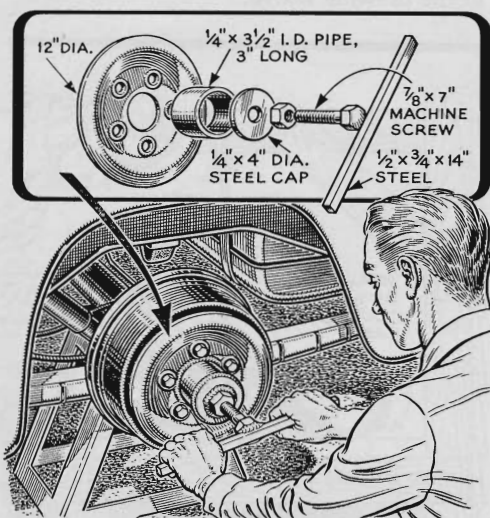


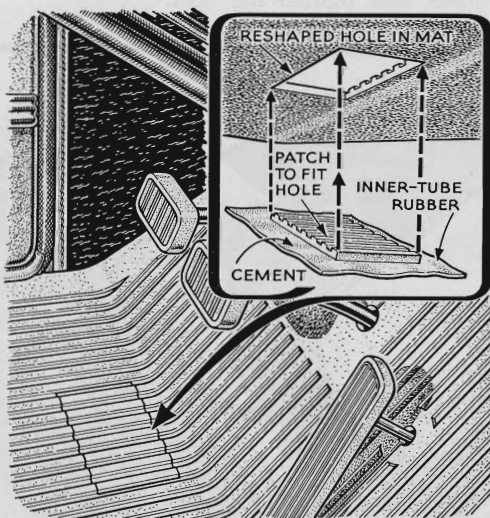
**Tightening a Brake Cable.** In some cases, you can take up slack in a parking-brake cable as shown here. Be careful to locate the chain link and bolt in a free area so that they will not interfere with the travel of the brake cable.



**Rotation Chart Guides Mechanic.** Different garages may rotate tires in different patterns. To make sure yours are transposed in the same way each time, cement a diagram under the trunk lid. Instruct the mechanic to follow this pattern.



**Homemade Wheel Puller.** Find an old wheel that will fit the car and burn off the rim with a torch, leaving just the center disk. Weld the pipe to it, the cap to the pipe, the nut to the cap, and the handle to the screw head. To pull a drum, remove the wheel nut, attach the disk, and turn the screw against the spindle.



**Patching a Floor Mat.** A worn floor mat can be patched with a piece cut from a rubber stair tread or a discarded mat of similar pattern. Cut the mat hole square or rectangular and trim the patch to fit. Cement the patch to a larger sheet of inner-tube rubber. Then cement the rubber to the underside of the mat.