

## Contrivance, Gadgets, and Gizmos

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What would we do without our gadgets and gizmos? Anywhere from a bobby pin to a yardstick can be a treasure when it is needed.

With five children underfoot there was never a time when something didn't seem to be lost under a crevice or a pile of God knows what! What to do? What to do?

No matter what was needed we could find it in the garage. The two-and-a-half-car garage was a haven for any gadget or gizmo for sure!

The garage was my husband's home away from home. With country music or opera always playing on the radio, we would leisurely look for anything that we explicitly needed. He would sometimes have to vary or modify some gadget to make it work for a particular job. He really had the knack and ingenuity to make do with whatever was available.

He had an assortment of tools, of course. A vice for one, and too many others to count. It was surprising how often they came in handy.

For my husband, having something that needed fixing was always cause for a happy, happy day!