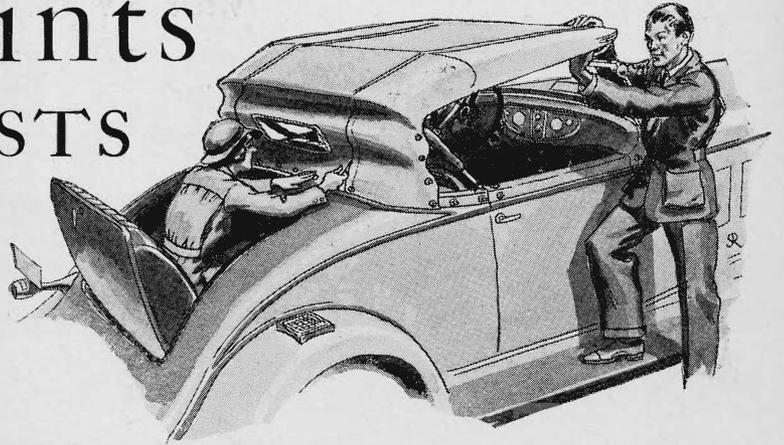
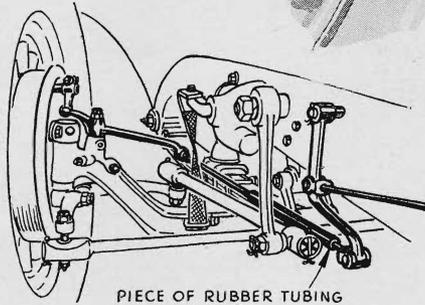


Helpful Hints FOR MOTORISTS

*These Suggestions From
Auto-Owning Readers May
Save You Time and Money*



OFTEN on roadsters it is difficult to fasten the bottom edge of the rear, fold-up curtain. Rain shrinks the material and, in shortening, the flap becomes a tight fit. By following a simple kink, however, the curtain can be fastened easily and quickly. Simply loosen the corner-post thumbscrews and lift the front edge of the top a few inches. The slack provided will allow the rear-flap fasteners to be snapped into place. Then, by the application of a little pressure, the corners of the top may be refastened to the corner posts.—D. L. C.



PIECE OF RUBBER TUBING
How rubber tubing can be applied to front-wheel brake rods to stop annoying rattles

Stops Brake-Rod Rattle

WHEN front-wheel brake rods on many older-model cars get loose, they vibrate against the section of the chassis nearest them. Generally, they make contact with the front-spring shackle bolts. To silence them, loosen the brake rod at one end and slip on a four- or five-inch section of snug-fitting rubber tubing, locating it at the point where the rod makes contact.—D. J. E.

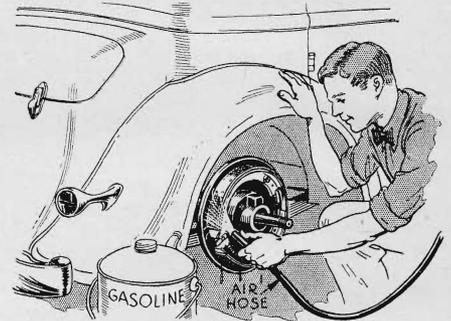


Added Seat Protection

WHILE regular seat covers do help to keep the upholstery in closed cars clean, liquids, such as oil and thin grease, will soak through the thin fabric easily. To give complete protection, I use under coverings made from inexpensive black oilcloth. Placed under the regular coverings, they are hidden from view yet give absolute protection from spots and wear. Although I cut the under coverings for my car to fit the general shapes of the seats, large rectangles of the material can be folded easily to the approximate size. The outer coverings will hold them in place.—S. A. B.

Air Stream Clears Brake Linings of Grease

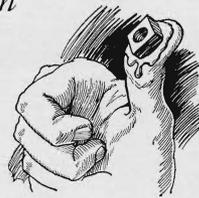
ALTHOUGH greasy brake linings can be cleaned by scrubbing them with gasoline, the process is not always effectual. The gasoline dilutes the grease and the mixture dries slowly, with the result that the first time the brakes are applied, the heat of friction vaporizes the gasoline but leaves the grease. A better way is to soak the lining with gasoline and then dry it with blasts from an air hose. The force of the air blows most of the loosened grease away from the brake lining before the gasoline evaporates. It is best, of course, to remove the wheels when doing this work.—E. T. G., Jr.



A blast of compressed air frees gasoline-washed brake linings of any remaining grease

Cement Aids in Placing Nut

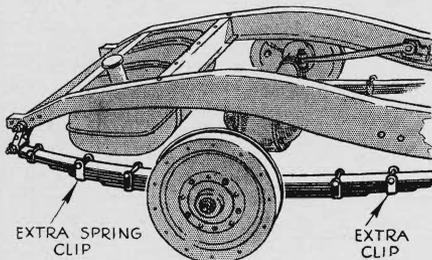
UNABLE to place a nut in an inaccessible part of my car, I finally solved the problem by putting a smear of rubber cement on the ball of my thumb and pressing the nut into it.—L. K.



Rids Radiator of Bugs

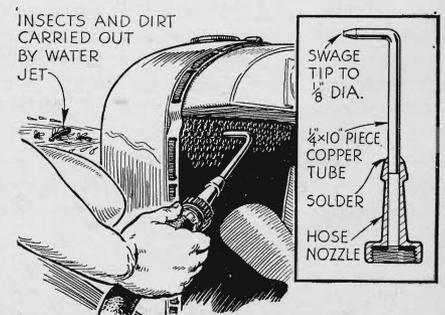
DURING the summer, the hot tempers of many car radiators can be traced to bugs. Insects caught in the radiator honeycombs clog the cells and lower their cooling efficiency. Cleaning the honeycombs with a wire prod is a tedious process; a better method is to use high-pressure water. Simply fit a homemade nozzle of the type illustrated to your garden hose and wash the cells clean.—A. W. M.

Extra Clamps Bolster Weak Springs



EXTRA SPRING CLIP
EXTRA CLIP
Extra spring clips placed between the original clamps will strengthen a weak spring

IF YOUR car seems to be an incurable spring breaker, especially under adverse road conditions, don't give up hope until you have tried the simple remedy illustrated at the left. Buy or make some additional spring clips and fasten them in place at intervals between the original clamps. Although increasing the number of clips may make the car ride a bit harder, the springs will be strengthened to a degree where they will withstand even severe road shocks.—D. L. C.



Insect-clogged radiators can be cleaned easily with this garden-hose attachment