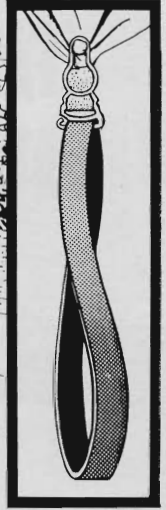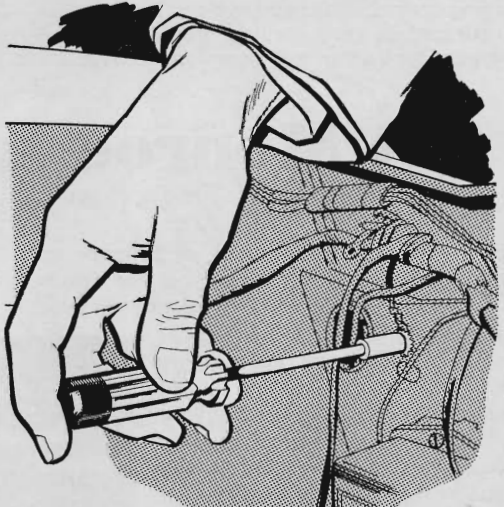# Hints from the Model Garage

To hold a car cover in place even on windy days, use four hook-on garter snaps sold for women's girdles. Hook them to loops of rubber cut from an old inner tube and slip the big rubber bands over the bum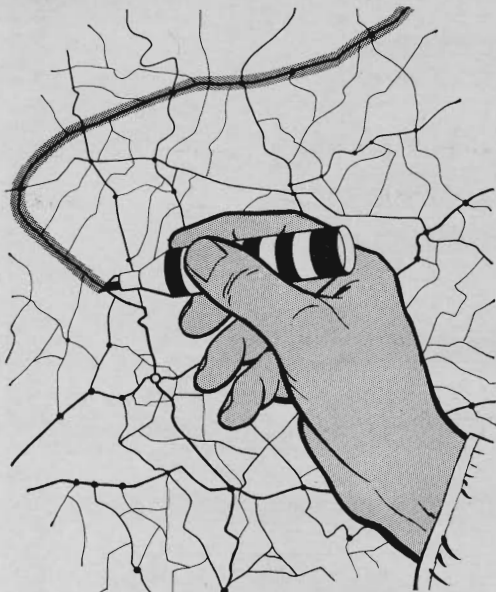per ends. For the cover itself use a sheet of canvas or heavy-gauge transparent plastic. Or buy a custom-fitted cover (even the ones with elastic at the bottom often blow away if not secured as shown). The garter snaps hold the cover without tearing it. Use them for boat covers, too.

Remove decals from painted surfaces by dousing them with hot vinegar. After a few minutes, the decals will wipe off cleanly and easily. Where the decals are old, place an ammonia-soaked cloth over them for half an hour. They'll scrape right off.

If your headlights grow dim, indicating a replacement is needed, don't throw them away before making this test first. Tighten the ground-wire screw under the hood where the light wires are grouped. Often this simple fix clears up the trouble.
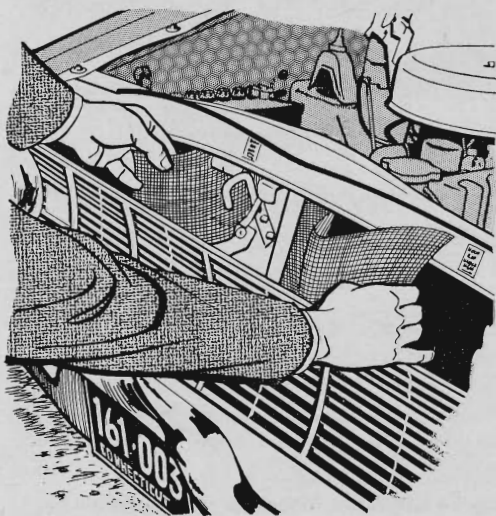
More Hints from the Model Garage

FLASHLIGHT CASE

To follow a road map more easily, mark your route with a felt-tipped marker before starting on your trip. These markers are available in many colors at stationery stores. The ink is translucent (so map details show through) and quick-drying.

Trying to pour gas from a can directly into the filler pipe can be messy—especially if the pipe is recessed. If no funnel is available, use a flashlight shell. Unscrew both ends, remove the batteries, and use the flashlight case as a funnel.

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EMERY BOARD

Keep bugs from clogging the radiator and causing overheating by attaching screening behind the grille. It won't show from outside. Cut screen higher than grille opening, fold bottom forward so bugs collect there. To clean, just shake it out.

Use emery board to feather-edge the paint around a chip before you apply touch-up paint. When the paint is dry, rub the spot with rubbing compound and it will blend with the rest of the finish. The grit on the emery board is ideal for this job.