

INTERESTING PLACES**SEXMOAN**

FORTUNATO ASUNCION *

Famous for its brass band, this interesting place can be reached from Manila Bay by a small steamboat.

Though linked with the famous cement road of Pampanga, I would suggest that the trip by water be taken in going there.

From a spot in the middle of the Bay, with nothing to see but the sky above, the water below, and the blue mountain range dimly silhouetted from

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afar, one will feel the thrill of being gradually swallowed by the monstrous Pampanga River. As one looks out on deck one could see the two barely visible banks miles apart. The river, however, gradually narrows down on the way up. Fresh and green vegetation are now clearly visible as nipa swamps and mangroves alternately grow on both sides.

After passing a sharp curve, the boat will slowly stop at a concrete landing, with several steps. Several meters away stands the stone-walled church.

Age can be read from its appearance—it may look old but it has withstood the strongest typhoon, the people there claimed. One or two blocks from the church is the market place. From the noise going on, one will conclude that Sexmoan is indeed prosperous. The banks of the river, from the curve upward, are lined with nipa houses built close to each other. Fishing must be a very important industry as there is not a house without a banca nearby, and fishing nets spread to dry on horizontal bamboo poles.

JOKES

WHERE IS THE SUBJECT?

Teacher: Is "Jump," a sentence, Juan?

Juan: Yes, teacher.

Teacher: Why?

Juan: Because it begins with a capital letter and ends with a period. It has a complete thought. It has a subject and a predicate. The subject is "you."

Teacher: Where is "you" in this sentence, Pedro?

Pedro (not paying attention): Between "J" and "m".

