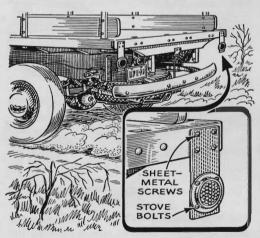
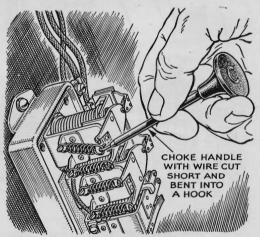


White Paint Shows Brace Slot. In the dark it's often difficult to prop up your hood with a swinging brace because you can't see the slot. Applying a little white paint around the slot will make it stand out prominently even in poor light.

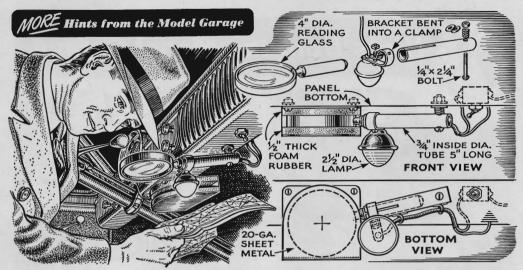
Altered Pliers Clean Battery Post. To make this handy tool, cut the handles from an old pair of pliers, drill two holes, and braze in a spring-steel handle. Slip the jaws over the post, rotate a few times, and the post will be thoroughly cleaned.



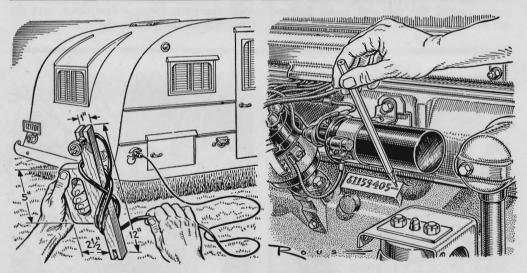
Swinging Reflectors Escape Damage. If you should back your truck into an obstacle, flexibly mounted reflectors will swing under the truck bed without damage. Bolt each reflector to a piece of canvas belting about 12" long and attach the other end of the canvas to the truck bed with nails or self-tapping metal screws.



Choke Handle Is Spring Tool. Here's an easily made tool that Marion L. Rhodes finds handy around his shop in Knightstown, Ind. It's just the thing to hook on or off the small springs in a current and voltage regulator. Carburetor and generator springs are other possible uses. The wire is stiff enough to retain its hook shape.



Glass Magnifies Map Details. A large reading glass mounted under the dash like this will help you see fine print on a highway map. Supported on a pivot, the glass swings into a pocket lined with foam rubber while not in use. This protects the lens and keeps it clean. A truck clearance lamp clamped to the swinging arm throws light on the map. A lead can be run to the hot side of the ignition switch. For some cars you'll have to vary the setup to suit a different kind of instrument panel.



Reel Stores Extension Cord. House trailers are often equipped with 115-volt electric wiring circuits, but to bring current into the trailer a long and unwieldy extension cord is required. To simplify handling the cord, A. V. Malone, of Los Angeles, designed this carrier. Wind the cord as shown, each revolution forming a figure eight. The 1" slots at each end are for hooking the plugs to the carrier.

Did You Know This? A ¼" dash stamped after an engine number means that all the cylinder bores were finished .010" oversize at the factory and are equipped with .010" oversize pistons and rings. You must take this into account in overhauling such an engine. Motor makers commonly finish all bores this much oversize if one is too large for finishing to nominal size. However, such engines are not considered special.

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