

When th' Lanui dropped anchor in th' harbor of Manila, Kangy and I went

ashore to look at th' town.

First of all we strolled along th' waterfront where tramp steamers, Chinese junks, and trading-schooners from all parts of th' South Seas were discharging and loading cargos. It was such a busy place that it made me think too much of work, so Kangy and I climbed aboard a ferry-boat manned by a grinnin' Chinese. With a pole he pushed th' boat along canals lined with cocoanut-palms, mango-trees, bananas, and all kinds of houses, some of stone, some of bricks, oth-

ers of grass and bamboo.

Later we wandered outside th' city. There we saw tree-houses, with long ladders reaching up to th' front doors; natives splitting cocoanuts, so that th' thick meat inside could be dried for copra. Later th' copra

would be shipped to the United States where th' rich oil would be pressed out and made into soap, cold cream, and such like.

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Our big adventure of th'
day was when we rode a
water-buffalo. We were goin' along fine, takin' in th'
scenery, when a measly
swab of a dog hove alongside, barkin' and snappin'
at th' buffalo's heels. Th'
old boy didn't like th' heelnippin' business so he lit
out with us hangin' on and
wonderin' what was goin' to
happen next. We soon found
out. Mr. Buffalo crashed
through a bamboo fence and
overboard we went. When
we picked ourselves up th'
buffalo and dog were gone
and a grinnin' native was
waitin' to collect ten dollars
for his wrecked fence. So
we called it a day and went

back aboard th' schooner.

In my next yarn I'll tell you more about th' strange sights in th' Philippines.





































