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A Complete List of All the Grand Matches of Cricket That Have
Been Played in the Year 1793, with a Correct State of Each Innings

£65,000

Samuel Britcher



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Description

[2], 3-27pp, [1]. Original paper covers, laid loosely into a cloth chemise. Neatly rebacked, date in pen to upper cover, title lightly creased and soiled, some light creasing generally, with ink mark to page 7 catching text but with no loss of sense, printing fault to page 17 leading to faint text, a couple of scores added in pen in a neat hand, other scores and names just about legible but very faint, top corners lightly creased and soiled, with contemporary annotations to bottom margin of page 8, one correction to page 16, and a list of scores and averages to final blank. With a woodcut vignette of a cricket match to title. There is no imprint, but the vignette is the same as the 1792 edition printed by Cane and Glendon. This is the fourth year of issue, and covers twenty-six matches, with page eight devoted to a match at Lord's between seven of Surrey and Sussex and four gentlemen against seven of all England, and four gentlemen, for a thousand guineas, which a former owner and annotator calls "an astonishing match". The annotated blank verso of the final leaf shows an early interest in batting averages, though the bowlers do not receive the same attention, and indeed Britcher does not credit bowlers with the wickets that fall to catches. Padwick 869