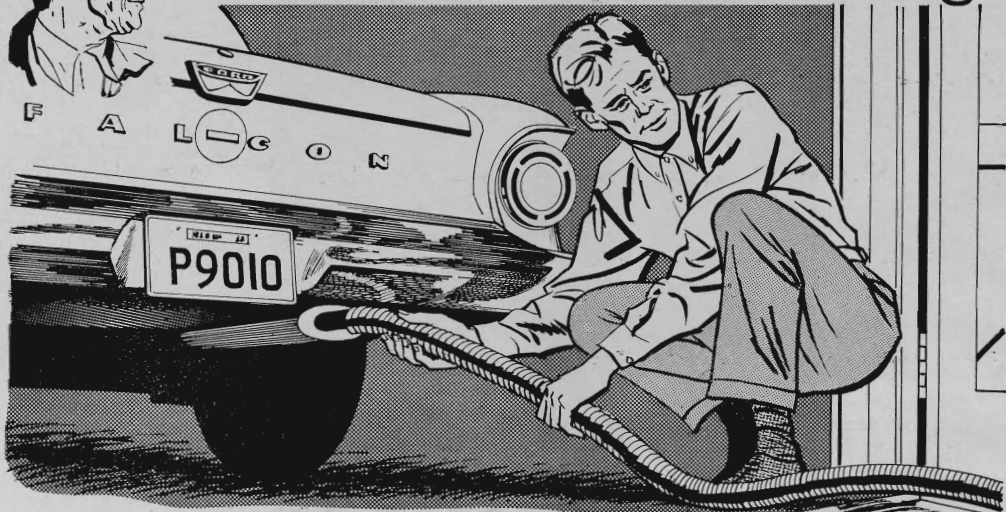




Hints from the Model Garage

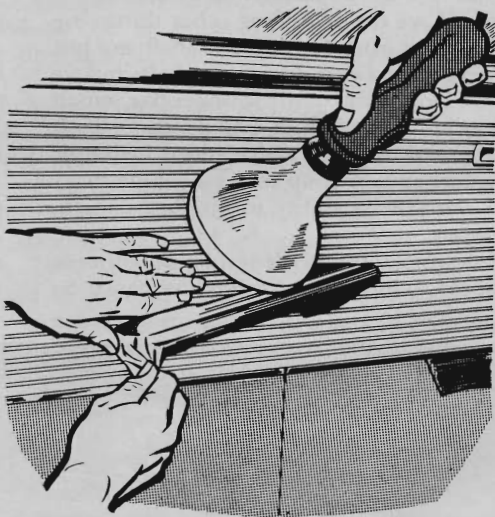


Make your garage a safe place to work in when you tune up your car's engine by venting deadly carbon monoxide exhaust gases outside with a snaking tailpipe extension. A length of flexible steel tubing or an old vacuum-cleaner hose will do the

job. Be sure the diameter of the extension is such that it makes a leak-free fit around the tailpipe. Run the free hose end outdoors—and away from windows and siding: Exhaust fumes can discolor painted woodwork and corrode exposed metal surfaces.

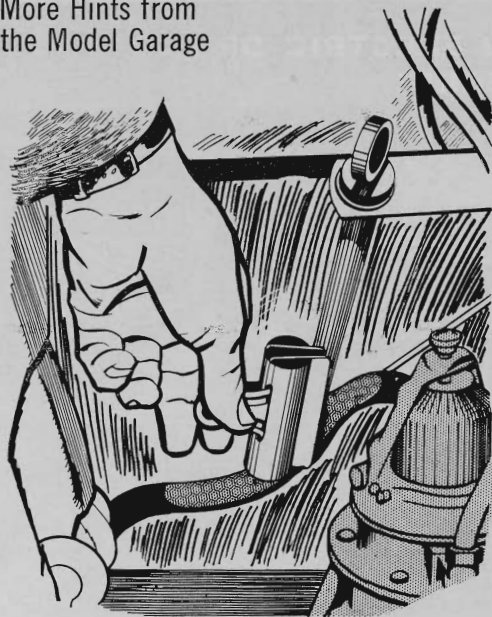


For a long-life inner-tube patch, clean an inch-wide area around the tear with a carbon tetrachloride cleaning fluid (such as Carbona spot remover). The fluid prepares the rubber surface for a patch without the usual preliminary sanding and scraping.

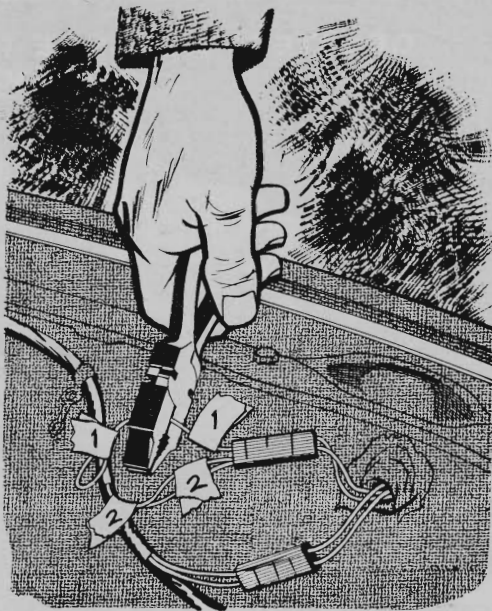


Soften vinyl-plastic upholstery material before covering armrests, by exposing it to an infrared heat lamp for a few minutes. You can easily stretch the softened vinyl around and under the curved ends for a neat, wrinkle-free re-covering job.

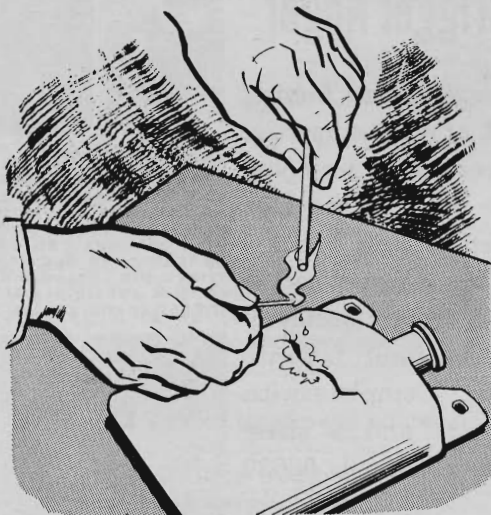
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A small chunk of dirt stuck under a carburetor's needle valve can hold it open, flooding it. Here's a quick remedy: Clamp off the fuel supply, run the engine till the carb is dry, then remove the clamp and restart. The inrush of fuel will clean the needle.



When removing electrical equipment, don't cut any wires until you've stuck small masking-tape "flags" on either side of the cut. Label each pair with the same number. There will be no confusion when it's time to reconnect; just match up the numbers.



Patch a leaky polyethylene windshield-washer tank with molten polyethylene. Light the end of a small piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ "-diameter polyethylene tubing. Let the slow-burning tubing drip melted plastic into the crack. When hard, it's a permanent repair.



The tiny spring inside a spring-loaded vent-pane lock knob is a hard item to buy at an auto-supply house. You can make a perfect replacement from the spring inside an old ball-point pen. Carefully cut the pen spring to the right length with wire cutters.