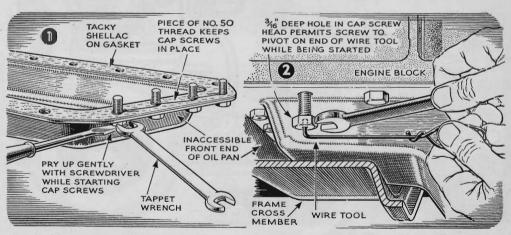


Unloading the Glove Compartment. A pocket sewn to the seat cover like this makes a handy place to keep maps and other bulky papers. Centered, it won't be in anybody's way. For appearance, try to make it of the same material as the covers.

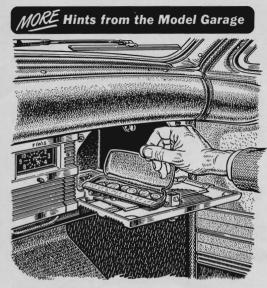
Keep This Under Your Hat. One mechanic solved the head-on-floor problem by stitching an oblong piece of foam rubber inside an oversize shop cap. This makes a pillow for his head when he crawls down under. It also keeps dirt out of his hair.



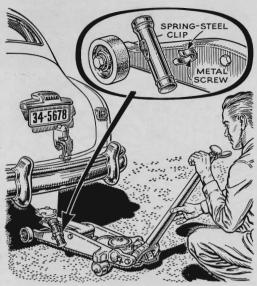
How to Replace an Oil Pan. Some shop manuals give you this advice: "Unbolt front engine mounting and jack up engine." That gives you room to hold the front cap screws while you start them.

But H. M. Springstun, of Payette, Idaho, and Marion L. Rhodes, of Knightstown, Ind., wanted an easier way. Springstun came up with method No. 1 and Rhodes with method No. 2, both illustrated here.

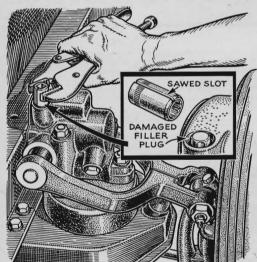
In No. 1, a thread is used to hold the screws while you start them and then is left in place. Tightening the screws seals it into the gasket. In No. 2, a tool made from coat-hanger wire slips loosely into holes drilled in the heads of the screws.



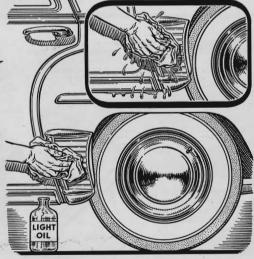
Glasses Case Holds Meter Change. A snap-lid case kept in the glove compartment makes a handy container for the nickels and dimes you need while driving. The case serves as a camouflage, too, for who wants someone else's glasses?



Flashlight Helps Spot the Jack. A flashlight clipped to the side of a shop jack like this will help locate the jack under a car, especially when light is bad. The clip can be screwed to the jack frame or tack-welded in place.



Removing Shock-Absorber Plugs. On some shock absorbers the head of the filler plug is recessed. If the corners of the hexagonal plug head round off, you've got a problem. A socket wrench won't hold. One solution is to hacksaw through one side of a spare socket, slip it on the plug, and squeeze it tight with a vise-grip wrench.



How to Protect Chrome. To prevent rust, apply light oil after each washing and wipe away surplus. The American Electroplaters Society recommends such washing and oiling at least three times a winter if salt is used on highways. To remove rust that has formed, use any scouring powder that is safe on porcelain or tile.