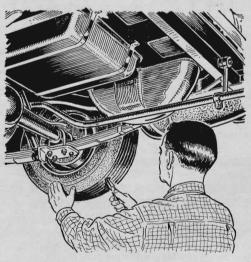


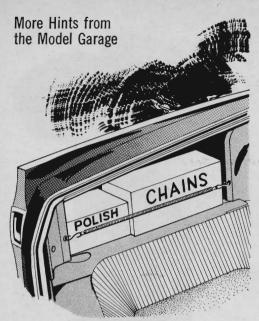
Protect your sleeves from grease and dirt when making road repairs while wearing good clothes. To make a pair of sleeve guards, cut off the ends of two transparent plastic bags—the kind in which supermarkets sell cereals. Clean the inside of each bag with a damp cloth, wipe dry, and secure at the wrists with rubber bands. When the bags aren't being used, roll them both up together and twist the rubber bands around them. They'll fit compactly into a corner of your glove compartment.



When a key breaks off in a door, trunk, or ignition lock and you can't get the broken piece out, grind down a section of saw blade so it fits next to the broken piece in the lock. Pull back gently; the blade teeth will pull out the broken piece.



Remove pebbles and other foreign matter from tire treads. They can cause a flat or serious tire damage. For your next grease job, go to a garage with a frame lift. While the car is being serviced, pluck out particles with a pair of long-nosed pliers.



To keep your trunk neat, use a ½" screen-door spring. It'll hold packages, chains, and other items securely in place along the side. Drill holes in the wheel-well metal and tail-light brace, and fasten the stretched screen-door spring with S hooks.



When you run out of gas along the road and there's no funnel handy, use a plastic raincoat to pour gas into the tank without spilling. Stuff a sleeve into the filler neck; pour gas into the armhole. Rinse the coat in water to remove the smell of gas.



Lubricating window-lift gears is easy if you make a tiny funnel for the oil. Cut off a small piece of copper tubing and flare one end. Run the window down and push the tubing into the slot until it rests on the gear. Drop oil into the flared end.



When you paint a car, some places are almost impossible to cover with masking tape. To protect these inaccessible spots, simply brush on some rubber cement. After the painting's done, you can easily rub off the cement—along with the overspray.