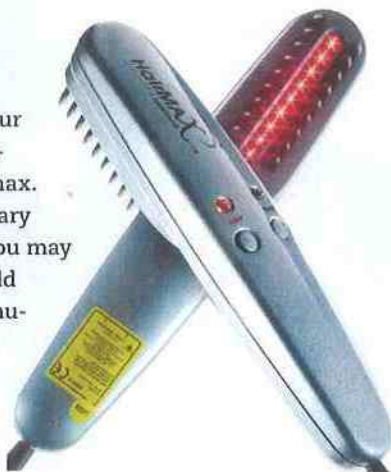


Tress Stress

Thinning, fragile tresses can certainly dull your sexy edge, but you can get a bit of your swagger back with the HairMax LaserComb (hairmax.com). Whether you're struggling with hereditary hair issues or just seeing telltale signs that you may not be looking better with time, this hand-held device, which uses laser light to treat and simulate your scalp, can help you hold on to what you have and restore what you've lost. It's FDA-approved, and you can expect results in as soon as three months. Note, however, that you must continue usage to maintain improvement. Log on the Web site for pricing and availability. —Shandra Hill Smith



Get to Steppin'

It's practically a woman's rite of passage to have at least one shoe yanked clean off her foot while walking through the grass. How annoying! Do we even need to mention the damage it does to the shoes? The SoleMates High Heeler will safeguard your prized stilettos and kitten heels,



and prevent that sinking reality. Just place these plastic attachments on the ends of your heels to create a wider surface, and you'll never fall prey to sand, sidewalk cracks or cobblestones again. Available in clear and black, they're designed to fit most heels and retail for \$9.95 a pair (thesolemates.com). —C.L.

Pure and Simple

Looking for natural products to replace your chemical-laden favorites? One-hundred-percent-natural vedaPURE offers products free of animal- and petroleum-based ingredients, and artificial dyes and fragrances. Says the line's creator, pediatrician Natalie Geary, these products are the real deal. "I realized that the ingredients in 'natural' skincare was often a misnomer—filled with parabens, steroids, perfumes—all of which can...get absorbed into the skin and enter the bloodstream." For some pure goodness, try vedaBABY, vedaMAMA, vedaDUDE or the brand new vedaRX (vedapure.com). —Tamara Crockett



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