



oretically, be able to recharge their cellphones with their polo shirts. Another firm, Technology Enabled Clothing, has developed the ScotteVest Sport Lite, which conceals cellphone headset wires and a “hydration system,” a back pocket for a water bottle with a straw running through the vest’s collar to the wearer’s mouth.

DuPont’s apparel division is pursuing what Bob Kirkwood, a vice president at the company, calls “the management of odors.” Next year DuPont will introduce a fabric that can temporarily imprison offensive scents — so that, say, a shirt that spent the night in a smoke-filled bar will arrive home at 5 a.m. smelling as if it passed the hours in a spring meadow. DuPont’s scientists have also developed Teflon-treated fabric; spills bounce right off.

The South Korean company Kolon, in turn, has developed the “fragrant suit,” treated with anxiety-soothing herbs like lavender and mint. And Triumph International, a lingerie company, has produced a bra-and-underwear set that promises to keep skin supple with built-in infusions of aloe vera. It makes you wonder: how long before turtle-necks begin administering Botox? GINIA BELLAFANTE