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Country

Mexico

Locality

Huamblán, Oaxaca

People

Maratec

Stock.

Name

Spindle of unbleached cotton
 wide. Ends finished with long
 fringe. (over)

Collection

F. W. Starr

Notes

Price

Acc.

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The Mazatec costume is one of the most brilliant and striking in Mexico. The skirt is short and narrow and is upheld by a wide sash of native uncolored silk. It is of unbleached muslin with a band of heavy embroidery around the hem and with other embroidered figures above it. The embroidery is carefully done in red and black yarn.

The huipiles are brilliant, being wide but not long. The basis is, as usual, three breadths of unbleached muslin sewn together. Certain weft strands are removed, giving a drawn-work effect. The sides are sewn up and a circular opening cut for the neck. The surface is then nearly covered with embroidery in red or blue worsted. A band of embroidery of either geometric or naturalistic designs follows the hem and the upper part is carefully embroidered with figures of birds in trees.