The following rare collection of historical images from the Philippines were taken in 1899.
THE BEAUTIFUL LUNETE, MANILA'S FASHIONABLE PROMENADE AND DRIVE

This most celebrated drive and promenade in the city of Manila is by the old sea wall. The Governor and Archbishop, with their escort and striking equipages came every afternoon to air themselves, and in the cool of every summer evening, when the fine military bands of the city were playing. The whole population apparently came out to listen.
ALL CHINESE SHOP QUARTER ON THE ROSARIO

The Philippines despised the Chinese for their cowardice and duplicity. Spain imposed a special tax upon all Chinese in the islands. Nevertheless, they have always been the busiest importing, the natives and Europeans not being able to compete with them.
ILOILO, CAPITAL OF THE PROVINCE OF PANAY.

This city, on the Island of Panay, is next to Manila the most important seaport of the Philippines. It is built on a low marshy plain, just oeing to surroundings enjoy an almost constant sea breeze, which makes it much coorer and healthier than Manila.
NATIVE WATER CARRIERS IN ILOILO

In the Philippine Islands, as in all other countries of the orient, it is customary for the natives to carry their drinking water from public wells. More than three thousand years ago Moses met his future wife at the well. The servants of Abraham made the bargain with Rebecca to marry Isaac at the well. Child met the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well.

THE ISLAND OF CORREGIDOR, MANILA BAY.
DRYING SUGAR.
NATIVE WOMAN FRUIT SELLER
And customers, Manila.
A NATIVE PHILIPINO WOMAN

Women peddlers upon the streets of Manila are common sights. They sell bread, milk, fruits, flowers, water, etc., and carry their heavy burdens always upon their heads.
VOLCANO "MAYON," IN THE HEMP-PRODUCING DISTRICT OF LUZON.
This is said to be the most beautiful volcano in the world. It is 8,235 feet high, its shape is a perfect cone and its crest is always fiery. It has indulged in several destructive eruptions. In 1814 many houses were destroyed and 250 people were killed and wounded. At its base are famous hot springs of great medicinal virtue.

A STREET SCENE IN ALBAY
Albay is the principal sugar district of Luzon island. Notice how the native houses are set upon bamboo poles, high from the ground; the entrance is effected by means of ladders reaching to the floor. At night the ladders is pulled up and the native feels safe from intruding.