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Spanish Mines.

The Gazette des Tribunaux of Saturday last contains an act of partnership establishing a joint-stock company for working certain mines in Spain, ceded to M. Aguado by the late monarch Ferdinand in Feb. 1825, and others which may be ceded him previous to October next. The society is to be called "The Spanish Mine Company," and is to be under the entire direction and responsibility of M. Aguado, who will have uncontrolled power in administering the affairs of the society, which is established for twenty-five years, dating from the 1st of May ensuing. The capital is fixed at 25,000,000f, divided into 5,000 shares of 5,000f each; 2,600 of these shares being taken by M. Aguado and his partners in the act of society, none of which are to be disposed of before the expiration of one year from the 1st May next. This association will, probably, be found to be the only foundation for the rumours of the Spanish loan which have been so prevalent for a length of time.

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Accident at Butterley Iron Works.

As one of the mechanics was at work at a drilling machine, his neckerchief was caught by one of the wheels, and he was drawn in by the machinery, and crushed so dreadfully, that little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

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Lectures on Geology.

We learn by the Derbyshire Courier, that Mr. Jukes, the talented lecturer on Geology, purposes commencing a course of lectures, at Chesterfield, on Wednesday, the 25th. Mr. Jukes has been, for some time professionally engaged at Derby, where his lectures have been most numerous attended and his audiences highly gratified; and we trust that he will meet with that success at Chesterfield to which he is so justly entitled.

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New Foundry in France.

Mr. Cockerill, of Liege, is about to establish at Stelberg, near Aix-la-Chapelle, a foundry for machinery and railroads, similar to that at Seraing, near Liege; for which purpose he is creating a company, with a capital of 3,000,000 dollars. The works will cover eighty acres of ground.

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Coal in Edinburgh.

For some time past the public in Edinburgh has suffered much from the unaccountable rise in the price of coal, and in the autumn of last year a public meeting, at which the Lord Provost presided, to take means for protection against the coal monopolists, and obtaining a reduction of price or a foreign supply. At this meeting a large committee was appointed to consider the means proper to be adopted, and they afterwards devolved this duty on a sub-committee of five, who made immediate inquiry, and found means to supply this city during the winter with Scotch and English coal considerably under the price charged in autumn, and instead of a rise during the winter, as was anticipated, coals fell in price. Very lately this committee gave an account of their stewardship, and received the warmest thanks of the public for their gratuitous exertions.

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Accidents on the North Midland Railway.

Last week one of the workmen fell into the deep cutting for the foundation of the new bridge at the Slitting Mill, near Eckington, and badly fractured his shoulder.

On Friday week another of the workmen employed on that part of the line near Renishaw Hall, accidentally fell among the rubbish and fractured one of his legs in a severe manner.

Last week, an excavator employed on the line, near the Horns public house, Chesterfield, had set a shot for the purpose of blasting some stone, when some delay occurred in the fuse going off, and on his proceeding to the spot to ascertain the cause, it exploded, and the concussion was so great as to blow him over two railway waggons, breaking several of his ribs, and lacerating his face in a shocking manner.

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Newcastle and Carlisle Railway.

The following extract, from the report recently presented at the annual meeting of the proprietors of this railway, affords another proof of the tendency of all railway communications to increase the traffic of the neighbourhood through which they pass. This comparative statement, it will be observed, is not a comparison of the railway traffic with that previously existing, but with the traffic on the same railway in 1836 and in 1837, under equal circumstances.

"The tolls received for coals have very greatly increased during the last year, and will be much more so, when the produce of other collieries, which it is in contemplation to open, is brought upon the line. It forms an important feature in this undertaking that a rapid increase of traffic in every department shews itself; in proof of which, the following evidence may be adduced. During the last five months of 1836, when compared with the last five months in 1837, the increase upon the same extent of road has been in the year 1837 as follows:-

In Passengers	23 per Cent.
In Goods	45 per Cent.
In Coal	83 per Cent.
In Lime	13 per Cent.
In Lead	14 per Cent.

Being on an average of the whole an increase of 36 per Cent."