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Fashion

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 (Written for the United Press)

Maya, Oh Maya, my Indian maid,
 You put all the Paris belles quite in the shade;
 Your colorful blanket so gaudy and rich,
 They've taken for mantles, skirts, linings and sashes;
 And other new fashions now flicker and fade
 Before the gay garments by Indian made.

New York, March 3.—And now fashion has put the Indian sign on us!

Seems sort of like taking candy from a child to take our fashions from the Indians when about all the poor things have to their backs is a blanket and a string of beads.

But oh, these gorgeous hued blankets that the Maya Indians weave in Guatemala are much too beautiful to be wasted on the primitive fastnesses of Central America.

The possibilities of an ordinary blanket seem exhausted after you have used it as covering for body, bed or horse. The possibilities of the Maya blankets, loosely woven of pure wool and dyed in vivid and divers stripes are almost limitless.

The Mayas know how to make 'em but the fashion experts know how to use 'em, as is evidenced by a recent showing of Maya models in a famous New York and Philadelphia department store.

Loose wraps of oyster white and bisque shantung are lined throughout with the gorgeous Maya blankets. Beach and summer suits of white, grey and ecru silk have vivid Maya blanket touches on collar, cuffs, pockets and lapels. Sport skirts entirely evolved from Maya blankets, with their rainbow bars of color, make you long to be behind the bars.

These blankets as well as the embroideries which resemble the primitive embroideries of the Russian peasants are all made by the Mayas on hand looms and because the looms are very narrow the blankets are all made in half widths with a central seam.

Next to the blankets as attractive trimming touches the embroideries find place and are used on costumes in the same manner as collars, cuffs and pockets. The embroideries also make stunning table and cushion covers and the bands of embroidery are used effectively as borders on parasols, hat trimmings, hand bags and blouse adornments.

Silken scarfs, soft of weave and color, another product of the Maya hand looms, are fashioned into stunning blouses, girdles and are also used in their natural state to be knotted around fair shoulders or hat crowns.

Not all of the Maya blankets, scarfs and embroideries are in riotous colorings either. These wonderful aboriginals of Central America have shown themselves most considerate of the fashionable wants of 1917 American matrons and bachelor maids of years of discretion and so they have almost as great an output of embroideries done entirely in black and white or grey and white, blankets striped in the same neutral monotonies and scarfs woven in plaids and stripes of the same. Therefore every one can be smart and all Mayed up and still cling to her color scheme of life.

All the blankets, scarfs and large pieces of embroidery shown on the Maya models are original pieces brought direct from the Indian tribes of Guatemala but the most of the embroidery bandings are modern Manhattan manipulations of Maya methods, designs and colorings.

You can now buy ribbons at the ribbon counter and embroidery bandings at the trimming counter that will furnish up your last summer suit to the last word in modish Mayanism.

Silks by the yard in Maya designs and colorings are also being manufactured and stockings embroidered in Indian symbols are by no means at the foot of the Maya list of fashionable fads. The ribbons and embroidered bands manufactured here are really beautiful and almost defy detection when placed side by side with

Indian originals. much as I hate to be a wet blanket, I much as I hate to be a blanket, I am constrained to tell you that you'll have to go to Guatemala for it. Or rather to the house that is making Maya specialties will have to import one for you. It strikes me it would be as simple to import a Maya instead. Think how handy it would be to have a little Maya in your home busily weaving your blankets for you while you wait.

The main point is that we have to be good Indians this season. At present a Maya costume is more swaggy than a Poiret model, a Maya bonnet than a Georgette chapeau. At the beginning of the war Paris trembled lest New York usurp her laurels as the fashion center of the world. Who could have dreamed that her mantle of fashionable greatness would have descended on Guatemala in Central America instead and in descending turn into an Indian blanket.

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Mills Build Large Dam to Insure Water Supply

Storage capacity of the west branch of the Penobscot River in Maine has been immensely increased by the construction of a 700-ft. solid-concrete dam by a paper company to insure a sufficient supply of water for its pulp and paper plants at Millinocket.

The new dam replaces an old wooden structure and is 92 ft. in extreme height. It creates a storage lake, or reservoir, some 40 square miles in area, and is situated at the head of the Ripogonus Gorge, the outlet of a lake of that name. This is an ideal location for a dam, lying between two mountains. Water is raised at the new dam 60 ft. above its former height, which was about 20 ft. over the normal lake surface. Seven former lakes and ponds have been eliminated in forming the new storage lake, which when filled is expected to guarantee an ample water supply for the mills during a two-year period of slight rains. The March Popular Mechanic Magazine tells of the problems met in the building of the dam. A number of interesting illustrations accompanying the article.

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X-Ray Used to Prove Age of Boy in Court

To physicians connected with the juvenile court of Cincinnati was recently assigned the unusual task of determining the age of a lad by the use of the X-ray, according to the March Popular Mechanic Magazine. Under the laws of Ohio a boy, 17 or younger, came under the jurisdiction of the criminal court. The parents of the boy claimed that he was 17, while the physicians were strongly of the

opinion that he was 18 or older. To settle the question X-ray photographs were taken of the bones of his arms and the lower limbs. It is a fact, well recognized by the medical profession, that in the transition from childhood to maturity these bones undergo a change that is quite distinct. The photographs in this case showed such a development of bony tissue as to prove conclusively that the boy was 18 years or over, and consequently his case was turned over to the criminal court.

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