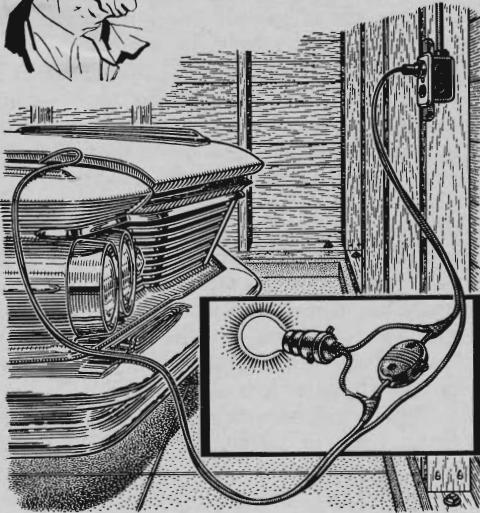




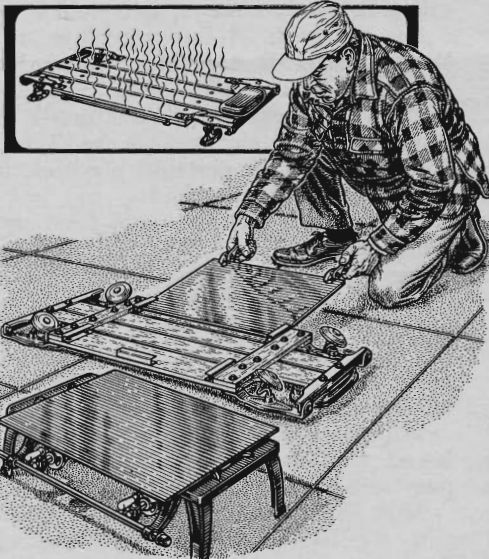
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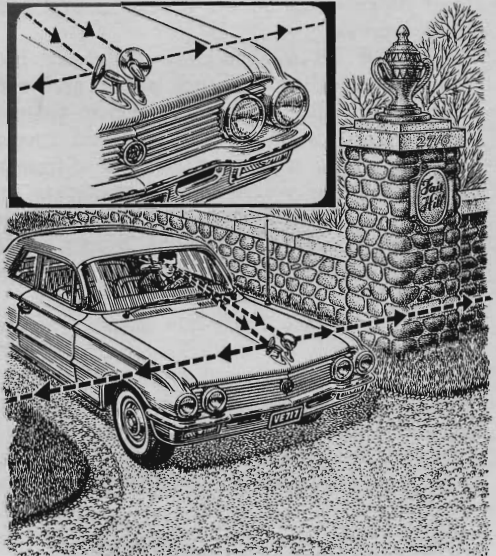
To be sure your block heater is working, wire in a bulb and a normally closed push-button switch as shown, with the bulb connected in series with the heating element. To test, open the switch. If the bulb lights, the heater is drawing current.



Your seat belt is always within reach when you secure the short end with this holder. Cement a small magnet to a  $\frac{1}{2}$ "-by-4" steel upright. The right-angle bend in the upright holds it snugly between seat frame and cushion. Bolt it if necessary.

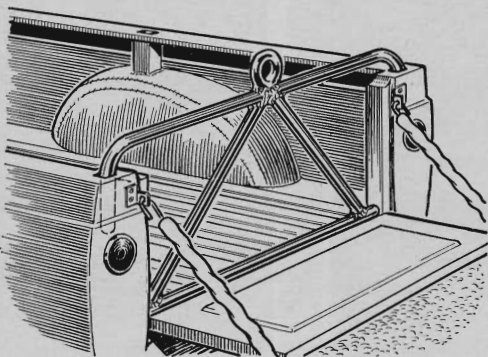
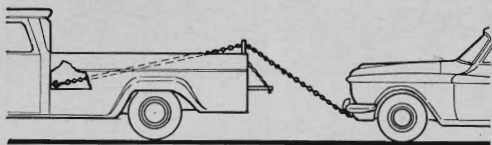


A warm creeper is welcome on a cold day when you make repairs outdoors. Heat a piece of 18"-by-30" boiler plate on a garage stove; it'll stay hot several minutes. U brackets hold it under the creeper. Keep a second plate heating on the stove.

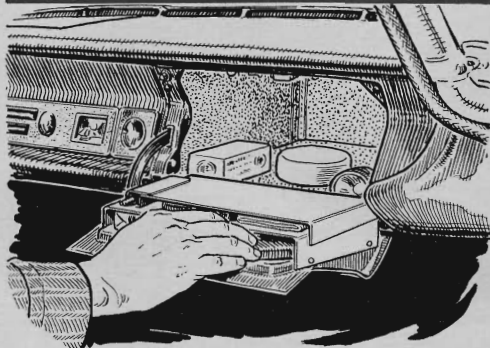
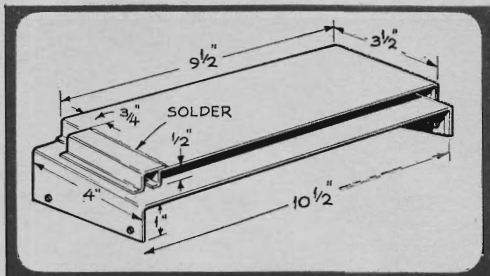


To see into blind intersections without pulling out dangerously far, try these two small hood-mounted mirrors. Most mirrors have a limited range of adjustment, so toe them in 25 degrees. On bare late-model hoods, the mirrors double as ornaments.

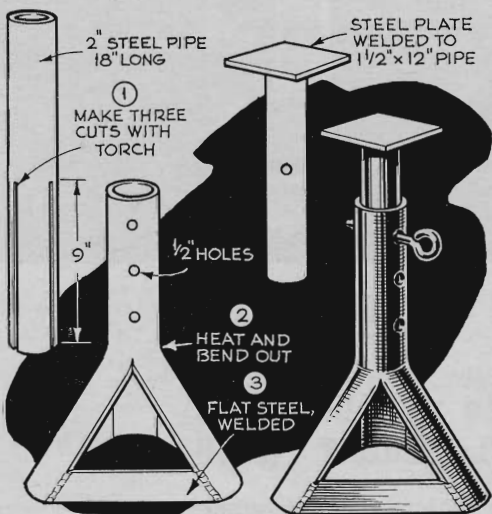
## More Hints from the Model Garage



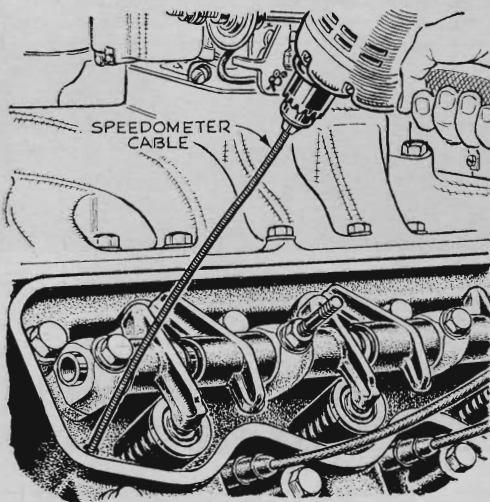
You can improve traction of a two-wheel-drive tow truck with a welded tubular framework that raises the tow line at the rear. This also allows the truck springs to cushion the pull. Weld a ring to the top of the frame to guide the tow line.



To keep your glove box neat, make this dual-compartment container from sheet copper and mount it on the inside of the lid. Roll the front edges for safety. The dimensions given are for 1958-62 Ramblers, but they can be changed to fit other cars.



Car supports are easy to make with 2" pipe. Cut three slits with a torch, heat, and bend strips out to form a tripod. Brace with flat steel. A piece of 1/2" pipe with a platform welded on is adjusted with a 1/2" pin inserted through one of three holes.



Clean out clogged oil-return ports in OHV engines with a piece of discarded speedometer cable inserted in a power drill. The digging action often does the job where air pressure fails. Don't press too hard, or the cable may kink and fray.