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Beauty Updates, Fixes & Finds



WE TRIED IT!

This razor has moves

The head of the **Venus Swirl Razor** (\$13, drugstores) pivots from side to side (not just up and down) so it follows the tricky curves of underarms, knees, and ankles. Our testers raved that every itty-bitty hair was whisked away.



SECRET INGREDIENT

Skin relief from a pretty source

If you're prone to redness and bumps, reach for products with cherry blossom extract, suggests a study in the *International Journal of Cosmetic Science*. When treated with a cream containing the extract, sensitive and inflamed skin was soothed. Find it in **Lierac Paris Hydra-Chrono+ Serum** (\$55, lierac-usa.com) and **Thymes Kimono Rose Whipped Body Cream** (\$30, thymes.com).

BREAKTHROUGH

The future of wrinkle treatment?

No needles! That's the promise behind what may be the first topical gel formulation of botulinum toxin to hit the market. The makers claim the gel, which has been shown to minimize crow's-feet for up to four months, delivers the ingredient directly to the skin, no injection needed. It's about to enter the final stages of testing, and the manufacturer hopes it will be available in a few years.

HEALTHY UPGRADE

Smart new brushes that ward off bacteria

With their covers and retractable heads, the **Sephora Collection Hide and Sleek Brushes** (\$20-\$22, Sephora) won't pick up extra grime or germs if stashed in your purse. That's key, since bacteria can aggravate skin conditions like acne and folliculitis, says dermatologist Julie Karen, M.D., of New York University.



PRO TIP

Keep color vibrant all winter long

You just colored your hair, so why does it already look dull and faded? It's dryness from harsh winter weather, says colorist Justin Anderson, creative director of dpHue. He recommends using a hydrating hair mask with shea butter, green tea, or natural oils like coconut at least twice a week. "These ingredients smooth the hair's outer cuticle layer, so color stays bold," Anderson says. Try **TRESemmé Renewal Hair & Scalp Deep Conditioning Mask** (\$5, drugstores).

