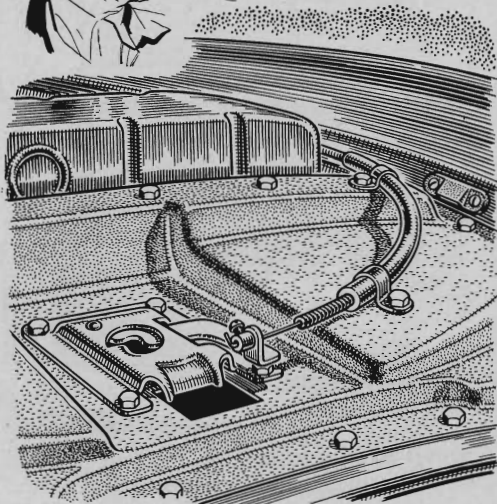




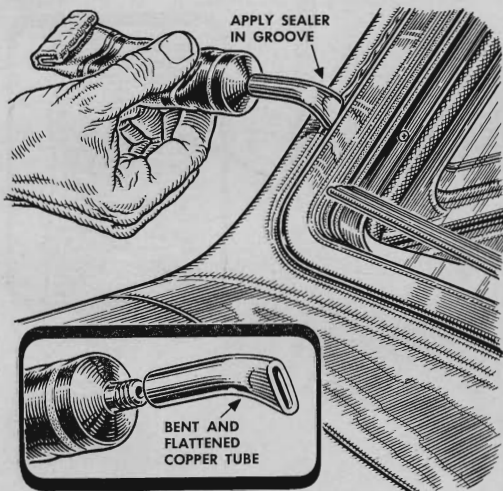
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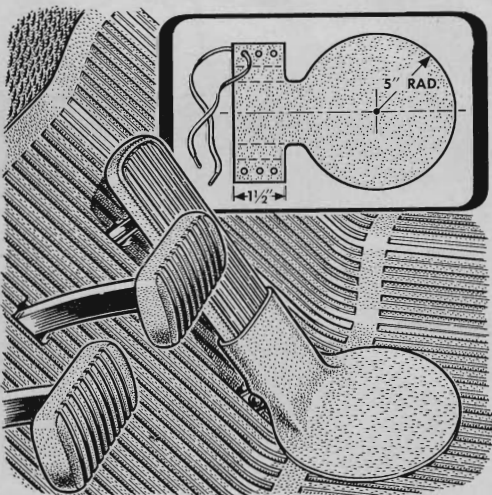
Copper tubing installed as a housing for flexible control cables running to hood-release mechanisms and heaters will eliminate lost motion and buckling. In the case of a hood release, the hold-down bracket can be placed over the tubing.



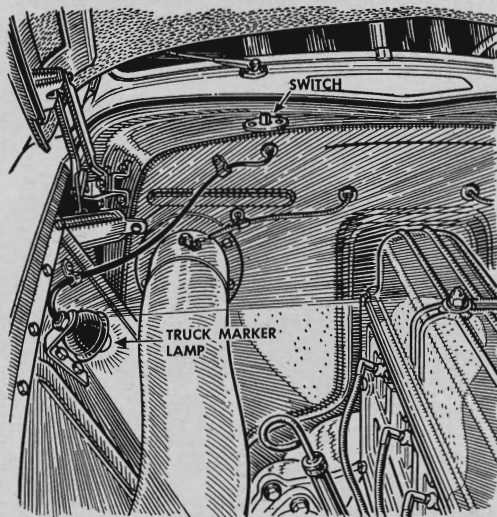
A tailpipe extension can be made from a piece of radiator hose. Force a piece of hose about 6" long over the end of the tailpipe and apply aluminum paint. Extend the hose beyond the bumper so that the chrome will be protected.



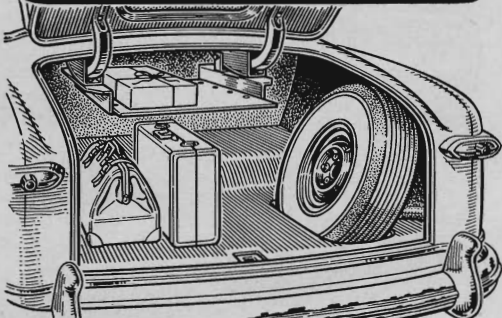
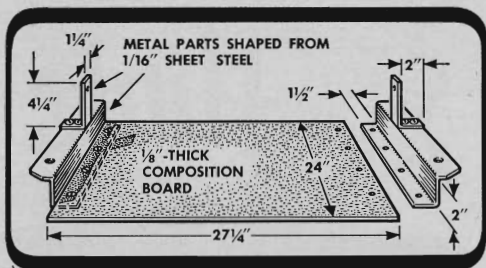
In applying sealer around a windshield, it is often difficult to press the fluid out of the tube without getting it all over the glass. A short piece of copper tubing placed over the end of the spout like this will help you do the job.



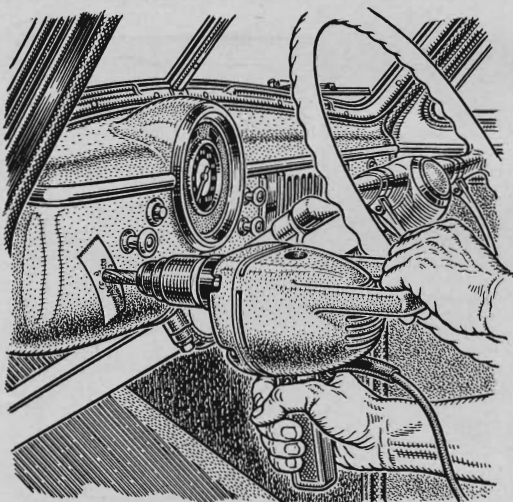
A rubber heel pad attached to the accelerator as shown above will stave off those unsightly holes in the floor covering. The pad can be cut from an old inner tube. Tie the end of it around the base of the accelerator pedal.



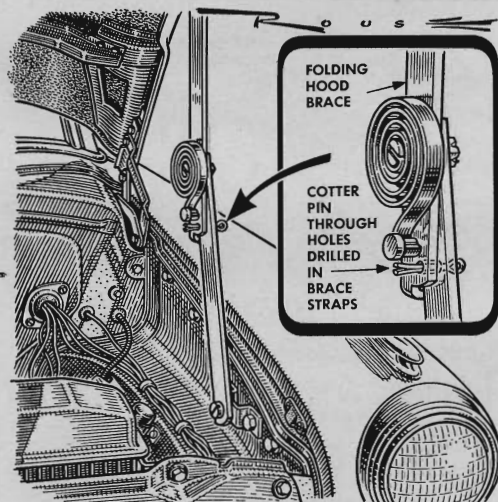
An under-hood light is easy to install. Buy a truck marker lamp from an auto-supply store, remove the red glass and bolt the light to the side of the engine compartment. Aim it to shine on the dipstick. Then mount a car-door switch so that the descending hood will turn it off. Run a lead to a hot wire and the job is done.



Small packages will be kept out of harm's way in a luggage compartment if you build a light shelf like this one. It is attached to the hinge guards by bolts and wing nuts so that it can be removed when you need maximum space. The dimensions given suit a 1951 Ford but can be adapted to other cars. Be sure to leave clearance for trunk lid.



In drilling any part of the car metal to install accessories, first stick a piece of tape over the site of the proposed hole. Then centerpunch the hole and start drilling. With this precaution, the chance of damaging finish around hole is greatly lessened.



A hood that is supported by tension springs may develop a habit of falling when the springs weaken. To make it safe, drill a small hole through the brace straps with the hood up. A catter pin slipped in the hole will then keep the hood from falling.