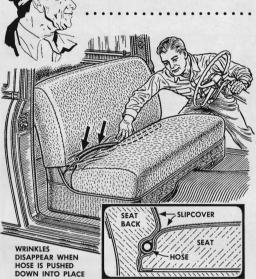
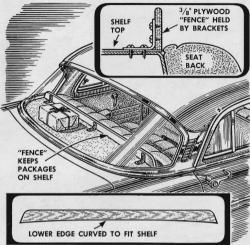
Hints from the Model Garage



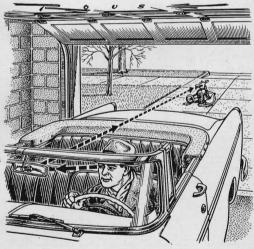
Creeping seat covers can be held in place by tucking a length of rubber hose between the seat cushion and the back rest. Smooth out the wrinkles as you force the hose down. Plastic hose won't work as well; it's too smooth.



Add a low fence to the shelf behind a car's rear seat to keep packages from sliding forward during quick stops. Cut the fence from **" plywood and paint or upholster it to match the car's interior. Fasten it in place with small angles.



When working on an engine block with the cylinder head removed, plug the blind stud holes and water passages with corks or pieces of cellulose sponge to keep them free of carbon scrapings, valvegrinding compound and other loose dirt.



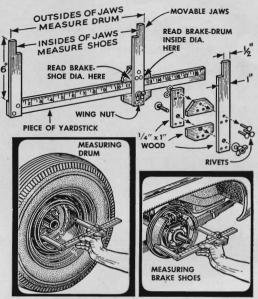
Take a good look through the rear-view mirror before you back down a drive-way. If you start moving before you look, the rear deck may chop your rearward line of vision as you back out, so that it hides some object on the driveway.

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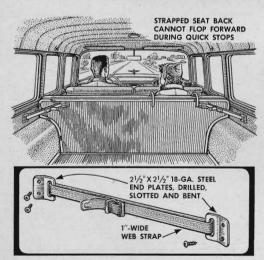




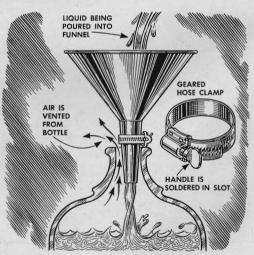
Stop tiny current leaks that steal power from your battery. Take it out of the car and wash off the current-conducting dirt with baking soda and water. When dry, paint the battery case, cell tops and hold-down bracket. Scrape the terminals and cable lugs clean for good contact and coat them with petroleum jelly.



Brake jobs can be speeded with a rough caliper built around a yardstick. By preadjusting the brake shoes to slightly less than the drum diameter, only a notch or two of adjustment is needed to complete the job after the drum is installed. Cut two jaws from "wood or hardboard, fasten one and fit guides to the other.



A pair of web straps will keep the weight of a baby's car seat from tipping a station-wagon seat forward if you have to stop suddenly. Screw slotted brackets to the side of the wagon and the back of the seat; loop the straps through them.



When pouring liquids through a funnel, air will vent easier if a hose clamp is locked around the funnel's neck to hold it part way out of the mouth of the container. Move the clamp up or down to provide a ½" space for venting.

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