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A serious accident occurred lately in one of the quarries on Beely Moor: while a man of the name of Abel Wragg was shifting some earth, a large stone fell upon him and knocked him down, and another immediately following, struck him on the head, and crushed it to pieces. He has left a wife and one child.

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The Iron Masters quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall, January 8th.; Wolverhampton, January 9th.; Birmingham, January 10th.; Stourbridge, January 11th.; Dudley, January 12th.; - and the Coal and Lime Masters meeting, at Stourport, January 14th.

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On Thursday, the 17th. of December last, a mineral cause of great and general importance to all the miners within the Liberty of Winster, in this County, came up to be tried at the Small Barmoot Court, at Monyash, in the Hundred of High Peak, before the Steward and a most respectable Jury of miners, wherein the Most Noble John Henry, Duke of Rutland, was plaintiff, and Thomas Hodgkinson and his partners at a mine, called Longtor, were defendants.

The question at issue was, whether the Noble plaintiff was entitled to £14-5-0d. for tithes of lead ore, which he claimed to be due and owing to him by the defendants, for ore raised and measured at the said mine; but after minute and patient examination of the evidence produced on the part of the plaintiff, it was contended by Mr. McQueen, of Bakewell, the solicitor of the defendants, and who conducted and advocated the cause, on their behalf, that even supposing a tithe title had been proved that the Noble plaintiff had a claim to the tithe of lead ore, (which Mr. McQueen by no means admitted to be the case), yet there was a fatal objection to the action, inasmuch as there was a variance between the debt claimed and the sum proved in evidence, and with this objection (amongst several others) he left the case in the hands of the jury, who, on retiring for a short time, found a verdict for the defendants; and specially that their verdict was upon the informality of the bill, as being brought to recover a larger sum than proved in evidence to be due to the plaintiff, and not upon the plaintiffs entitlement to the tithes of lead ore. The solicitors to the plaintiff were Messrs. Brittlebank and Son, of Oddo, near Winster; and the cause on the part of the plaintiff was advocated by Mr. Andrew Brittlebank.

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A new iron foundry, situated at Brampton Moor, under the firm of Fowler, Smith, Sneath, and Company, commenced working last Tuesday.

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Advert - Union Foundry.

Brampton Moor, near Chesterfield, in the County of Derby.

Messrs. Fowler, Smith, Sneath, and Company respectfully inform the inhabitants of Chesterfield, and the public in general, that they have taken the buildings and premises, late in the possession of Mr. Thomas Lucas, with the established iron and brass foundry, for the manufacturing of all sorts of cast metal goods, which their friends may depend on having executed in the best possible manner, and on the most reasonable terms; such as mill work, spouting, all kinds of pipes, bar and ring weights, sash weights, gates and sheet fencing, stove grates for parlours, round and square fluted stoves, ovens and boilers, in sets, complete or separate; with every other description of articles in their line of business.

Messrs. F and Company, feel confident, from the practical knowledge that they have of the foundry business, that they shall be enabled to give entire satisfaction to their customers, who favours they will always endeavour to merit.

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Advert - Old Whittington Moor Colliery.

The public are respectfully informed that the above colliery is now open for the sale, in lands, the property of Paul Webster, Esq., and adjoining the new inclosures for Whittington Moor, at the Dunston Road End.

Large coals are sold at 6d. and small ditto, at 3d. per corf, nine of which weigh one ton.

The quality of this coal for durability, heat, and cleanness in the stove, challenges competition with any coals in the kingdom; and for Smith's purposes in general, it is only necessary to state that this colliery is on the same original bed of coal that acquired such an unparalled celebrity more than twenty years ago, (when the Whittington Moor Colliery was last in work), in all the surrounding towns and villages for many miles distant.

Limestone from Middleton Dale, Calver, Bakewell, and the neighbourhood, will be taken in exchange for an equal weight of coal, and the toll bars of Grange Hill and Four Lane Ends, freed for any carriages bringing such stone.

To ensure ready loading with smithy coal, persons living at a distance may leave their orders any previous Saturday, with Mr. Hawkins', the Three Horse Shoes, in Chesterfield, where orders are also received for coals in Chesterfield. One horse cart load, of seven corfs, delivered at 5-3d., including carriage.

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Advert - Model Maker.

Wanted a good and experienced workman, as model or pattern maker. He must be a man of sober habits, and if conversant with mill-wright business, would be preferred.

Reference as to character and ability will be required. Application to be made to Ebenezer Smith and Company, at the Chesterfield Ironworks.

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Advert - To be peremptorily sold.

To Coal Merchants, etc.

Stoney Ford Coal Pit, near Codnor, in the County of Derby.

An excellent steam engine (40 horse-power), with boilers, chain, etc., complete.

One other steam engine (8 horse-power), with boiler, large drum, and 100 yards of iron chain, whimseys, etc.

Also the cast-iron railway leading from the pits to the canal (about two miles in length), with 120 loose pieces of the same.

Large blacksmiths bellows and tools, swage and other anvils, vice and bench, 20 cast-iron bars, wheels and axles, old iron, coal, slack, etc.

To be sold by auction, by Mr. Eyre, (free from auction duty), on the premises of Mr. Samuel Daykin, coal-merchant, late of Wood Lincoln, near Codnor, in the County of Derby, on Monday the 14th. day of January, 1828. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock precisely.

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The iron trade is quite as brisk as at any period in the last three months, and the late advance is maintained with firmness. The continental orders for machinery have not been numerous of late, but full employment is afforded in the completion of previous orders.

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Mines.

The Mexican/Lexington(?) papers contain an estimate of the sums which have been expended by European companies in the mines of Mexico. It appears they amount to £8,800,000 - nearly all English capital. In all the companies the result is still uncertain, though the prospect is probably not more unfavourable than it ought to have been considered at the outset by rational men. In Columbia and Brazil, probably £500,000 and more has been expended on plans which are still pursued. In all the other states of South America the mining enterprises have been, we believe, abandoned. The Brazilian Mining Company alone has had any returns - to what amount we do not exactly know, but probably not to the amount of 1 per cent on the capital employed even in those mining undertakings which have not yet been abandoned as hopeless. It would, however, be hasty to conclude that the ultimate loss will at all approach to that which is now apparent. The mining companies have overestimated the effect of English skill, underestimated the difficulties they had to contend with, and grievously over-estimated the quickness with which, under the most favourable circumstances, success could be anticipated.

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Valuable Manure.

The refuse matter of gasworks, called coal-tar, has been found to be a powerful manure for arable land. This substance, which is so highly offensive in its crude state, from disengaging sulphuretted hydrogen gas, on being mixed with sand, chalk, etc. as a compost, the noxious gases are retained, while the liquid carbonic matter forms a most powerful promoter of vegetation. We are of an opinion that the more recently this manure can be applied the better, from its fugacious properties.

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Distressing Accident.

A shocking accident occurred on Thursday morning last, in a coal-pit at Staveley, belonging to G.H. Barrow, Esq. While one of the workmen, named William Pollard, was working in the pit, a mass of coal from the top fell upon him, and crushed him in a dreadful manner.

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Iron Trade.

We are glad to hear that the workmen in the Staffordshire ironworks are well employed, and are obtaining good wages. The demand for iron is good, though at low prices. Previously to the October quarter day an advance was anticipated, which however did not take place generally. Towards the close of last year, some feverish persons holding stocks, became apprehensive of a reduction, and, anxious to run off those stocks, offered them at prices even lower than have since been determined upon at the regular quarterly meeting of the ironmasters, held at Dudley on the 1st. instant, which was most numerously attended.

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Deaths (part).

Suddenly, on Wednesday last, at Alfreton, as he was passing through that place in his gig, Mr. Oakes, senior, of Derby, father of Mr. Oakes, of the Alfreton Ironworks. He had been in a declining state of health for some time.