

passage where he found a great ocean. This was the Pacific Ocean.

Magellan entered the Pacific with only three ships. His men were afraid. They wanted to go back for they had very little food. But Magellan told them to be brave. "We told the king that we would cross the Pacific Ocean," he told them. "Let us cross it, even if we have to eat leather from the masts."

For more than three months Magellan's ships sailed on and on to the west. The Pacific was so vast that the men could see nothing except the blue sky and the angry waves. Finally they passed by some rocky islands. But there were no people living there. His men suffered many hardships, because their food became scarcer and scarcer every day. They were forced to eat rats and leather. The water became so bad that the men could not drink it. Nearly all of them were sick and some died of hunger. But Magellan continued to sail on.

Then, one day in March, 1521, Magellan came to a group of islands. The natives stole one of his small boats. For this reason he named the islands the Ladrones, or Isles of Thieves. Then he continued to sail westward.

Finally, on March 16, 1521, Magellan saw the high mountains of the island of Samar covered with tropical coconut palms. In this way he discovered the Philippines. But he did not land on the island of Samar. He sailed southward and came to the small island of Suluan. He stopped there for the night. The following morning he sailed west to Homonhon Island where he stayed eight days.

So you see that Magellan's purpose in sailing west was to go to the Moluccas to find spices. But instead of going there, he came to the Philippines. When you study more of the history of the Philippines, you will learn about the work of the Spaniards in the Islands.

Be a Lincoln

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Through an oversight the last part of Miss Albert's splendid little story, *Be a Lincoln* was omitted in the February number of *The Young Citizen*. Please turn to page 52 in the February issue, and after reading that page carefully, read the following, which is the ending of the story. We begin with the last sentence on page 52.—*The Editor*.

"Well, Mother, I think I'll try again," said Mariana, this time with a happy look on her face. "If Lincoln did not give up, neither will I.

"Why, Mother," she said, "that was not

a hard problem. I tried it again and succeeded in solving it. After this, when I fail the first time or two, I will not give up. I will try again. I will be a Lincoln."

"That is splendid, my dear," said Mother.