

A Legend By Petronilo Abaya

MANY years ago when the world was young, the Philippines was composed of only two big islands: Luzon and Mindanao. They were so close to each other that a strong man standing on top of Mount Apo in Mindanao could hurl a stone across the sea to the island of Luzon. Luzon was peopled by a very fierce tribe led by Bayani. The people of Mindanao, on the other hand, were peaceful but ambitious. Their king was called Tanaw. He had a beautiful daughter named Lawin.

Bayani and Tanaw had always been fast friends. They helped each other in war and celebrated together their victories in times of peace.

One day Bayani visited Tanaw's kingdom. It was harvest time and all the women were out in the fields. As Bayani was looking out of Tanaw's palace, his eyes caught the young Lawin as she walked in the sun. Tanaw noticed Bayani was lost in admiration for the young maiden.

"That is Lawin, my daughter," Tanaw told Bayani proudly.

"Beautiful!" Bayani exclaimed and he smiled at Tanaw.

From that day Bayani made his visits to Tanaw's palace more often. He brought many expensive gifts. Sometimes he came just when the planting season began and his slaves did the plowing and the harrowing

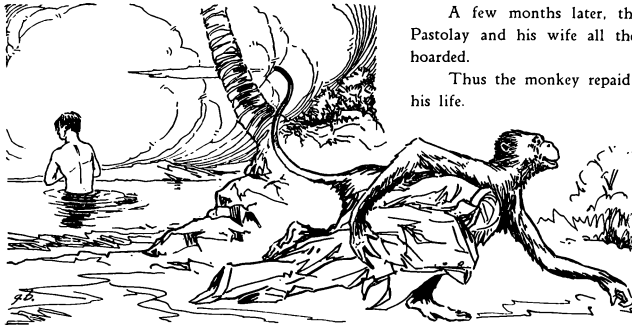
of Tanaw's fields. Then he came again when the full moon was up in the skies. At other times he came to fish mother-of-pearls in the deep south seas. All these Bayani did with the hope that some day Tanaw would give him Lawin in marriage.

Many moons passed. Bayani labored hard in Tanaw's palace. Then he proposed. Thrusting his spear deep at the

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"Here they are," he said, "but don't ask questions. Put them on. A beautiful girl is waiting for you. Win her, dear master, win her."



Pastolay had to go. At first he was bashful, but at last he won the love of the miser's daughter. The old man thinking Pastolay rich readily consented to their marriage.

A few months later, the miser died leaving Pastolay and his wife all the riches that he had hoarded.

Thus the monkey repaid Pastolay for sparing his life.

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foot of Tanaw's staircase and bowing low, he said: "Hearken, Tanaw. I come with one mission: to get your consent on Lawin's marriage with me."

But the proud Tanaw did not answer. He only smiled, pulled out the half-buried spear, and returned it to Bayani, meaning that he could not consent to Lawin's marriage to him. She was engaged to Magat, the mighty prince of Borneo.

Bayani walked away with a heavy heart. Lawin saw him leaving, his broad shoulders and his sturdy legs beaming like a young god's in the afternoon sun. Pity touched her young heart.

But the Luzon king was not discouraged. He knew that Lawin looked at him with favor. He knew that she loved him despite Tanaw and Prince Magat. One night he crept into the *silid* of Tanaw's palace and carried off Lawin.

The next morning the entire palace awoke in great confusion. Lawin had disappeared and so had Bayani. Thereupon Tanaw dispatched his twenty thousand lancers for a war expedition to the northern island. Tanaw decreed that the whole people of Luzon should be punished.

As the invaders sailed across the sea, a storm suddenly came. The waves rose

high and swallowed Tanaw's men. The earth quaked and moved mountains and plains. The land shook so suddenly that even Tanaw in his palace did not notice for a long time that his kingdom was pushed by the earthquake farther to the south.

The kingdom of Mindanao was troubled for many harvest seasons. Desperate over his losses, Tanaw climbed Mount Apo and madly hurled big rocks across the sea, intending to destroy Bayani's kingdom. All the stones fell into the sea except the last which struck the southern shore of Luzon.

Angered, Bayani seized the summit of Taal Volcano and threw it with all his strength at Tanaw. It struck the Mindanao king and sent him down Mount Apo.

Many seasons came and went since then. Bayani died, but the children of Lawin lived on. And the memory of the tribal strife between Mindanao and Luzon lingered with the years.

The big rock that fell on the southern shore of Luzon sank deep into the ground and left behind it a body of water called *Labugna* which we now know as Laguna Bay. The boulders from Taal Volcano that fell on Mindanao and killed Tanaw

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HOBBY PAGE

A Carabao Cigarette and Ash Holder

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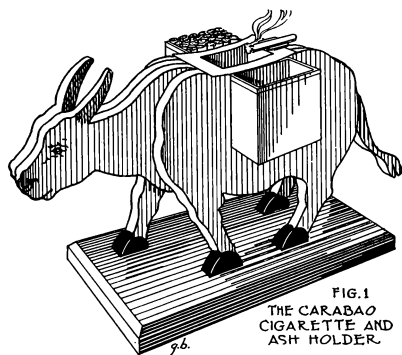


FIG. 1
THE CARABAO
CIGARETTE AND
ASH HOLDER.

THE carabao is a useful and hardworking animal. We often see it in the roads pulling carts or carrying heavy loads on its back. For your handiwork this month, we are giving you a model of a carabao cigarette and ash holder.

Figure 1 shows the finished carabao and cigarette and ash holder. The wooden carabao consists of five parts as shown in Fig. 2. These parts are sawed out of wood $3/8$ inch or $1/2$ inch thick. In assembling the pieces, apply glue on the sides of

pieces A and B. Figure 2 shows two small slots at the hind part of the carabao. Insert the tail E in the slots indicated in Fig. 2, as mortise $1/4$ " deep. Then nail parts A and B together. Glue and nail parts C and D on their respective sides to form the body of the carabao. The feet are then glued and nailed at the bottom of the base.

Now only the packs are lacking. In making the cigarette packs, the ash tray and the pommel, any lightweight tin will do. Base the measurement of the packs of cigarettes on an actual package of cigarettes. (See Fig. 3).

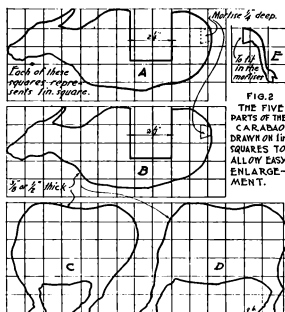


FIG. 2
THE FIVE
PARTS OF THE
CARABAO
DRAWN ON IN
SQUARES TO
ALLOW EASY
ENLARGEMENT.

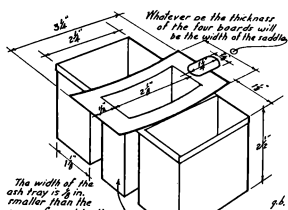


FIG. 3
SHOWING MEASUREMENTS FOR THE
PACKS; ASH TRAY,
SADDLE, AND CIGARETTE REST. (The cigarette rest is referent to the saddle.)

The width of the ash tray is $3/8$ in. smaller than the space formed by the parts A and B (Fig. 2) so that it may be easily removed for emptying.

Note: The saddle will have to be bent and the ash tray to be cut to follow the curve of the back of the carabao.

Paint the carabao first before placing the packs on it. The body of the carabao should be painted dark stone gray; the upper part of the base and the packs, the saddle and the pommel, green; the animal's horns and hoofs, black.



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likewise made a big hole which became filled with water and was later known as Lake Lanao. After that great storm the water shallowed. The rocks Tanaw had hurled and which had fallen into the sea re-appeared and became the Visayan islands.

Thus is told the origin of the Philippine Islands.