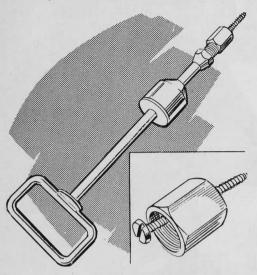
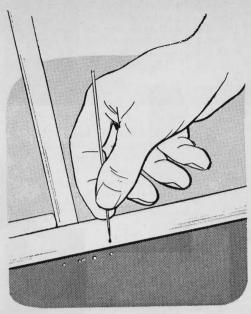
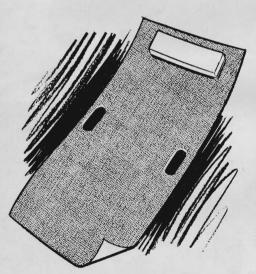
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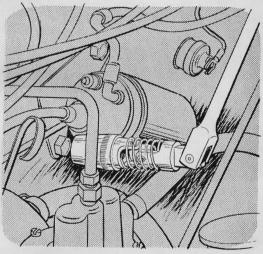
A slide hammer for pulling out dents in body metal can handle slide weights up to eight pounds with this modified tip. The screw that grips the body panel is held in a special nut with its forward end welded shut and then drilled. The nut is threaded onto the rod.



To touch up chipped paint spots use a small wire or a large sewing needle instead of a brush. Reduce the paint with thinner and dip the needle tip. Apply the tip to the chipped spot and the paint will run off and fill in without overflowing and leaving telltale runs.



Sports cars with low ground clearance often make it impossible to use a creeper board without jacking up the car. Instead, make a thin creeper of three-by-four-foot scrap heavy linoleum. Place the slick side down and cement a slab of plastic foam on top for a headrest.



To keep a universal-joint socket wrench from falling to one side in tight places, slip a coil spring around the joint. This will keep the socket straight when approaching the nut. With the socket seated on the nut, the spring won't interfere with the joint's bending action.