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Iron Trade.

The iron trade continues very languid. A small reduction has taken place in certain descriptions of iron; but the price is now so low it can with difficulty be made so as to realise any profit to the manufacturer. No further reduction in price is possible, unless the wages of the workmen are greatly reduced.

Carmarthen Journal.

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No Headline.

On Monday the 21st. instant, while a party of gentlemen were shooting in the woods of C.J. Brandling, Esq., of Middleton, near Leeds, they had the misfortune to lose one of their dogs, a favourite springer, which fell into an old pit which had been partly filled up. In order to rescue the poor creature from its unpleasant situation, a person descended the pit, 20 yards deep, when to his great surprise he discovered a skeleton of a man, the bones of which were quite sound, the teeth perfect, and the hair fresh; but his clothes were all decayed, with the exception of one pocket, which was found to contain 13 snares. It is supposed from this circumstance that the unfortunate man had been a poacher, and that while in the pursuit of game he had fallen into the pit.

Leeds Mercury.

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Coal Stealing.

By Mr. Peel's late Act for amending the criminal laws, coal stealing, under five shillings in value, which formerly was subject to a summary conviction before a magistrate, is now made simple larceny.

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Fires in Coal Pits.

To ordinary ears a fire in a coal pit sounds very alarming; but the truth is, such accidents are by no means uncommon, and in general are not productive of any very disastrous effects. They are a frequent occurrence in the district of Dudley, in Staffordshire, where this kind of ignition is termed, the "breeding fire". It may surprise some persons to be informed that there has been a fire in the Johnstone Colliery, near Paisley, for more than twenty years, and the miners there pursue their labours in the immediate vicinity of the burning materials, which are insulated or disjoined from the new workings by stone walls made airtight with plaster of lime. Dysart Colliery, in Fife, has been frequently on fire from the same cause; and the Kilkerran Colliery, in Ayrshire, has been in this state for near a century. The greatest danger, in such cases, is not from the fire itself, but the deleterious air, which is sometimes of such a quality as to suspend or injure animal life, without extinguishing the flame of a candle, which is the test by which the miner judges of its noxious qualities. Caution is of course required on this account, on entering those parts of the workings to which the vapours reach.

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Accident.

Last Thursday evening, a man named Hearnshaw, of Brimington, unluckily fell into an ironstone pit, on Brampton Moor, and was so severely injured, that he now lies in a dangerous state.

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At meeting of the Anglo-Chilian Mining Association on Wednesday, it was resolved to dissolve the Company; as, on account of the number of shares lately forfeited, there appeared no hope of raising a sum adequate to carry on the concern.

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The parish of Gwennap, in Cornwall, is supposed to be, in point of actual produce, one of the richest in the kingdom. The copper ores sold from it during the last 7 years have amounted to nearly 2 millions. In the last year the amount was £307,000, besides what was received for tin, floor-spar (fluorspar), etc., which may be estimated as £50,000 more.