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Men's fashion, particularly the trends involving undergarments, was once reserved for the elite; today it has become democratised, clear proof of social progress. The aestheticism of the body so highly valued by the Greeks seems to have regained a prominent place in the masculine world. Mirroring the evolution of society's values, the history of underwear also highlights the continuous, dancing exchange that exists between women's styles and men's fashion. Undergarments are concealed, flaunted, stretched or shortened, establishing a game between yesterday's illicit and today's chic and thereby

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