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### ROMANCE OF LORD AND LADY DARNLEY

He Won His Bride on the Cricket Field in Australia

(London Great Home Weekly.)
The genial giant who owns fame bham Park, an historic mansion a heart of Kent, was born a young of the sixth Early of Darnley. This a matter of eight years between self and his elder brother, and at the of the sixth earl the Hon. Edwarry Stuart Bligh succeeded to the and estates. The seventh earl me is a daughter of the Blackwood far but within less than two years less than the years less than t

with a sound head for business, as he has well and honorably demonstrated in the city. But it certainly was not as either scholar or man of commerce that he attained to fame. He was incomparable as a boy and youth at the three games named. At Eton he beat all comers in the competition Eton against the other public schools, and at Cambridge he for three years rendered the position of the rival university hopeless, triumphing with the greatest ease for that period over the dark blue representatives. Moreover, he played twice for Eton at cricket in the great match of the year, while after going up to Cambridge, he appeared for four years in the inter-varsity match, in the last year as captain. He was a splendid bat and a gloricus field, and, with a reputation for skilful and persuasive captaincy, he was chosen in the 1882-8 season to take an English team to Australia.

Needless to say, his reputation had preceded him. They know more in Australia to the came away from Australia in the came away from Australia he left his heart behind, and it trails he left his heart behind, and it was in the safe keeping of the lovely girl who had not indeed bound up his wounds, but who had so willingly offered him the means of doing so.

He returned to England, but there remained an irresistible magnet under the Southern Cross. He went back to offer his heart with the hand which had been wounded; and, as all the world knows, he was accepted. During the years that have followed there has not been a happier, more perfectly united couple than this delightful pair whom, a slight mishap upon the cricket field in Australia brought thus strangely together.

Needless to say, his reputation had preceded him. They know more in Australia about our cricketers than we trouble to learn here, and the fame of the handsome young English giant, solon of an old and noble-house, who was to akipper the side of from the motherland, created much interest on the other side of the world.

It was a memorable year in cricket, for it saw the introduction to English, memore than Barnes is to the English nowling of the present time. Either through inexperience or ill-luck Spofforth, in these early matches, was so unhappy as repeatedly to drag his foot across the wicket, and, in his ardor, seriously to cut up the pitch on which the Englishmen were batting, that it fell to the visiting captain to, remonstrate. Australians are so wildly keen on the game which the motherland has taught them to make their great national pastime that they resent most bitterly any implied aspersion upon the methods of their representatives, no matter how well based a complaint may be. Mr. Bligh's attitude, therefore, exposed him to considerable criticism among that section of Australian crowds with whom "barracking" originated. But that his popularity was not impaired he presently had reason to realise.

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