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⚙️ **LEG REST** for the weary traveler is designed to alleviate calf, thigh and back strain for car drivers. Made of steel and rubber, this device fits between the right thigh and the car seat, supporting the "accelerator leg" which becomes numbed by long hours of constant pressure on the gas pedal.

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⚙️ **PIPE HOLDER** for the car driver is made out of a magnetized rubber ring. A pipe not being smoked can be slipped through the ring which is held fast to the metal dashboard. Several rings make any metal, one-pound tobacco can a convenient pipe rack.

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⚙️ **STRIPPABLE POSTER-PAINT** is based on vinyl resin plastics and produces window signs that will withstand smearing by rain or fingers and will peel off without leaving a residue. This strippable sign-paint is particularly useful for outdoor signs on glass.

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⚙️ **FRYING PANS** made of aluminum are imported from Italy. Set of four, the smallest is five inches in diameter and the largest is seven inches. Crafted of heavy-gauge aluminum, they have black plastic insulated handles.

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⚙️ **ZIPPER PULL-UP** is especially designed to help women zip up long zippers without a breath-taking struggle. Made of brass, it works like grandmother's shoe button hook, as shown in the photograph.

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⚙️ **FLOATING RATTLE** for the baby's bath, this turtle-shaped toy also tells mother the temperature of baby's bath water. The turtle floats on the water, and the weights

used to keep the thermometer bulb well under the water provide an amusing rattle. It is made of non-scratching polystyrene plastic.

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⚙️ **LETTER SCALE** that fits into your pocket can weigh letters up to two ounces. This handy little pocket post-office fits snugly into a three-inch leather carrying case.

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⚙️ **STAMP MAGNIFIER** for the enthusiastic philatelist has a five-power magnifying lens set in a black plastic housing. The box-like design enables the viewer to maintain a steady picture.

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## Do You Know?

High blood pressure is three times as common among those who are obese as those who are not overweight.

Popcorn contains more energy units than 96% of all foods listed as edible by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The present annual rate of energy consumption in the U. S. is more than ten times that in 1854.

There are approximately 8,000,000 men in the United States whose color vision is defective.

An electronic instrument that accurately measures the energy and frequency of ocean waves has been developed.

The dairy cow requires 150 hours of the dairy farmer's labor per year, more than any other farm animal.

Jellyfish are not fish nor are they made of gelatin, but rather, they belong to a large group that includes sea anemones, corals, sea fans and hydroids.

One helicopter can move seven tons of supplies in one hour over a piece of terrain that would take 400 laborers 16 hours to do the same job.

Critical depletion of coal resources makes it necessary for Britain to be able to produce from atomic energy the electric power equivalent of 20,000,000 tons of coal a year by 1970.

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