

# Keeping mind on driving will keep driver on road

Most of us like to think that we are careful drivers. And, we are, most of the time. Some accidents happen to drivers who are usually quite careful, but who may have their attention distracted — even for just a moment.

Here is a check list of some of the most frequently encountered distractions compiled by the Canada Safety Council:

- Reaching for something in the glove compartment while driving. Cure: Have everything likely to be needed out of glove compartment before starting out, or, pull off the road and stop.

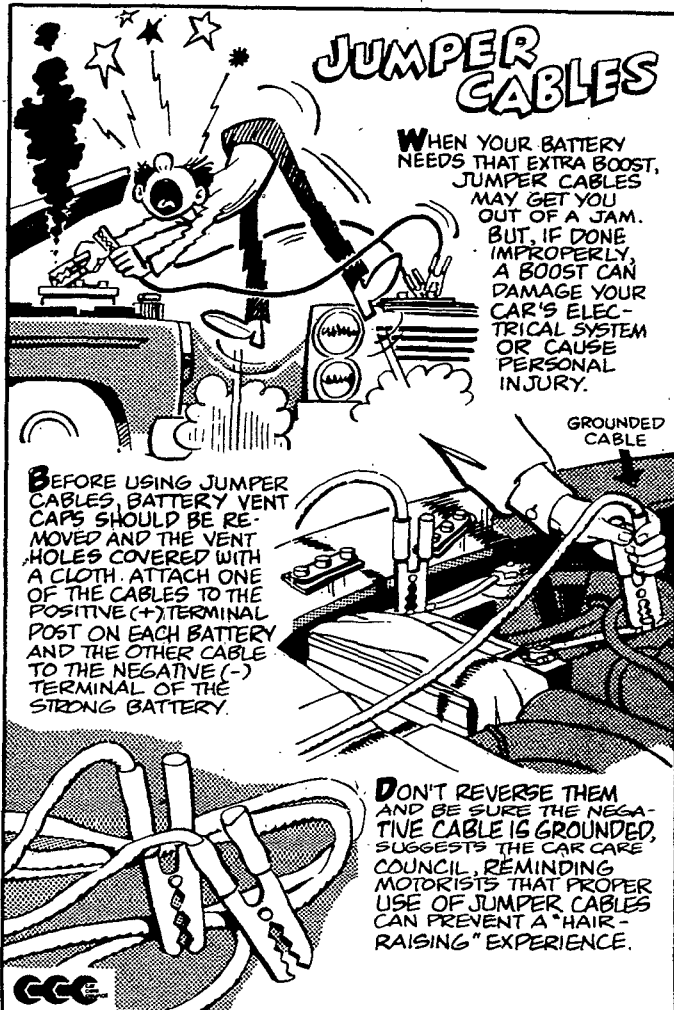
- Trying to read a road map while driving. Cure: If driving on unfamiliar territory, first find out exactly where you are from street names, highway signs, or other landmarks. Then pull off the road, find the location on your map, and plot out your next move.

- Trying to put on or take off a coat or jacket while driving. Cure: Stop the car, out of traffic. How many drivers have been caught with one arm in a coat when a traffic signal turns green?

- Trying to locate an object dropped on the car floor. This hazard is especially dangerous to smokers, who are aware of fire dangers from a fallen cigarette, or aware of damage that can be done to car seat or clothing. Cure: Stop the car, in the case of a cigarette, as quickly as safely possible. Never try to solve this problem while the car is moving.

- Having clutter or garbage on the car floor. Cure: Always carry a garbage collector for pop bottles, soft drink cans, or other items that can so

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easily roll under a pedal.

- A bug or other insect in the vehicle. This one is prevalent in summer. Cure: Either take the bite, or stop the car at the first opportunity. Sometimes, driving with windows open can encourage insect to leave — he's probably just as happy to be out of your car!

- Items on the dash. Business papers that can blow away, pencils, crayons or pens that can disappear down the defroster vents, portable radios or

tape players that can fall, and similar items should never be kept on the dash while driving.

- Storage over the sun visor. Once again, the elastic or whatever secures items can break, causing distractions, or your attention can be momentarily taken while trying to retrieve an item from this position. Cure: For both of these last two items is simple. Just don't do it. There are other places where items can be kept safely.

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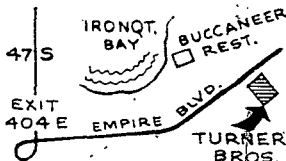
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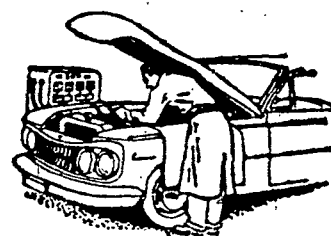
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