

## CRUISE OF H.M.S. "CHALLENGER."

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## VIII.



NATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

On the morning of the 17th October we left Ternate, greatly to the regret of our hospitable friends. Steaming on with fine weather across the Molucca passage into the Celebes Sea, the scenery in every direction was very lovely, the lofty, high volcanic land affording more than ordinary interest as we occasionally stopped off the steep shores for trawling.

On the 4th November we sighted the lighthouse at the entrance of the magnificent harbour of Manilla, and some hours' steaming brought us to the anchorage, at about a couple of miles from the shore.

Soon after we were visited by the various officials, and opportunities were given for landing. The business portion of the city is prettily laid out with numbers of long and handsome streets, extensive stores and warehouses, affording employment.