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## BROACHING THE SUBJECT OF BROOCHES

Brooches are back, not that they were ever really gone. In fact, these pieces of functional jewelry date back to the time when ancient Romans, Greeks, and Celts wore the ornamental clasps known as "fibulae" that were used to fasten clothes, especially cloaks. These more ornamental pieces replaced the simple straight pins that were worn prior to that time. Today, while buttons have largely replaced brooches for the purpose of holding clothing together, brooches have become more ornamental than ever. Whether a woman wants to display a piece of heirloom jewelry that she has had converted into a brooch or show her love of (enameled) butterflies or flowers, there is a brooch to represent just

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