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see it, of the county game. This n less justification than usual, or, despite the awful weather of the opening weeks of the season, cricket been almost uniformly interest-

Leeds on June 5th when Yorkshire, after wanting only 29 runs with five wickets in hand to beat Notts, lost by runs? Again, was not the crowd on dge when, earlier in the season, Howell, of Warwickshire, took all ten of Yorkshire's wickets in one innings?

Not only can cricket be desperately exciting, but it provides a greater variety of thrills than any other game. At fobtball, for instance, tense moments are practically confined to keeper, but at cricket excitement may

Has any other game ever staged such a scene as the finish of the England vs. Australia Test Match at the Oval, 1882. England was set a paltry 85 to win, and the game seemed as good as over when the score stood at 51 for three wickets. But F. R. Spof- He looked so big and talked such forth-now, by the way, an enthusiastic follower of lawn-tennis—was more than living up to his nickname of "The Demon." and wicket after wicket fell, until Melbourne triumphed by The men came in to shorter range.

Changing Defeat Into Victory.

losing moments: "One spectator dropped dead, and another unconsciously gnawed away the handle of his umbrella. Men who

some were shivering as with cold, some even fainted. At times there was And as he hurried back they smiled There have been even tighter finishes between the two countries. England

lost by 3 runs at Manchester in 1902, and won by one wicket at Melbourne during the 1907-08 tour; but the Oval scene will never be surpassed for in-

match was that of 1870. Oxford, with dish lately?—aug21,tf three wickets to fall, wanted 3 runs to win. F. H. Hill, who was well set, made a hit which, in the ordinary Steamer Pawnee way, would have reached the boundary, but brilliant fielding allowed of one run only. Then F. C. Cobden performed the hat-trick and all was over bar delirious shouting.

Africa, made the winning hit. ton in 1919. The scores, were equal speed of 16 knots. when the last Sussex batsmen failed o come in within the two minutes allowed by the rules of the game. hiring a car is your business. wicket it was only to be told by the umpire that he could not be allowed

A Century of Centuries.

Somerset, of course, are notorious or illustrating the "glorious uncertainty" of the game. There was their amous match against Yorkshire at Leeds in 1901. In their first innings Somerset were all out for 87, Yorkshire replying with 325. Then Somerset amassed 630, to which huge total L. C. S. Palairet contributed 173, Len Braund 107, and F A. Philips 122. This was against the bowling of

Rhodes, Hirst, Haigh and Wainwright. In their second innings the weary Tykes went down for 113 and were beaten by 279 runs. It was Yorkshire's only defeat that season, whereas Somerset finished third from the bot-

tom of the table. Almost as amazing was the Tampshire vs Warwickshire match of last summer. All out for 15 in their first innings, Hants had to follow on, made

501 and won the game. Apart from close finishes, ties and remarkable recoveries, there are plenty of individual thrills. These often turn on the making or preservation of a record by the batsman, This season, for example, Gloucestershire followers had the excitement of watching Jack Hobbs score his hun-

dredth hundred. One can but dimly imagine the breathless anxiety of the crowd as A. C. MacLaren, playing for Lancs vs. Somerset in 1895, approached and beat the then record individual score of 344 by W. G. Grace and went on to be the first, as he is still the only natsman, to score 400 or more-424

was his total in a first-class match. There was always a hush when "W. W.," having got a "duck" in his first innings, came in again. Would the "Old Man" preserve his cherished re-cord of never having got a "pair"? What a yell went up at the Oval England vs. Australia match of 1890 when the "Doctor," caught off the first all in his first innings, was mis at point by G. H. S. F. Trott-off the

miahs who Complain that when Tom Hayward came in adly danger. There was a tangible silence as Tom went to the wicket followed by roars of relief when he

> in the match vs. Kent, at Blackheath, Humphreys-of all fieldsmen to take "impossible" run, and paid the

> Bowlers. Howell's feat has been mentioned. The crowd, watching Australia vs. South T. J. Matthews, having performed the hat-trick in South Africa's first innings, repeated the feat when South Africa went in again, thus establishing a Test Match bowling record, which endures to this day.

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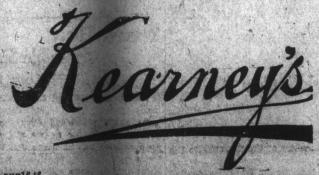


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