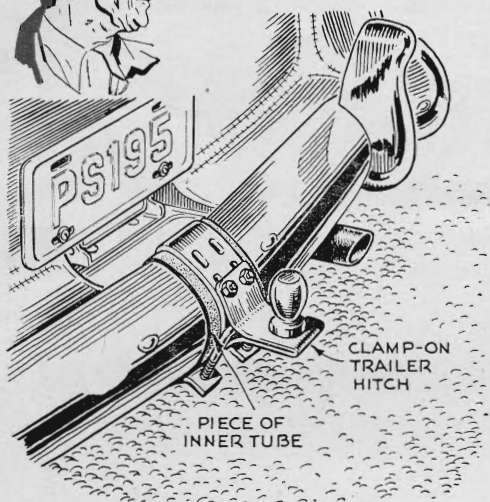
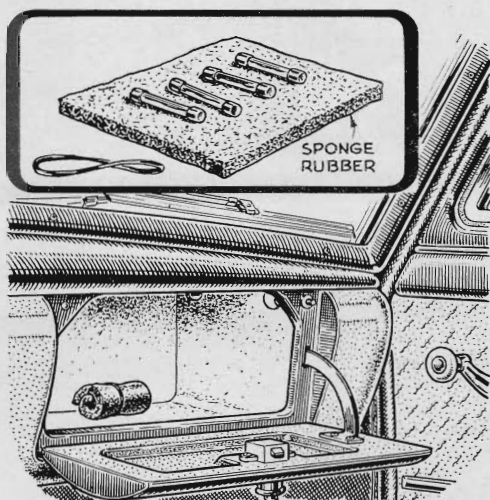


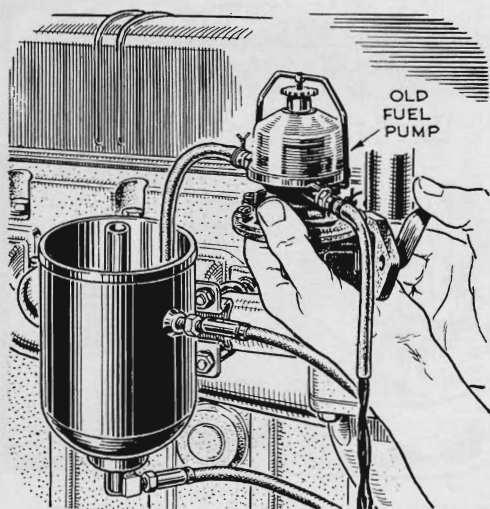
# Hints from the Model Garage



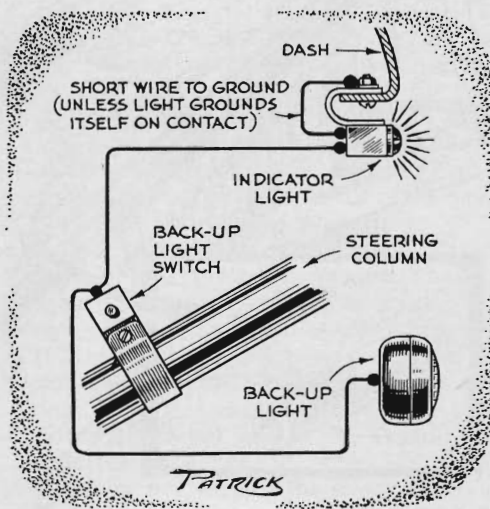
**Cushion a trailer hitch** with strips of rubber cut from a discarded inner tube. Placed between bumper and hitch, the rubber prevents chrome from being scratched. It also absorbs road vibrations which tend to loosen the hitch bolts.



**Spare fuses and bulbs** won't get smashed by tools, flashlights and such in your glove compartment if they're protected by foam rubber. Roll them up in a small sheet of the resilient material and wrap this with a heavy rubber band or two.

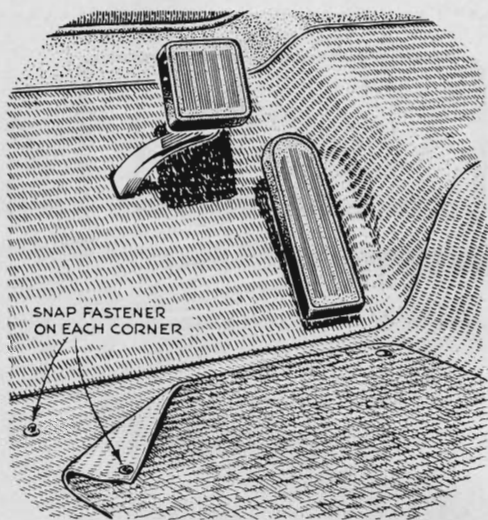


**Cleaning out the oil-filter housing** during an oil change is messy when the housing has no drain plug. For this difficult job I use an old, but workable, fuel pump. Moving the actuating lever by hand sucks out the sludge in the bottom.

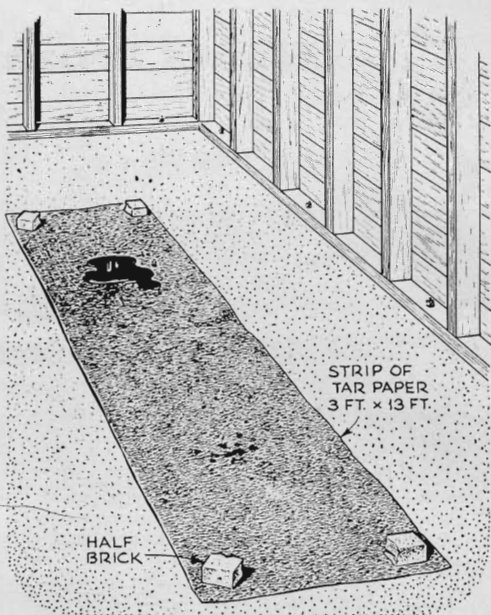


**When your car is in reverse**, this light blinks on to warn you. It's bracketed to the underside of the dash and wired to the back-up light switch. When the back-up lights go on, so does the dash light as a visual reminder to the driver.

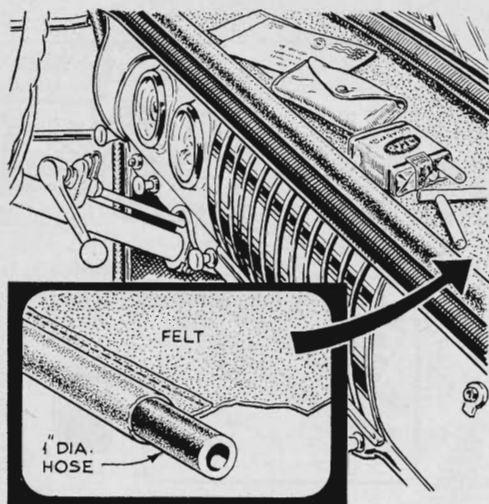
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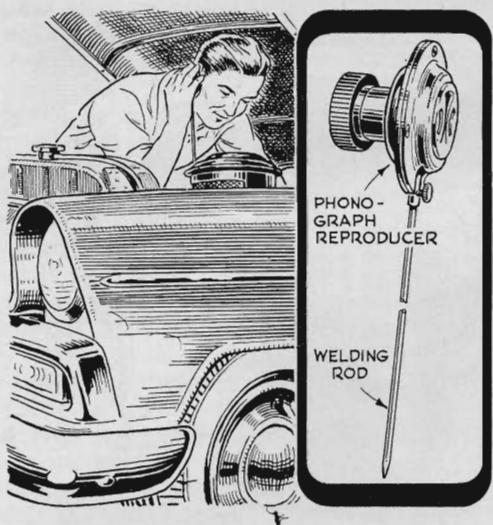
**Anchor floor mats** that shift around or curl up at the edges with snap fasteners. You can find suitable sew-on or hammer-in fasteners at the sewing counter of any five-and-ten or notions store. Attach one at each corner of the floor mat.



**Grease and oil drips** won't dirty a garage floor if you put down a strip of asphalt building paper. The oil catcher is held down by half-bricks that can be moved easily when you want to replace the strip or clean the garage.



**A felt dash cover** prevents sunny reflections on a bright day and creates non-skid storage space for small articles. Sew the cover's rear edge around some hose; this forms a rim to keep the items on top of the dash from falling off.



**Faint bearing knocks** can be detected by the mechanical reproducer from an old-style or child's phonograph. Fit a length of thin welding rod or coat-hanger wire into the needle holder and slip a make-shift rubber earpiece over the sound tube.