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Country

Mexico

Locality

Oaxaca. Tehuantepec.

People

Zapotec.

Stock.

Name

Short shirt "camisa" of
red cotton cloth with narrow
light stripes. Sides & bottom embroi-
in four yellow rows. Neck opening
bound with yellow.

(over)

Collection

F. W. Starr

Notes

huipili

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Price

est. 1918 - The Tehuanas of Tehuantepec are large and imposing women, and by some travelers have been called the handsomest women in the world. The dress is equally striking. The skirts are of closely woven red or purple cotton. This is upheld by a belt or faja. The upper garments are the most characteristic, a sleeveless, low-necked waist of light cotton factory-made print of brown, purple or red color, known as huipilili or "tulle huipilili" is worn.

The huipilili has undergone a metamorphosis of use. It is of muslin, or, more generally, of some bright-colored lace with silk ribbons and has wide borders of stiffly starched lace attached to the sleeves, neck and waist. While originally intended to be worn over the huipilili, it is seldom used so, but generally put on upside-down with sleeves and collar hanging down the back, so that the wide lace ruffle forms a headress framing the face.