Dr. W. G. Grace, cricket Print, Illustrated London News.

William Gilbert Grace

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Height: 39 cm (15.4")

Width: 30.5 cm (12")

Framed Height: 61 cm (24")

Framed Width: 48.5 cm (19.1")

Description

Vintage Cricket Print, Dr. W. G. Grace, Illustrated London News.
A good Victorian print of possibly England's finest and most recognisable cricketer 'Dr. W. G. Grace'. This print was a supplement to the Illustrated London News on Sept 8th, 1888 titled 'Men of the Day'. It was taken from a photograph by Messrs. Martin and Sallnow, 416, Strand. There are some fold creases on the print where it had been placed in the magazine. Framed in the original refurbished oak frame with gold slip. The Illustrated London News was the world's first illustrated weekly news magazine; the first issue appeared on Saturday 14 May 1842. It was published weekly until 1971 and then increasingly less frequently until publication ceased in 2003.

William Gilbert Grace was born July 18, 1848, Downend, Bristol and died October 23, 1915, Mottingham, Kent aged 67. Grace was a major celebrity in the late Victorian era and is still one of Britain's best known cricketers. He is known by his unmistakable bearded face and was called 'The Doctor', 'The Champion' or simply 'W.G'. He played sporadically for the Gentlemen against the Players for 41 years, during which time they only lost four games. Other major teams were England, Gloucestershire, London County, Marylebone Cricket Club and South of England. Grace was an outstanding all-rounder and was the first to score a Test century and led a variety of England XI's in 22 games from 1880 to 1899. He toured Australia twice and America once. With his two brothers they all played for England in 1880 and this was the first occasion three brothers had played together in Test cricket. E.M.Grace was his elder brother and Fred was the younger one.

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