

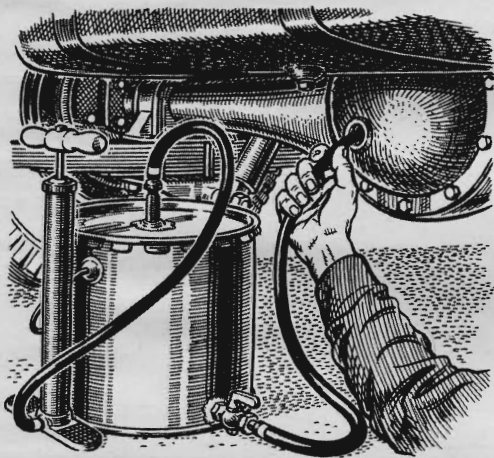
## Hints from the Model Garage



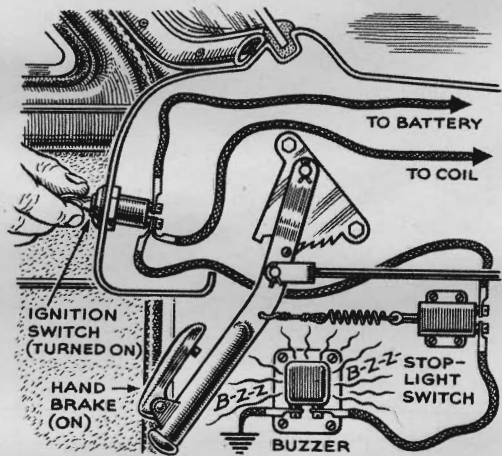
**Shaving Cream Removes Grease.** I carry a tube of brushless shaving cream in the glove compartment and find that it is fine for cleaning grease from my hands after a tire change or minor engine adjustment. The cream doesn't require water, and comes off with the dirt as you wipe your hands. — Donald P. Greiner, Dundee, Fla.



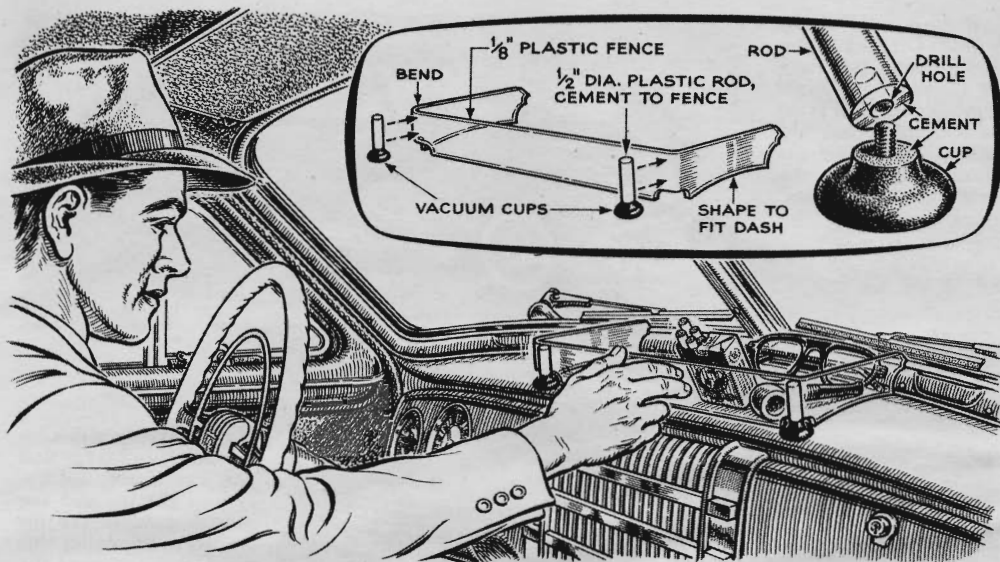
**Linseed Oil Dresses Fabric Top.** I have found that a good dressing for fabric tops is boiled (not raw) linseed oil. It even seals small leaks in the top, and does not crack because it is flexible. However, it requires considerable time to dry. Any paint store has it, but be sure it is boiled linseed oil. — G. E. Boyd, Youngstown, Ohio.



**Can Makes Pressure Filler.** A 2- or 5-gal. can, with a tire valve soldered in the top and a petcock soldered in the side near the bottom, makes a pressure filler for auto differentials and transmissions. Attach a flexible hose to the petcock and put a few pounds of air through the valve with a hand pump or air line and the filler is ready for use. The same idea works on a 55-gal. drum for dispensing bulk liquids.

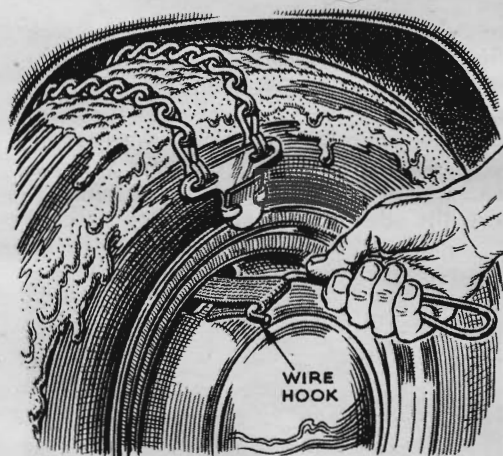


**Buzzer Warns Hand Brake Is On.** After catching my wife driving with the hand brake on for the third time, I devised this simple warning gadget that is similar to those found on newer cars. I connected a doorbell buzzer through a stoplight switch to the ignition switch, as shown in the drawing. Turning the key sounds the buzzer until the brake lever is released. The buzzer is under the dash. — W. M. Dierks, Chicago.

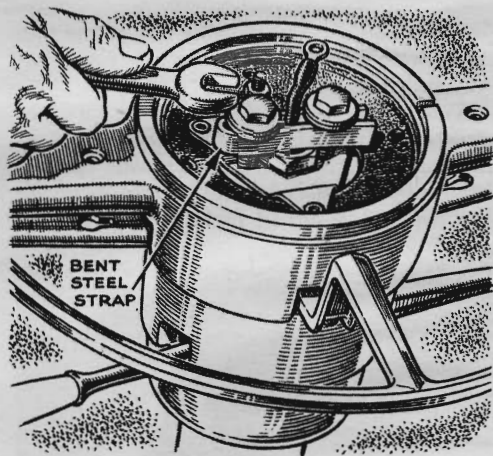


**Dashboard Fence of Plastic.** A strip of  $\frac{1}{8}$ " plastic, bent and cemented to two posts, forms a dashboard fence that will hold a lot of those miscellaneous items you frequently need while driving. Small vacuum cups cemented and threaded to the rods will

hold the fence but will not scratch the finish. Use  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter rods for the posts. Shape the sidepieces to the curve of the dash, either by cutting or by molding the hot plastic against the metal. Cigarettes, matches, pencils, and other items are kept in easy reach.



**Hook Aids in Attaching Chains.** Putting on strap-on chains—sometimes called mud hooks—usually is a messy and difficult job. To save my fingers and time, I use a stiff piece of wire bent to an L-shape. Most wheels have a rather small opening through which the webbed strap must pass. Run the hook through the opening and use it to pull the strap through.—*John Wright, Middleboro, Mass.*



**Steering Wheel Puller.** Removing the steering wheel of a Frazer without damaging the wire to the horn button was a problem until I hit on the simple puller illustrated here. It is a piece of  $\frac{1}{8}$ " by  $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel strap bent to a U-shape. Two bolts, supported by washers, were used to pull the wheel. Of course, the nut on the steering post was loosened, but not removed, to provide a bearing surface for the U-bracket.