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Mexico

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Country

Locality

Santa Fe da la Laguna

People

Tarascan

Stock.

Name

Mantle, of dark blue  
woven cotton cloth edged  
with white scallops. Ends  
ornamented with sprayed  
blue + white silk, & fringed  
(over)

Collection

E. W. Starr

Notes

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Price

exh. 1918

Shawls or rebosos are worn by all Mexican women when out of doors in place of hats. Those worn by the Tarascan women are very characteristic. The material is black or blue and machine woven, but the edge is tastefully embroidered and the two ends decorated in an unusual technique. They are frayed out and made into a tassellated fringe which is further decorated with threads of flossy blue and white silk tied on so that it produces a mosaic pattern in geometric or naturalistic designs. This technique is probably the modern representative of the aboriginal feather mosaics for which the Tarascans were famed.