## Clothes In A Can 跟上流行,「喷」上新衣

"I have got nothing to wear!" could soon be a **complaint** of the past, and you might not have to worry about running out of closet space much longer either. <u>Fabrican</u> is an **instant**, sprayable **fabric** that dries on contact with the skin. That's correct, it's clothes in a can!

「我没有衣服可穿!」。这一句抱怨可能很快地就成为过去式,且你很快地也不必再担心衣柜放衣服的空间不够了。布料喷罐是一种快速喷雾式布料,此种纤维只要一与皮肤接触就会干掉。没错,这是在喷罐里的衣服!

Fabrican was developed by Imperial College London and the Royal College of Art and patented in 2000. The liquid is a suspension of tiny cotton fibers and plastic in a solvent. When sprayed from the aerosol can, the solvent evaporates and the substance quickly transforms into a cotton-like material. More layers can be added for a thicker, warmer piece of clothing. And, because the fabric is non-woven, it basically tailors itself to fit any shape. These instant fashion items can be T-shorts, dresses, pants, hats, or sweaters, and the spray comes in a wide variety of colors. You can wash your item after you've worn it, and sport the creation again. Otherwise, the fabric can be dissolved in the solvent, and resprayed into a completely new outfit.

布料喷罐是由伦敦帝国学院以及皇家艺术学院共同研发并且于 2000 年取得专利权。此种液体是由细小的纯棉纤维跟塑料溶剂组成的悬浮液。当喷雾罐喷出此种溶剂时,溶剂蒸发后的物质很快地转变成一种如棉花般的布料。如果想要一件厚实保暖的衣物,可以用喷雾罐喷上更多层纤维。而且因为此种布料并非编织物而成,所以基本上适合任何身型。T恤、洋装、裤子、帽子或毛衣都可以是此种速成的流行单品,且喷雾可以呈现多种颜色。你可以在洗涤穿过的衣服后再次向他人炫耀此项创作。此外,这类纤维可溶解于溶剂中,可以重新喷成一套全新的衣服。

Spray-on technology may also be used in other fields. Spray-on fabrics are **versatile** and **hygienic**, and thus perfect for medical **bandages**. Furthermore, Fabrican can also be used to create **household** wipes, tea towels, and **diapers**. It's expected that the technology will also have applications in the **automotive** and interior design industries.

此种喷雾技术也可被运用在其他领域。喷罐布料拥有多种用途也十分卫生,所以很适合制造医疗绷带。 再者,布料喷罐也可用来制造家用抹布、茶巾以及尿布。此种科技也将应用在汽车工业以及室内设计 产业。

Whatever the future possibilities of Fabrican, **haute couture** went directly from can to **catwalk** at <u>London</u> <u>Fashion Week</u> last year. Soon, you might be spraying on your pants as well as your **hairspray** in the morning!

不论布料喷罐未来的可能性为何,在去年的伦敦时尚周已经将此种技术直接运用在高级时装上。很快地,你可能在早上喷发胶的同时也正喷上你的裤子!

**Vocabulary** complaint [kəm `plent] n. 抱怨; 怨言 fabric [`fæbrɪk] n. 织品; 布料 patent [`pætnt] v. 取得.....的专利权 suspension [sə`spεnʃən] n. 悬浮体; 悬浮液 solvent [`salvənt] n. 溶媒,溶剂 spray [spre] v. 喷洒, 喷涂 aerosol [`ɛrəˌsal] n. 小型喷雾器 evaporate [ɪ ` væpəˌret] v. 蒸发; 挥发 transform [træns `form] v. 改变; 变形 variety [və `raɪətɪ] n. 种种 sport [sport] v.【口】炫耀; 夸示 otherwise [` ʌðəˌwaɪz] adv. 除此以外 under other circumstances dissolve [dɪ `zalv] v. 溶解 outfit [`aut ftt] n. (尤指在特殊场合穿着的) 全套服装 versatile [ `v3·sət!] adj. 多功能的 hygienic [ˌhaɪdʒɪ `ɛnɪk] adj. 卫生的; 清洁的 bandage [`bændɪdʒ] n. 绷带 household [`haus,hold] adj. 家庭的; 家用的 wipe [waɪp] n.〔用完即弃〕湿抹布 diaper [`daɪəpə] n. 尿布

automotive [\_otə ` motɪv] adj. 汽车的

haute couture [otku `tUr] 高级女子时装业

**catwalk** [`kæt,wok] n. 伸展台(模特儿走秀时使用的舞台)