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## About the Cover

George Dana Gibson's 1898 *Women at the Beach* drawing perfectly captures the conflicted attitude towards wearing a revealing (for the time) swimsuit in public. This hand-colored engraving by the creator of the famous "Gibson Girl" is entitled, "Her First Appearance in This Costume. She Thinks, on the Whole, She Feels More at Home in a Ball Dress." It shows a self-conscious young woman at the beach, wearing her swimsuit for the first time.

Kathe Gust's article on European – American bathing suits from 1650 – 1950 offers 300 years of swimwear and social customs surrounding its wearing. Read her article starting on page 16.