

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES?

Land Where All Manner of Man Dwells--Filipino Character Reverse of That of Natives That Daily Associate With Them--Queer Tribes and Their Stranger Customs



MOUNTAIN PEOPLE GOING TO TOWN.

**T**HE Philippine islands are one of the most peculiar, as well as one of the most interesting countries existing in the world today. One who has never visited an oriental country can scarcely conceive of the conditions existing there. The longer you study the people the less you know about them. If you can imagine a place where all your ideas are turned upside down and inside that you will have some idea of conditions as they exist in the Philippines. Our acquisition of this peculiar country was one of the most unexpected events in our national history. When war broke out with Spain in 1898, it was known that she had a somewhat neglected territory in the west which might make trouble for the cities of this western coast of the United States. At a time all was excitement, Veterans' clubs were once more held the call of their country and wanted to march the forces along the coast line. A general was then in Hongkong in command of our Asiatic squadron was ordered to find and destroy the Spanish fleet.

### Dewey's Victory.

The memorable battle of Manila bay, May 1, 1898, destroyed the power of Spain and left the Philippine islands on our hands. Not having enough troops to hold the city, no attempt was made to take Manila until reinforcements arrived from the home land. On August 13, 1898, the Spanish soldiers, General Merritt, and the blue and gold of Spain was replaced by the stars and stripes. August 14 is now a legal holiday in the islands and is called "Independence Day." It marks the beginning of American sovereignty over the islands. A few of them had small patches of rice and sweet potatoes, but most of them live almost like the wild beasts.

### When Magellan Came.

The majority of the present inhabitants of the Philippines belong to the brown race, best authorities agree that they came from the larger islands to the south, something less than 1,000 years ago. They found the land populated with Negritos, but their larger size and superior degree of civilization added the newcomers to drive the Negritos from the lowlands back into the less habitable mountain districts. Magellan first held news of the Philippines in 1521, the natives had already reached a certain degree of civilization and had a primitive form of writing, blood in villages and some of the larger islands. At the time they were discovered by Columbus, Magellan with 21 men attempted to help one of the natives capture a battle against the inhabitants of one of the larger islands. Most of the brave men understood the strength of his opponents and fell a victim to the spear of his foe. In the city of Cebu is a large cross marking a marble base on which is inscribed the legend that here is the spot where Magellan first held news of the Philippines. Near this spot is a large church which contains the image called the "Black Saint" of the Philippines. It is supposed to have come from Manila and is able to cure all manner of diseases.

### Not So Large as Oregon.

The total area of the islands is about 225,000 square miles, or one and one-third times as large as Oregon. Luzon, the greatest island, containing 47,000 square miles is a little larger than Pennsylvania. Mindanao, with 26,000 square miles, is larger than Indiana. Sumatra, the largest island, contains a population of about 2,000,000 people; no exact census has ever been taken. The islands are many and some of the inaccessible mountains, and their number can only be estimated. The total area of the islands is about 225,000 square miles as in Oregon, and the country could easily support 10 times as many people as it now does.

The original inhabitants were called Negritos, meaning "little negroes." They are a small, dark, curly-headed tribe who have been driven back into the mountains by the larger and more intelligent Malays. There are still a few of the Negritos in the northern part of Luzon, and many of the islands they are quite numerous. The islands of Isabela in the northern part of Luzon contain many, and they are found in most of the mountainous districts of the islands. In spite of 500 years of contact with the Spaniards, they have made very little progress toward civilization. For the ethnologist the Negritos forms a most interesting study, and in some respects he resembles the black man of Africa, but is smaller and his lips are thinner.

The members of the race are the smallest race of people on earth. The men seldom reach a height of four feet, eight inches, and some are correspondingly smaller. Some of the more civilized Negritos build small houses and live in villages, but most of them live out in the mountains wandering from place to place in search of food. During the winter the Negritos sometimes cut a few large leaves and form a temporary roof to shelter their bodies from the heavy rain. They are expert hunters with the bow and arrow, they also use spears and traps. When they find a nest of a bird, they camp on the spot until it is eaten up. They often catch fish with their hands, they stand in a narrow ripple for hours, especially at night, holding their hands in the water with their fingers spread out, and as the fish attempt to jump, they catch them. The Negritos are the first to have a knife, and they use it with great skill. They decorate their bodies with scars made by cutting the skin with a knife.

Like all Filipinos the Negritos are fond of chewing betel which makes their mouth and teeth very red and sticky. Near the town of San Jose in Antique province is a small village of Negritos. On certain days of the month they dress up in all their splendor and come to town to beg. A band of beggars resembles a plump pig parade. Some of the men have only a pair of trousers made of flour sacks, some have knee breeches and a high silk hat, some have a pair of trousers and a buttoned stiff hat; others have only a shirt and breech cloth with no hat at all. They will sit down in a semi-circle in the street in front of your house and beg for their pitiful dollar. Much pork, rice, and ulango, a kind of pluck, are given to them. They start in a row, and if I am very poor, I have no food, I have no money, give me money give me food, say I am very poor. At night they start back to their village, carrying their plunder, consisting of bits of rice, worms, that had been in this village containing over 100 people there is not a man who can read or write. The Negritos have never taken kindly

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### Live in Mountains.

As the Igorotes live high up in the mountains, their rice fields are necessarily constructed at a cost of a great deal of labor. Great stone terraces are built up the sides of the mountain and water is brought from considerable distances in irrigating ditches. Long before the Spaniards came to the islands the Igorotes were wearing earrings of gold gotten out of the mountains of Benguet. Industrial schools are being established for these people and the prospect for making useful citizens out of them is very bright. The largest and most important of the non-Christian tribes is the Moro inhabiting part of the island of Mindanao. The Moros are Mohammedans and are by far the best fighters in the



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### Gruesome Joke.

It happened that the family was in the land which had just been attacked, and said the soldier, "My father and my brother and my uncle were in the fight, and I killed all three of them myself." And they all thought it was a great joke on the father.

### The Visayans.

There are seven principal tribes of Christian Filipinos inhabiting distinct sections of the archipelago. The Visayans inhabiting the large islands of Panay, Samar, Negros, Leyte, Bohol, and Cebu, number in the millions. The Tagalogs live in the provinces around Manila, consider themselves the most intelligent. They number about 3,000,000. The Pampangans, Pangasinan, Zamboanga, Iloilo, and Ilocos, all live on the island of Luzon. In some cases

### Chinese Needed.

Unhappy is the traveler in need of shoes or clothes if he strikes a town which has no Chinese merchant. Many of the Filipinos have little tiendas or booths along the road where you can buy fruit, tobacco or some kind of native food, but most of the larger stores outside of Manila, Iloilo, Cebu and Zamboanga are owned by Chinese. They are sometimes contented with making 10 to 20 per cent profit on their goods, but a Filipino does not care to sell until he can double or triple the money invested. As in all other countries you must never pay the price asked for the goods, but a Filipino will give the article for one third or one fourth of the original price. And a Filipino has a great deal of money, and he has the habit of taking and arguing about the superior quality of his goods before he will sell. He will sell a pair of shoes for one dollar, but if you ask him to sell them for 50 cents, he will not sell them until you have offered him 100 cents. He will ask you to buy a pair of shoes for one dollar, but if you ask him to sell them for 50 cents, he will not sell them until you have offered him 100 cents.

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ing for their lives. The market was not opened again until the Moros left town. Naturally, the Moro soldiers prefer to fight against the Christians but they have been used in handling down the tribes of their own people. After a band of troublemaker robbers had been cleaned up, the officer in charge of the Moro soldiers with a group of his companions around him was nearly splitting his sides with laughter. Through an interpreter, the officer found out the cause of his mirth. It seemed that the father and brother of the soldier had been very indignant when he joined the army of the Americans, and had threatened his life if he did not desert.

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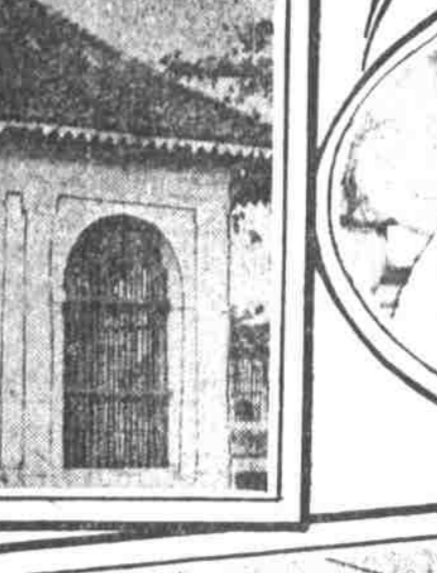
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### Ancient Beef.

Another thing which spoils one's appetite is the way they handle meat. In the first place no beef gets to the market until the animal is too old to work or has died by accident. I was once invited to a big dinner. Just as we sat down I asked my neighbor what was the beef that was on the table. He told me that a cow had fallen into a well and drowned, so they had a big dinner to honor the cow. The cow usually I lost my appetite at once. In the markets the butchers are too lazy to scrape the pig and stuff his head with vegetables of different kinds, then a pole with a crank on one end is run through the mouth and body and the pig is roasted over an open fire. The pole rests on two forked sticks. By means of the crank the pig is turned around the spit and the meat is cooked on all sides. The skin becomes very crisp, while the meat is juicy and delicious.

### Filipino Dinner.

A Filipino dinner consists principally of meat with only a few vegetables. The meal ends with custard or preserved fruit. As the dish is passed around the table each guest takes a bite and puts the spoon back in the dish. I was once invited to be the guest of honor at a feast. I was soon after my arrival in the islands and I had not yet learned much about the customs of the country. The waiters began bringing the dishes to the table and I passed the dish to me first. I thought that to show my good will I would eat the first and begin again. Finally, I whispered to the man who had just asked if they would never stop bringing in the food. He said, "Yes, as soon as you stop eating the courses end and the next course is brought, apparently much to the relief of some of the other guests."

### Rice and Fish.

The food of the common people consists principally of rice and fish, with a little bit of boiled vegetable and fresh fruit. Only the upper class use tables. The poorer natives spread a large mat on the floor and put the pot of rice in the middle. The rice is eaten with the fingers of the right hand, this passing through a small town I asked if I could get something to eat. As the natives do not like to be seen eating, they are very shy and I was not allowed to feed me. They felt that since I was an American I ought to have at least a spoon to eat with. I took such such such such. I ate a little bit of rice and a little bit of fish. I ate a little bit of rice and a little bit of fish.

### Cooking Meals.

Most of the cooking is done on open fires, outside of Manila there are very few Filipinos who have ever used anything except the native stove. A platform three feet wide and six feet long is built up about two feet high, at one end of the kitchen. This is covered by a brick six inches thick. Three stones are placed on top of the brick to give a place to set the cooking utensils and a fire is built between them. Needless to say, the smoke in the kitchen is almost unbearable and the cook is almost always coughing and sneezing. Most of the cooking is done on open fires, outside of Manila a hotel is an unknown thing. For Americans who are staying in Manila, the hotels are quite comfortable. They are usually quite comfortable. They are usually quite comfortable.

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