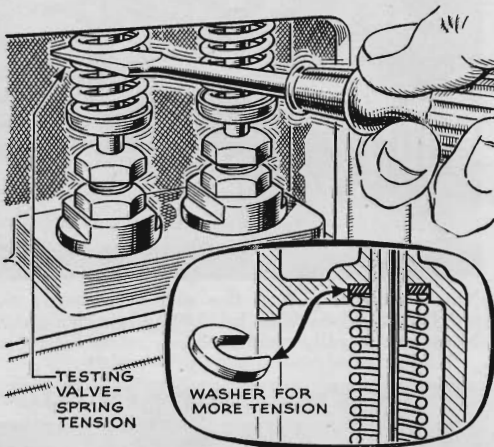




Fan Belt Gives Tow. Forrest F. Starr, of Columbus, Ohio, makes a suggestion that may help you out of a tough spot. "My neighbor's car was stuck in soft ground," he writes. "Having no suitable rope or chain, I used an old fan belt. It

worked surprisingly well, for the stretch in the belt got the car started to rocking without any sharp jerks. I've carried the belt ever since for just such emergencies."

As seen above, the belt is especially good when you can't push the stalled car.



Washer Quiets Knock. A knock may occur at idling speed if the camshaft gear is worn and one or more valve springs do not have sufficient tension. W. M. Dierks, of Chicago, says such knocking usually can be quieted in the following way. With the engine idling, insert a screwdriver into each spring. When the knock stops, you've found the faulty one. Force a horse-shoe washer 1/16" thick under the seat.



Plastic Keeps Door Clean. Most everyone these days installs seat covers in a new car, but few give any thought to the door areas, where hands frequently soil the covering material. Frank J. Montemuro, of Philadelphia, is one person who does. Cutting a sheet of clear plastic to fit, he installed it as a shield around the door and window handles on each door. The plastic is easily wiped clean.