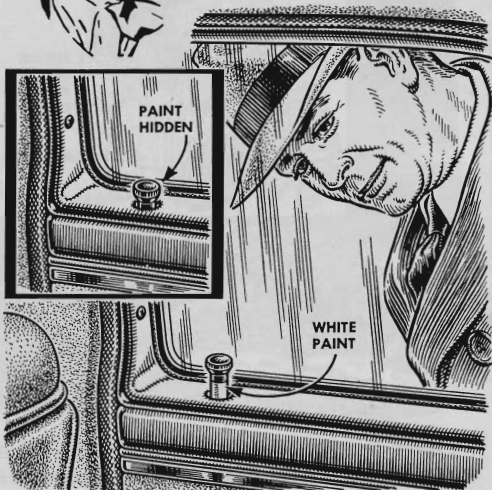
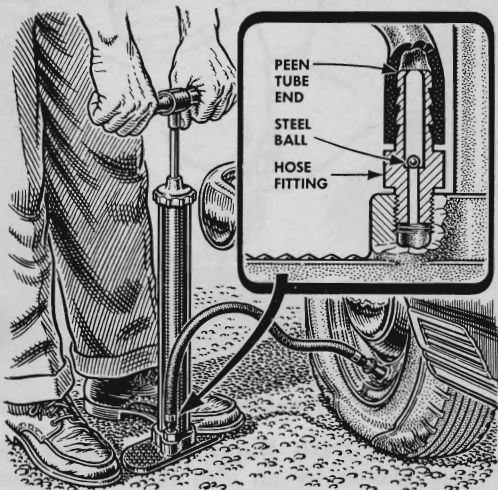




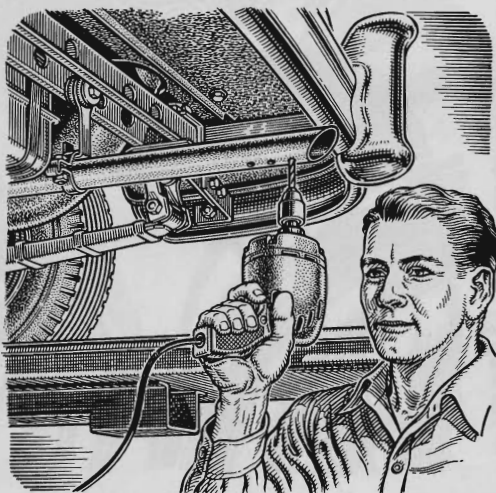
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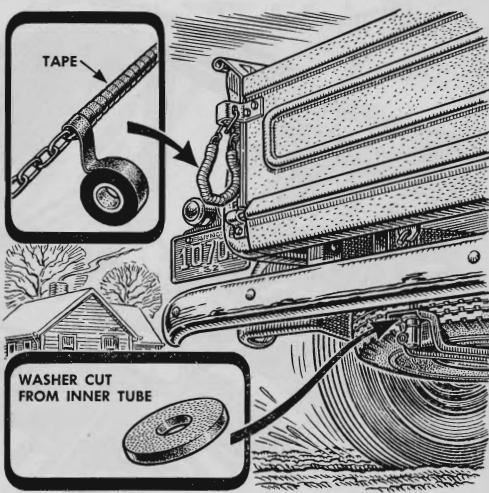
Paint Shows Button Position. From a distance it is sometimes difficult to tell whether car-door lock buttons are up or down. To remedy this, pull them up and paint a white strip around the base. If strip doesn't show, the door is locked.



Ball Check Speeds Tire Pumping. An ordinary tire pump may be hard to use if air leaks back from the tire. David R. Fay of Buffalo overcame this by installing a ball check. The ball used was obtained from an old bicycle-wheel bearing.



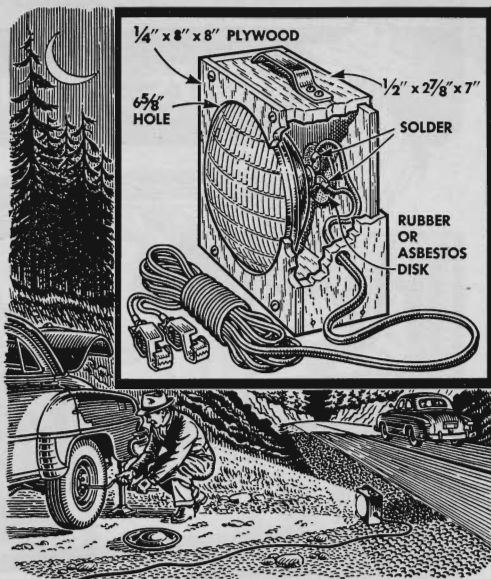
Drilled Holes Drain Tailpipe. You can retard corrosion of a tailpipe by drilling three 3/16" holes 1" apart at the exhaust end, as shown here. The holes will give condensed water a better chance to drain out of the pipe.



Curbing Truck Noises. Tail-gate chains on a trailer or light truck can be silenced by winding them with tape. If a spare-tire lock like the one shown rattles because of play between the lock and receptacle, insert a rubber washer to take up slack.



Painting Dash Bulbs Cuts Glare. You may like to try an idea that comes from Jim Larson of Dayton, Iowa. He pulled out all light bulbs on the dash of his '47 Chevy, dipped them in green paint, dried them under a heat lamp and put them back. This cuts glare when they are on full and produces a new-model lighting effect.



Lamp for Roadside Emergencies. When one beam of a sealed-reflector headlamp goes kaput, pack the unit into a box and carry it for night tire-changing and such. Test the three prongs on the back of the lamp to find which two give light. Solder a 15' lead to these. Clamp lamp between box front and the rubber disk.



Plastic Bottle Cleans Windows. Refilled with window-cleaning fluid, a flexible-plastic bottle is a handy item to carry in the glove compartment. Empty bottles of this type can sometimes be bought in a drug or dime store.



Calking Protects Eave Trough. If the original calking falls out of the eave-trough joint on your car, replace it with knife-grade compound and paint the compound a matching color. Water will collect in seams left open, causing rust.