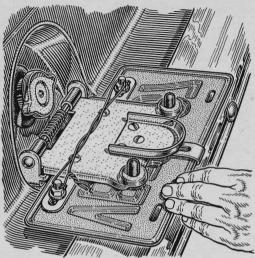
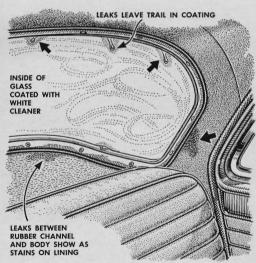


Grease fittings can be kept clean between lube jobs by pressing little squares of household aluminum foil over them. Covering the fittings takes no longer than wiping them clean, and eliminates the danger of forcing grit into the bearings.



License plates can't be lost if you safety-wire the bolts as airplane makers do. Drill small holes through the bolt shanks and thread a loop of wire through the holes after tightening the nuts. Even if nuts loosen, they can't come off.



Hard-to-find leaks on rear window or windshield will leave a telltale trail if the inside of the glass is coated with a glass cleaner that dries to a white powder. After coating, play the garden hose over the outside of the glass to force water in.



A sled-like base of heavy sheet metal fastened to the bottom of a jack will keep it from tipping and help it slide easily as it is pushed under the car over gravel or loose earth. The base also minimizes sinking into soft earth.