



A NATIVE, PLOWING.

combatants, having a trial battle under the watchful care of their owners.

The population of Manila is about 270,000, including natives, Chinamen, and Europeans; the Chinese forming a very large proportion. Naturally, of the Europeans the greatest number are Spaniards, and there is also a large colony of Germans and Swiss; the Englishmen and Americans are in the minority, there being only about seventy of the former and three or four of the latter; aside from vagabond sailors, etc., of doubtful nationality. There is a saying to the effect that if a Spaniard, an Englishman and an American were to be left upon a desert island, the first would immediately begin to build a church, the second to organize a club, and the last to start a newspaper. The first two of these national characteristics have been exemplified in Manila, for there are churches on every corner, of all sizes and descriptions, generally in a state of dilapidation owing to earthquakes; and also an English club, which includes most of the Americans among its members; this latter fact being due, perhaps, to the difficulties to be met

with in starting a foreign newspaper in a Spanish country.

Upon my arrival at Manila, after a journey of forty-one days from Boston, I was taken into a mess or household, consisting of one other American and two Englishmen, with a retinue of a dozen native servants; each of us having his house-boy or body-servant, and coachman, while a gardener and several hangers-on looked after the grounds. These servants each received from eight to ten *pesos* (Mexican dollars) per month, on which moderate sum they clothed and fed themselves and their families, gambled, and indulged in such luxuries as their tastes required. Most of the said families lived on the place, sleeping in the unused stalls of the stable with their chickens, pigs and fighting-cocks, the women doing their cooking over little bonfires in the stable-yard, while the little, naked, brown tots of babies rolled and tumbled about the place, scampering into the bushes like wild things at the sight of one of us "white devils." A house-boy's duties were to attend to his master's clothes, washing, etc., to keep his room in order,