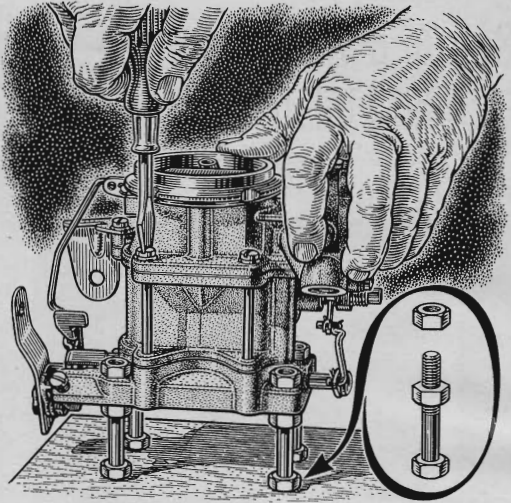
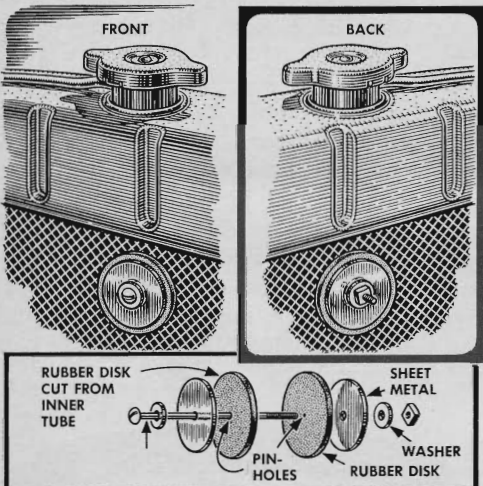


Hints from the Model Garage



An old overshoe makes a handy, rattle-free case for storing a tow chain or other metallic object that clanks and clatters on the floor of the trunk. Quart-size oil cans will also fit in the shoe to keep them from rolling back and forth.

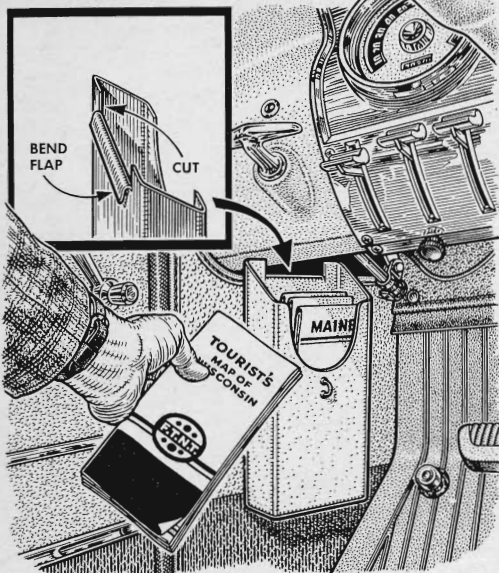
A steady work stand, made by locking four bolts in the holes at the base of a carburetor, will protect the linkage and throttle valves, and permit them to move freely while you're cleaning or overhauling the unit. Use two nuts on each bolt.



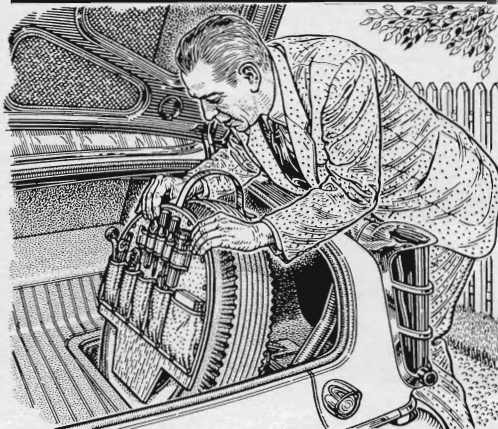
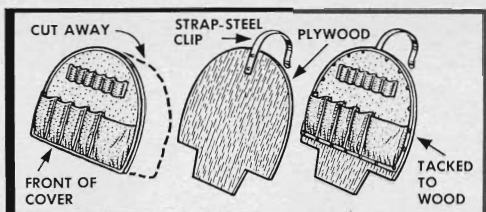
Radiator leaking? Expensive repairs can be postponed or avoided by sealing the ends of the core on both sides of the leak with disks cut from inner tube. Clamp the rubber in place with disks of metal, washers, and a long, thin bolt.

A plastic clothes bag—the kind you get free from the cleaner—slipped over the spare tire will keep the usually dirty wheel from soiling things carried in the trunk. Wrap the jack and lug wrench in a bag, too, for the same reason.

More Hints from the Model Garage



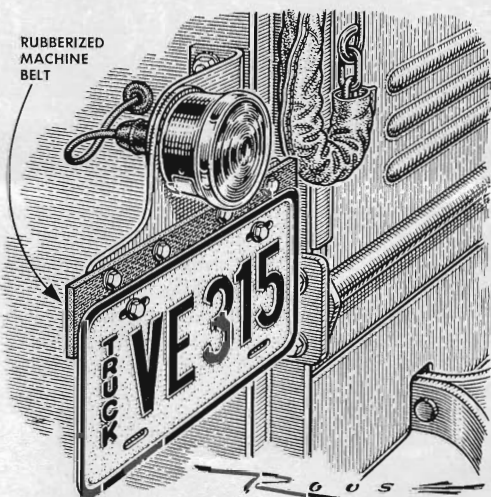
A file case for maps will keep them orderly and within easy reach. An old mail box with the cover removed makes a slim holder. Make two cuts in the back at the top, bend over a flap, and hang the box on the edge of the scuff panel.



A pouch for tools will double the usefulness of a spare-tire cover. Just tack it to a piece of plywood. A clip screwed to the plywood holds it on the wheel. When needed, the cover can be lifted out easily and carried by the clip.



Car doors take a beating from masonry walls and it's not easy to nail a protective cushion to concrete or brick. But a sponge-rubber mat cemented over plywood can be hung from a single nail driven into a weak spot in the mortar.



If you drive in rough country, you need a flexible mount for the license plate on your light truck, jeep, or other vehicle. A piece of a belt, used like this will flex if the plate is snagged, keeping it from being torn loose or crumpled.