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Tresavean Mine.

The adventurers in this very profitable mine, held their two months' account on Tuesday se'nnight. The produce of the adventurers' proportion of the ores sold during the two months was £12,300, the expenses £5,500, leaving a profit of £6,800. The sum divided is £4,500, being £50 each 96th share, and the sum of £2,300 is added to the former balance in hand of about £4,000, making an undivided balance of upwards of £6,000.

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Completion of Marehay Colliery.

On Saturday last, in a field adjoining the colliery, Mr. Woolley regaled upwards of one hundred and fifty colliers employed on those works, with the good old English fare of roast beef and plum pudding, to celebrate the completion of that establishment. Mr. Woolley, with a few of the respectable inhabitants and tradesmen of Ripley, paid the utmost attention possible to the working men. Great hilarity prevailed during the day.

Derbyshire Chronicle.

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Fire-Damp and Loss of Life.

We regret to learn that an explosion of fire-damp, attended with fatal consequences, took place in one of the pits at Plean Colliery, on Monday week. Four of the colliers had descended by the stair, at an early hour in the morning, and were proceeding to their own part of the workings, when the lamp carried by the foremost of the party came in contact with the inflammable gas, which instantly ignited, surrounding them for several seconds with an atmosphere of flame, and leaving them in total darkness. One of the four, James Laird, a son of the oversman at the works, was so dreadfully injured, that he died the following day. The burning of the other three was confined chiefly to the face and hands, and we are happy to understand that they are doing well.

Stirling Observer.

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Dreadful Accidents.

Two fatal accidents occurred on Saturday last in Mr. Goodwin's colliery, Nether Birchwood, near Summercoats. A boy, named Dooley, aged nine years, fell down the shaft in the morning, and was dashed to pieces; and, in the afternoon, the roof of the Mint fell in upon another boy, eleven years old, named Maskery, who, together with the donkey he was attending, was crushed to death. - Derby Mercury

Two men, who were working in Clay Cross Tunnel the other day, were very seriously bruised by an explosion of fire-damp. - North Derbyshire Chronicle

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Dreadful Accident - Explosion of a Steam-Engine.

A few days since an accident of a most serious nature occurred at Mr. Bloomfield's extensive factory for cutlery, in Charles Street, Drury Lane, London. Just as the men were about to leave for dinner, one named Michael Houghton, who had been at work at a stone to which a steam-engine was attached of eight horse power, as he was quitting "the horse" he had been sitting upon, the engine suddenly exploded with a terrific noise, splitting the stone upon which he had been working into a thousand pieces. The stone was four cwt.; several portions of it struck poor Houghton in the face and several parts of his body, so that on assistance being procured, he was scarcely to be recognised, being so horribly mutilated. His jaw was splintered in such a manner that small portions of it and several of his teeth were forced into his cheek. He was immediately conveyed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he remains in a very precarious condition.

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Accident.

On Monday last, three men were excavating in the Clay Cross tunnel, and during their labours a quantity of earth fell from the roof, and buried one of them. On his being extricated from his perilous situation, it was found that the back part of his head was most dreadfully lacerated, and medical aid was obliged to be called in. He is now however, going on favourably.