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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

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Country

Mexico

Locality

Huixquilucan

Mexico

People

Otomi

Stock.

Name

Carrying cloth "ayate" of two
 strips of cloth of ixtli fiber
 + stitched together with colored
 yarns. Ornamented with
 embroidered triangles in yarns,
 tip to tip. (Cover)

Collection

F. W. Starr

Notes

Acc.

947

Price

350.22.6

exh. 1918 - Ayate is the Mexican term for a large woven fabric used for carrying burdens. It varies from a coarse net to a good cloth. A tonic ayate is made of closely woven fiber of the agave, ipthi, and are tastefully decorated with scattered design elements in embroidered worsted. The designs are geometric and the embroidery exact, so that the design appears in reversed form on the opposite side. They are of various sizes and are used for carrying all small burdens, even babies.