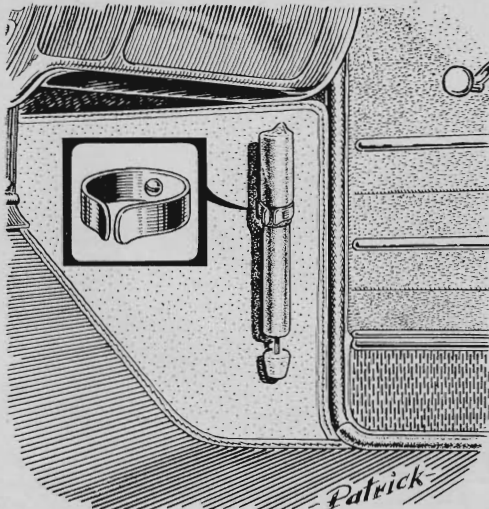
A signal flag made of bright-colored cloth helps you find your car quickly in a large parking lot. Here's an idea for a simple flagpole, in case you don't have an aerial on your car: Clamp a curb feeler to the rain gutter over one of the side windows.



Make your own carburetor-float depth gauge with a straightedge about 6" long and two short lengths of wire with a diameter equal to the desired float depth. Wrap the two lengths of wire snugly several times around the straightedge about  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " apart.



Getting rid of dirty engine oil needn't be a problem. Place a pan under the crankcase while draining it. Then pour the oil into an empty milk carton, staple the top shut, and toss the carton into the garbage can. The waxed container won't leak.



Keep flares within easy reach for any emergency. Mount them with spring-type hammer clamps (the kind used on workbench tool boards) on the kickpads ahead of the doors, using existing screws. Press a protective cork on a spike-bottomed fuse.