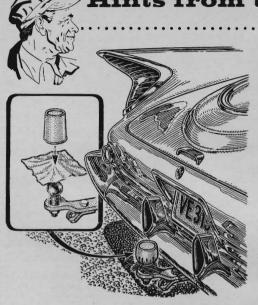
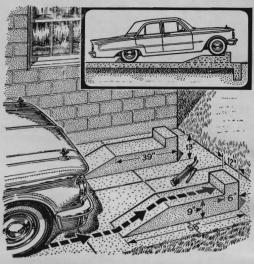
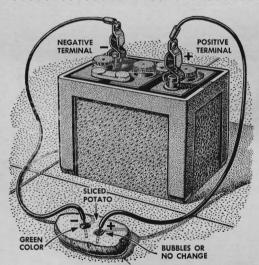
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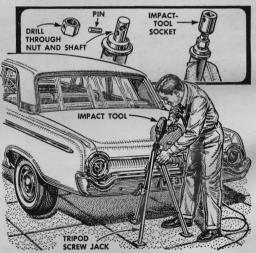
A trailer ball hitch won't rust while not in use if you place a few drops of heavy oil on it and cover it with a rag. Fold the rag to about four inches square. A wax-paper cup tied over the rag with strong cord gives extra protection.



Two reinforced-concrete ramps built at any convenient spot will allow you to raise the front or rear of your car for home servicing and repairs. The car's track will determine ramp spacing. Use wheel chocks at opposite end for safety.

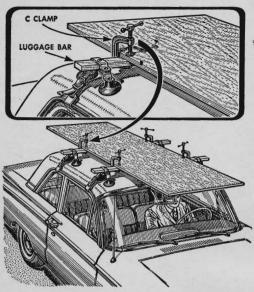


Which battery terminal is which? When corrosion obscures markings, half a potato can come to the rescue. Run leads from terminals into the potato, about an inch apart. Green color identifies negative lead. Positive lead may show bubbles.

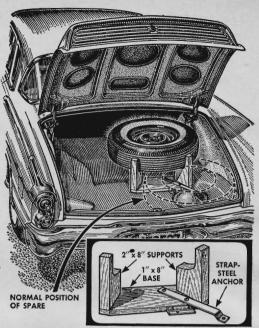


Fast jacking with a power impact tool. Remove handle from a tripod jack and replace it with the largest nut the impact tool will accept. Drill through nut and jackshaft, secure with pin, file pin flush. Engage the impact tool and let 'er go.

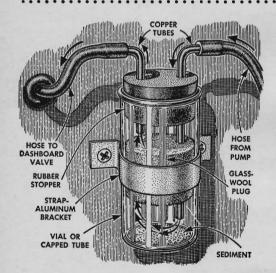
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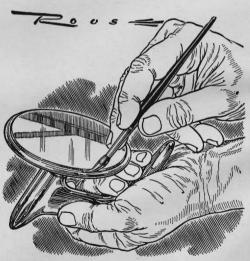
C clamps make car-top hauling easy, especially when you're carrying sheet materials such as plywood, fiberboard, or sheet rock. Clamping the cargo to the bars of the luggage carrier eliminates the need for securing with rope.



To increase luggage space, move your spare wheel from the trunk floor forward onto the shelf just behind the rear-seat cushion. Wood supports are easily cut with a jigsaw. No need to bolt down the wheel—it stays put even on rough roads.



Windshield-washer clogging can be prevented with this homemade filter. Mounted in the water line between pump and dashboard valve, the four-inch vial or capped brass tube catches sediment. A glass-wool plug gives added filtration.



Side-view mirrors last longer if a thin line of clear lacquer is painted around the edge of the glass where it meets the metal. This keeps moisture from getting behind the glass and also helps prevent the mirror from loosening and rattling.

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