



**WET INVENTORS** Columbus Harris and William D. Egly crawl after creeping sprinkler to check its action.

## CREEPING SPRINKLER

**It can crawl over a lawn or even up a tree, spraying as it moves**

The spiderlike machine shown climbing a tree at right is actually a self-propelling lawn sprinkler which can crawl almost anywhere a hose can be strung. It not only creeps all over a lawn, watering it evenly, but can be set to shut itself off, making it ideal for forgetful people who leave their sprinklers going for hours in the same place.

The sprinkler is propelled by the water it sprinkles. Clamped astride an ordinary hose by two concave rubber wheels and fastened to the hose nozzle, as shown in the series of pictures on the next page, it is pushed at a speed of 44 feet an hour by the power of the tap water going through. The sprinkler has low-ratio gears so powerful that it can pull itself not only across a lawn but right up the side of a tree (*right*). It can even tow an automobile (*below*). The inventors, who fondly call their gadget "little monster," have sold 2,000 of them at \$24.95. A great many of the buyers, they think, keep their sprinklers busier showing off as tree climbers and car pullers than as lawn waterers.



**SPRINKLER TOWS CAR** along the hose, slowly but surely, sprinkling as it goes. Car weighs 2,700 pounds.



**SPRINKLER CLIMBS TREE** by pulling itself up its own hose which is fastened to a limb. South Bend, Ind.

inventors Harris and Egly (*above*) call it Lawn Master, have produced 2,000 in Egly's home workshop factory.