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In his youth he was a keen cricketer and turned out for the local club for many years, while upon his ceasing to take an active part in the game, he assumed the duties of scorer. Despite his 84 years, "Old Charlie" is remarkably active and vigorous. He comes of a long-lived family. His aunt, the late Mrs. Hayzen, who lived with him, was a centenarian, and it is the sincere hope of everybody in the village that he himself will keep up his wicket and run into three figures.

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