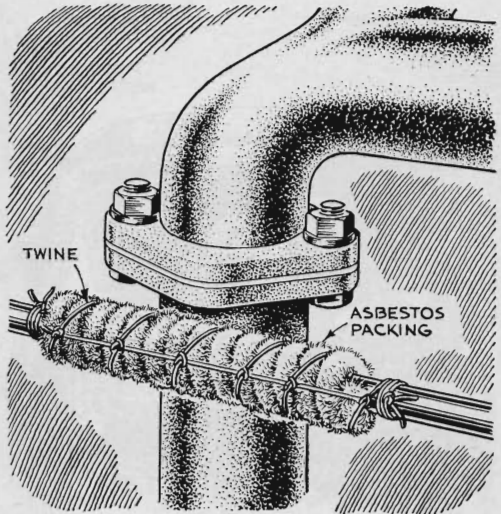




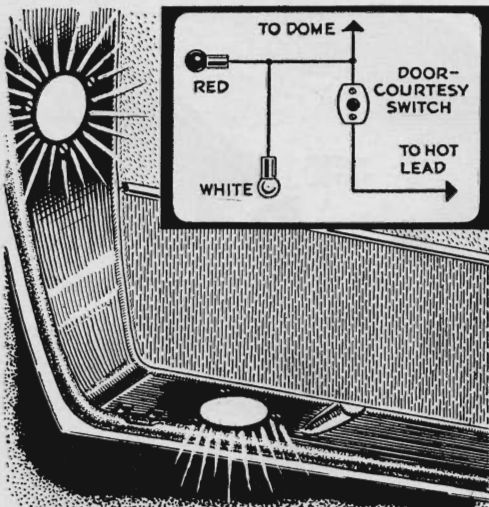
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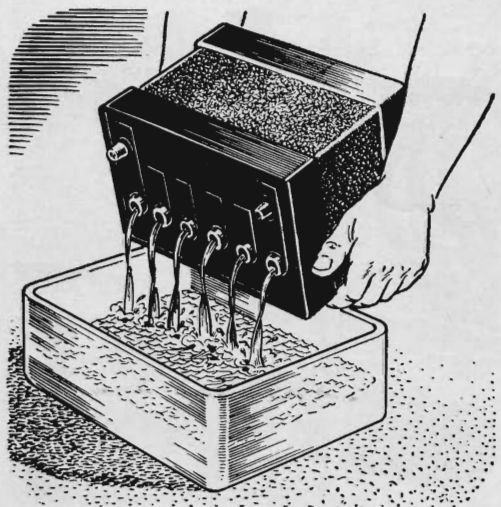
Those big, modern stop lights are brilliant enough to serve as backup lights. To make them go on, touch your brake lightly when backing, or connect them to a separate backup-light switch mounted on the lower end of the steering column.



To prevent vapor lock if the fuel line passes near a hot manifold, insulate the line with asbestos packing. Wrap the packing around the gas line, wet it with water and squeeze to compact it, then bind it tightly in place with twine.

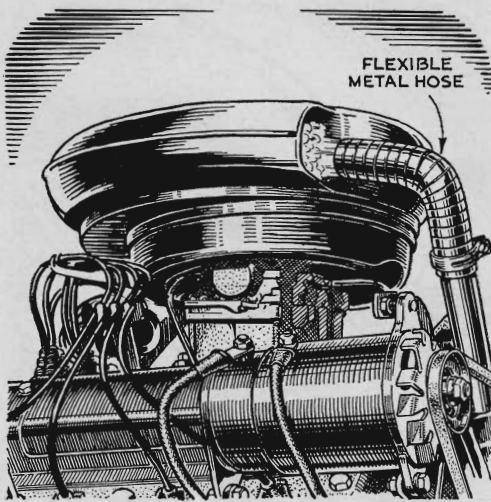


Small lights set in holes cut in door edges will warn approaching cars and illuminate the ground where you step down. Connect the lights to the courtesy-light switch and protect the wire with plastic tubing where it enters the door.

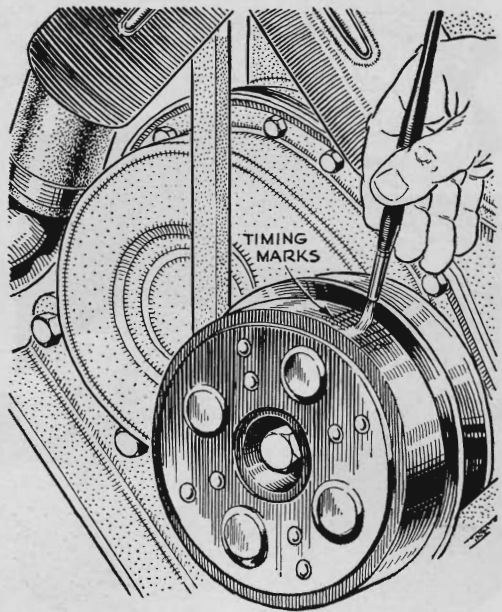


Extra years of battery life are reported by a motorist who flushes out plate sediment with water when a cell appears shorted. He pours the electrolyte into a baking dish, flushes all cells, puts back the electrolyte and charges the battery.

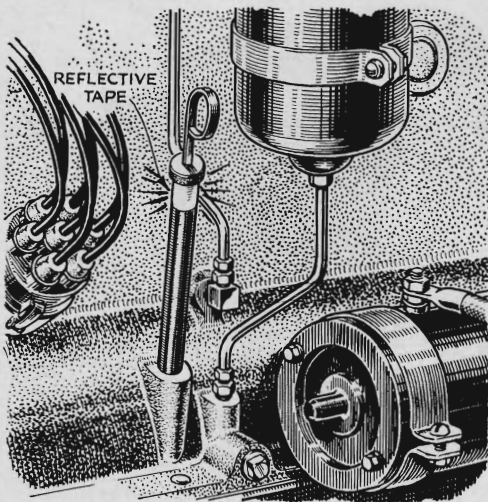
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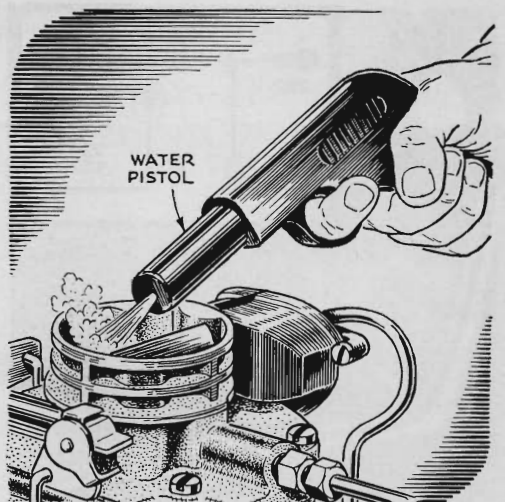
Got an oil pumper that puffs clouds of blue smoke up through the filler pipe? One mechanic eliminated the smoke by diverting it into the carburetor through a short length of flexible tubing. Now the oily vapor lubricates the valve guides.



Timing marks will stand out vividly under the beam of a timing light if they are wiped clean and painted with thin stripes of luminous paint. The paint, available at hardware and art-supply stores, glows when illuminated.



Wrap the top of the crankcase dipstick tube with white reflective tape to make it visible in the shadow of the hood at night. The tape will reflect any feeble stray light, making it easy to replace the dipstick after checking the oil level.



To start a balky engine or save cranking to prime the fuel system after running out of gas, fill a metal water pistol with gas and squirt it into the carb's throat. This is better than pouring in gas; the gun breaks it up into a fine spray.