

New Ideas and Gadgets

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⚙️ **DRAIN CLEANER** makes use of replaceable aerosol canisters to blow foreign matter in plugged pipes loose. The device consists of a pipe with a soft rubber nozzle on one end and a cartridge holder on the other. The air-cartridge is inserted into the device, the soft rubber nozzle placed over the drain opening and the handle pulled down to release a forceful rush of air that clears the drain.

⚙️ **SKI REEL** for water ski tow lines prevents tangles when the line is being released or taken in and keeps it neatly coiled out of the way when not in use. Made of lightweight plastic that is virtually unbreakable, the reel has a pivot handle that requires only one hand for unreeling. A second handle is used for reeling in the line.

⚙️ **SOLDERING IRON** for electric circuits is a new slim-line lightweight iron that comes with a stand and looks

like a desk fountain pen set. Attractively designed with a colored handle, the iron can be used with a special series of subminiature soldering nibs, some drawn as fine as .005 inch, available separately. Temperatures from 450 to 1,000 degrees F. can be achieved.



⚙️ **MOUNTED DISPOSAL UNIT**, shown in photograph, consists of a rack and a throw-away sanitary plastic bag attached inside a cupboard door, out of sight and off the floor. The sanitary bags are made of a new material that acts like an invisible lid to keep odors in and insects out. The bags will hold up to 20 pounds of garbage without leaking or breaking through.

⚙️ **HEADLIGHT REMINDER** is a transistorized unit that produces an audible signal if the lights are left on after the engine is turned off, helping to prevent dead automobile batteries due to a driver's forgetfulness. The device is easy to install and is unaffected by vibration nor does it interfere with radio equipment. It can be used in any vehicle that has a 12-volt battery.

⚙️ **CHRISTMAS STOCKING** filled with recording tapes and tape accessories includes a new tape splicer that has three cutting positions at 30, 45 and 90 degrees and a supply of pre-cut self-stocking tape splicing patches. Designed especially for those who correspond by tape, the package also contains a supply of three-inch reels of recording tape, mailing canisters, addressing cards and tape-cleaning cloth.

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