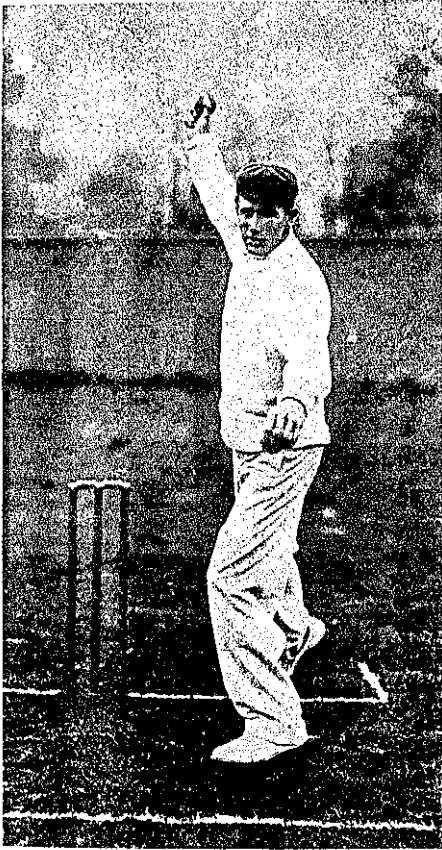
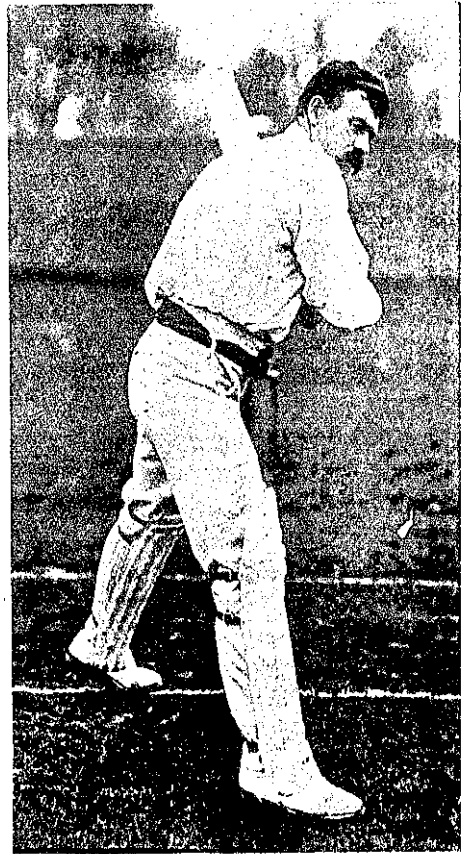


was considered marvellous, and, as his figures held the record for twenty-five years, there was cause for the belief that the champion had done something wonderful. Three years ago the Indian cricketer batted in invincible style, and at the close of the season, had amassed the fine total of 2780, beating Dr. Grace's record, and earning undying fame for himself. Now he has beaten his own record handsomely, making one marvel

team has done exceptionally well. At all the meetings between the representatives of England and Australia, the takings have been immense, while at the county and other fixtures, the spectators have very clearly shewn that an Australian team is a big draw. It is rather painful to note that during the tour little things have cropped up which ought never to have occurred. Trivial disagreements they may have been, but they



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at his skill and dexterity and wonder for the future of the game.

The Australian Cricketers are to be congratulated upon the general success of their tour in the Old Country. There has been an unsatisfactory proportion of unfinished games, but as the laurels of the test games remain with the Australians by virtue of their victory in the second match—the only game finished of the series—one object of the trip has been accomplished. Financially the

are unseemly in an honourable game like cricket, and it is probably because money-making is now so largely a part of these exchange visits, that the meetings are conducted more on commercial lines than on those of honour and glory.

The batting of the Australians has been consistent all through the season, though they have not yet acquired the art of playing a representative or any other match out in three days. When Mr. Darling's men have