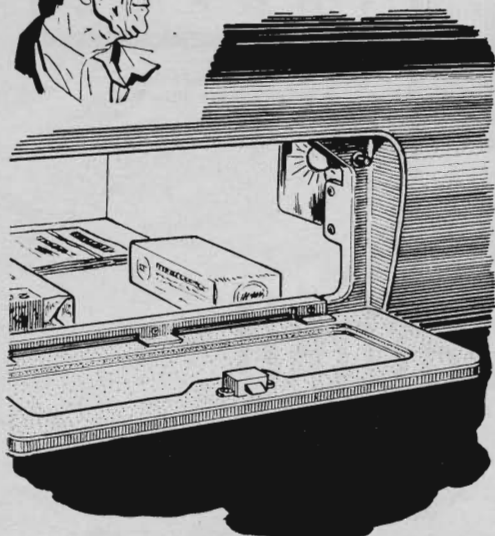




# Hints from the Model Garage

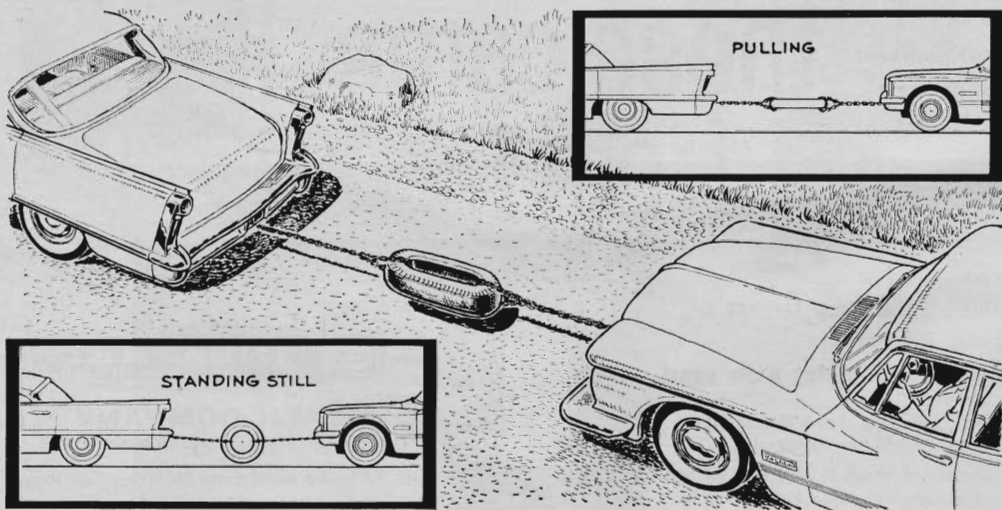


You'll have more light in your glove box if you line the inside of the compartment with white polyurethane foam plastic and glue a small mirror behind the bulb. The foam lining also will reduce rattling of loose objects and help prevent breakage.



WRAP RAG AROUND BUCKLE AND TUCK END INSIDE WAISTBAND

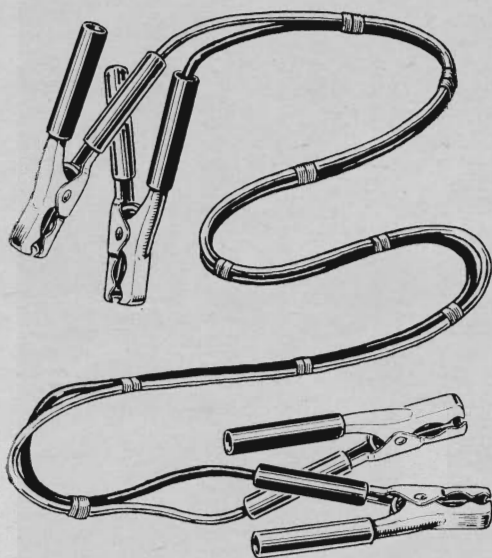
To prevent scratching fenders with belt buckles when leaning over to clean windshields, service-station men may want to try this hint: Wrap a small rag or handkerchief around the buckle; tuck the loose end inside the waistband so it won't slip.



When towing a car, bumpers take a beating. To take the strain off, use two lengths of chain and an old car tire in between. As the lead car begins to pull, the tire is stretched—often a foot or more—thus cushioning the initial jerk and preventing a bumper from

being torn off. Make sure the chains are long enough so that the lead car isn't rammed if a fast stop is necessary. Also, flat towing is recommended only for short distances or to help a car to get started when bogged down in mud or stuck in snow.

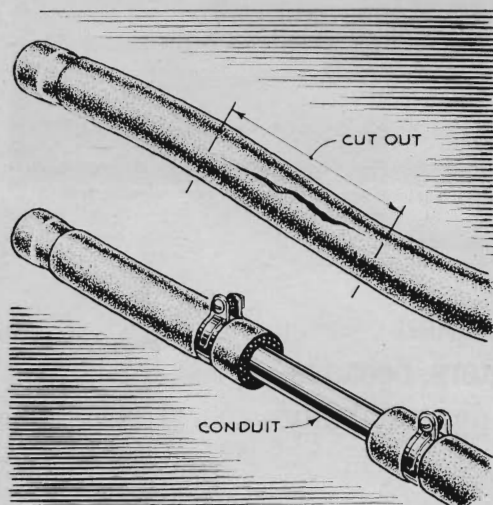
## More Hints from the Model Garage



Battery jumper cables won't get tangled if you tape them together at short intervals. Be sure to leave about 18" free at each end to allow the cables to be hooked up easily. After they're used, they can be coiled up neatly and easily for storage.



A hinged reflective sign hanging from the trunk lid can save your life when you make emergency repairs at night. It's made of a 4'-by-8" piece of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood with red reflecting-tape letters. A cupboard door catch holds it up against lid till needed.



Burst radiator hose is easily repaired with a piece of thin-wall conduit and two hose clamps. Use  $\frac{1}{2}$ " conduit for conventional  $\frac{3}{8}$ " hose. This splice also can be used to make a permanent repair at any point where the hose rubs and wears fast.



For traction in snow, one reader writes that "chicken grit"—crushed granite—is better than sand. It doesn't absorb moisture as sand does. One handful of the coarsest grit usually is all that's needed. Feed stores sell 50 pounds for about \$1.