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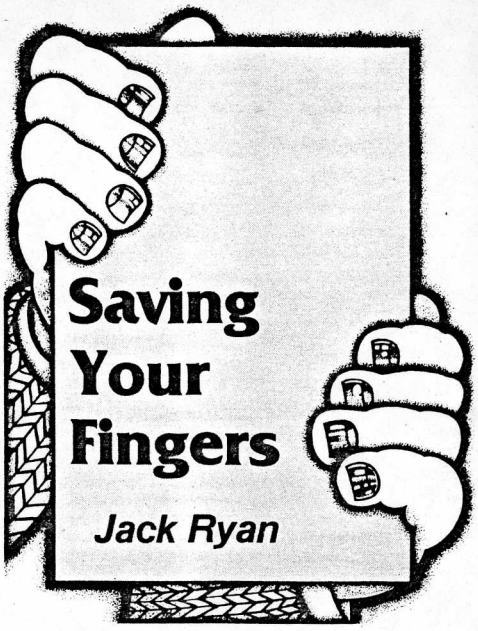

Occasionally a program has lines which are almost identical usually because of conditional statements. For example:

```
 320 IF A$(6 TO 14)="NOTAFRAID"
THEN PRINT "OH OH ";N$
 330 IF A$(6 TO 14)="NOTAFRAID"
THEN PRINT "YOU FORGOT A SPACE A
TER NOT"
 340 IF A$(6 TO 14)="NOTAFRAID"
THEN PRINT "TRY IT AGAIN"
 350 IF A$(6 TO 14)="NOTAFRAID"
THEN GOTO 250
Or:
 360 IF A$(6 TO 14)<>"NOTAFRAID"
 AND A$<>"I AM NOT AFRAID OF COM
PUTERS" THEN PRINT "SOMETHING IS
";B$;"WRONG. TRY IT AGAIN"
 370 IF A$(6 TO 14)<>"NOTAFRAID"
 AND A$<>"I AM NOT AFRAID OF COM
PUTERS" THEN GOTO 250
(B$ is either a space or the
word "STILL".)
```

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