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NATURAL PRODUCTS AND RE SOURCES OF THE PHILI
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the great commercial products the Philippine Archipelago are sugar, hemp, tobacco, corpa and articles of export, are in the order

The production of sugar has in reased rapidly. In 1871, it was less than 100,000 tons; in 1881 230,000 tons; in $1893,261,686$ tons and it was then increasing at the ate of 15,000 tons per year, duction is from the province of Pampanga, in the central area of Luzon, and nearly north of Manila The provinces about Manila Bay and the one north of Pampanga re also large producers. This sugar is exported from Manila and goes chiefly to Spain and Grea
ritian.
A better quality of sugar, but in smaller quantities, is obtained from the violet-colored cane Negros. The very best comes from the province of Cadiz on the north coast of Panay. This sugar is exported from Ilo-ilo, and is sent chiefly to the United Sta tes,

He processes of manufactur There are a few large plantation and these are generally monastic These plantations are usuall

able to manufacture economi-
cally. There is a tendency to ward their absorption into large estates, u

## Manila hamp is su called

because of the resemblance of fiber to that of hemp, at least in color, It is derived from the leaf textilis,). The plant has an inedible fruit, and grows in poor soil The best plants grow in south eastern Luzon and the adjacen islands of Samar, Leyet and Bo hol. The plant is rudely cultiva ted, cut down when three year old, and the fibers separated from the surrounding tissue by rude machines. 15 takes two to prepare 25 pounds a day exported in the crude state, chie exp to Great Britain the United States and the Australian colonie where they are used for making a highly prized cordage. The finer fibers are used at home for domestic manufactures of fabric used for dress and ornament. They are light, transparent an very durable. The fabrics are varied by using some cotton, silk,
or other fiber with the Manila orother fiber with the Manila hemp.
The native name for the fiber is abaca, taken from the plant The abaca has been introduced into other parts of the world, bu the conditions of its native home of the Philippines are more favcheap that so successful competition has been established.
Export of established.
and the amount exported is stead ily increasing. In 1893 it a mounted to 97,787 tons, valued a ten million dallars. Nextin or der of value, but first in popula estimation, is the so-called Manila tobacoo. It is a highly prized tobacco, and by few as its super ior. Certain it is that some Ma nila leaf is imported into Cuba though it is not known how it is
used. The Cuban tobacco is
the cocoanut maue ngitand all
tities in tropical islands
the world. It seems to be tively new product for the Phili pines; 11,500 tons were export common and highly prized in Philipp
used.
Coffee was introduced in the Philippines, probably in the latter part of the eighteenth century,
from Brazil. The firstlarge planfrom Brazil. The first large planthe production began to exten actively fifteen or twenty year go. Latterly the export has de creased very greatly. It used to average 2,500 tons a year, but has recently sunk to only 300 lution, for the coffee is of good quality, some of it excellent. Unlike Manila hemp and toba co, the coffee requires some capital on the part of those who undertake it. It takes the trees fou Those who are able to make the necessary advances have prosabout Manila, have become rich. The exported coffees formerly went exclusively to France, but are now seattered well over Europe, usually through Singapore.
They are of two sorts, the Manila and the Zamboanga. The first is grown about Manila, chiefly
the southeast of is a smatheast of Manila Bay. is a small berry and is more highZambuanga coffee is produced the south, principally on Minda nao and the Sulu Islands. The berry of this variety is larger, but less care is used in its prepa-
ration. It goes directly to Sing apore. Philippine Islands, but it is not exported. It is the staple food of the Natives, and sometimes the supply if short. Both the mountain and lowland rice are produced, and more than ninety varie-
ties are known. It is easy to

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our fleets and that of our enemythey played a game of hide-and-
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set sail in March fro m Toulon,
and having rallied a squadronof Spanish vessels, headed dir-ectly for the West Indies, अerefleet from Cadiz joined himLord Nelson, meanwhile, was
scouring the Mediterranean seafor him in vain. Hearing at lastthat Villeneuve was in Americanlantic, but was lured by a falsereport to the shores of the Sonth
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