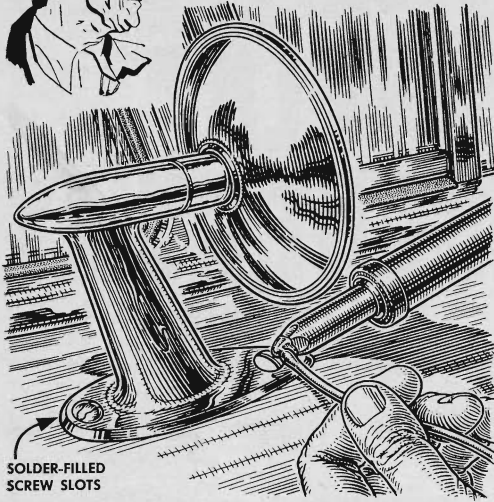
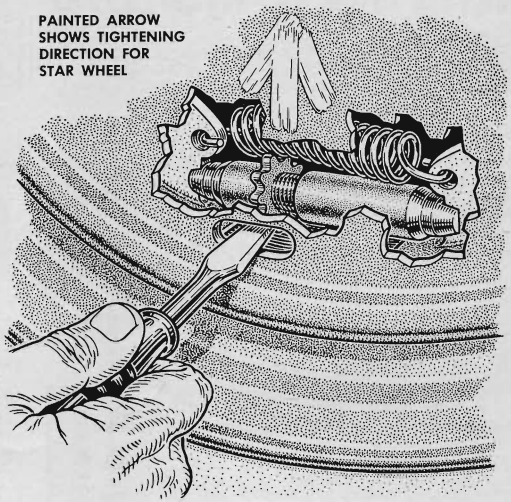


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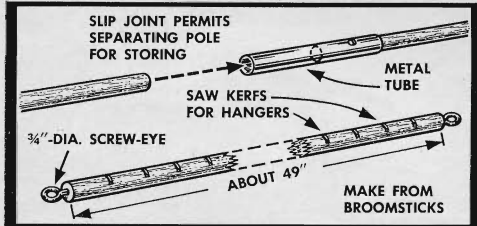
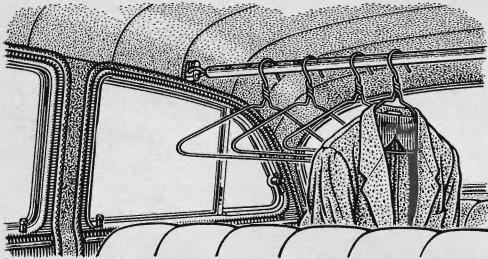
SOLDER-FILLED SCREW SLOTS

**Thieves can't steal** your side-view mirror or other screw-on accessories if you fill the slot in the screwhead with solder. This is better than distorting the slot, since you can remove the screw, if necessary, by melting the solder.

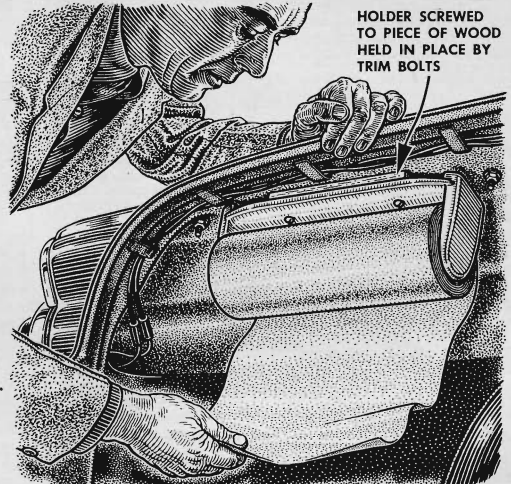


PAINTED ARROW SHOWS TIGHTENING DIRECTION FOR STAR WHEEL

**Adjust your own brakes?** It's difficult to remember from one adjustment to the next which way to rotate the adjustment wheel when you're tightening the brake shoes. An arrow painted over each access slot will eliminate the confusion.

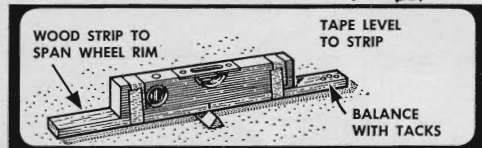
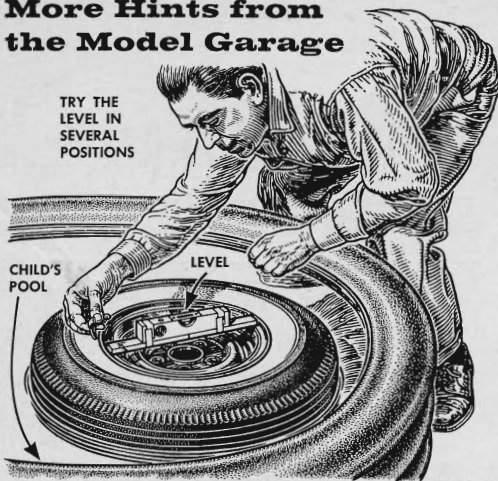


**A sturdy clothes pole** can be made by driving a screw-eye into each end of a broomstick and suspending it from the clothes hooks usually found in a sedan. Lacking hooks, remove two trim screws and insert screw hooks in their holes.

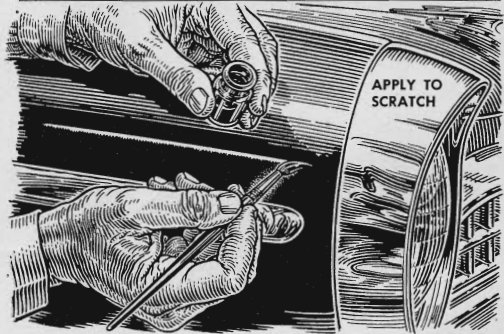
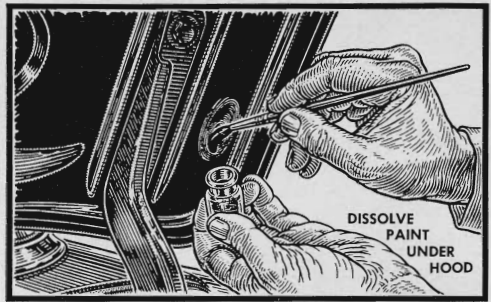


**Paper towels** will stay clean and dry if you keep them on a roller suspended on the inside of the trunk. The handy-to-use holder can be screwed to a block of wood held in place by two of the many exposed trim bolts you'll find in most cars.

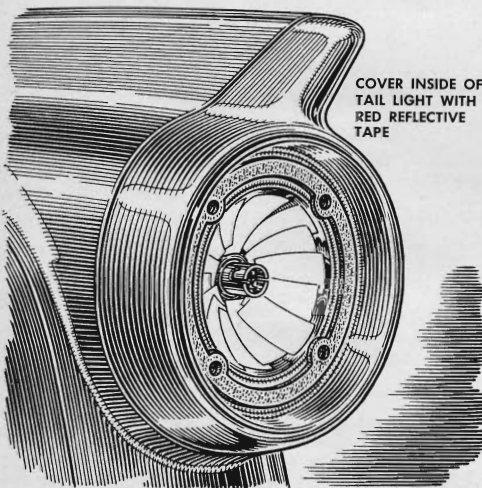
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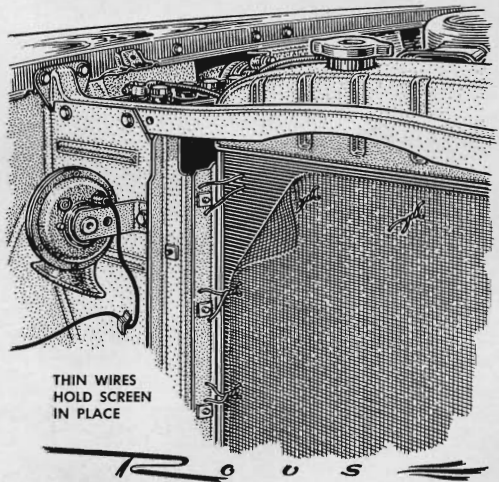
**Balancing wheels precisely** is easy if you float them in water. Center a level on a stick long enough to span the rim, and try the level in several positions. Add weights to the high side until the wheel floats perfectly level.



**A touch-up will match perfectly** if you dip a small brush in a thimbleful of lacquer thinner and rub it repeatedly over some unseen area of the finish. When the paint dissolves on the brush, apply it immediately to the scratch.



**Tail lights will reflect** more light from oncoming cars when off, and glow brighter when lit, if you cover the inside with red reflective tape. When you put back the lens, the tape is hidden, but its reflective quality is not impaired.



**Want a bug screen** for your radiator that doesn't require framing or drilling holes? Try this: Cut a piece of screening to fit, and tie it in place with thin copper wires passed through the core. The screen can be left on the car permanently.