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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

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Country *Oceania*
Locality *Samoa Islands*
People *Samoans* *Polynesian* Stock
Name *Wedding Garment - white shaggy mat made
of the bleached fibre of the bark of the temanus tree
woven or braided by hand - worn by maidens of high
rank*

20.00

Every maiden of high rank is given one at her marriage. In consequence they are very difficult to obtain. At one time almost impossible, being specially made for a purpose and looked as treasure in a wardrobe. They are worn about the thighs, doubled and hanging like a skirt.

Notes *Very difficult to obtain*
When washed they are put in the sun to dry and whiten. With care they last generations.

Price

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