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Chesterfield and Midland Silkstone Company.

We understand that the minimum capital for this Company is already subscribed, so that the prosecution of the work is assured. The directors are influential men, and the reports of the engineers, Messrs. Brown and Jeffcock, and Mr. Harrison, are of a very encouraging character.

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Fatal Mine Accident.

A fatal accident occurred on Saturday in a mine at Hucklow, Derbyshire, to a man named Aaron Hallam, residing at Bradwell, and two others. The men were being lowered into one of the Hucklow mines, when the rope by which they were being suspended broke, and they fell a distance of 32 yards. Hallam and one of the other men were killed, and the third man much injured.

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International Exhibition for 1862. (part)

The iron castings are executed at the Staveley Iron Works, Derbyshire, and Mr. Barrow, one of the largest ironmasters in the kingdom, superintended their construction; while the castings have been pronounced by competent judges to be of first rate quality. There 166 round columns for the nave and transepts, 12 inches diameter, connected with a like number of square pilasters; 312 8 inch round columns, and 149 12 inch square columns for the galleries; 138 8 inch celestory columns and 160 10 inch square columns supporting the floors of the picture gallery; and 62 round columns for supporting the roofs of the glass courts. If all the columns were placed end in end together, they would reach from the exhibition building, eastward, as far as the London docks; westward, as far as Kew; northward, as far as Hampstead; and southward, to the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham. There are 1165 girders, 11,600 feet of pipes, 15,000 feet of gutters, 14,000 feet of railings, 1,000 brackets, 700 trusses and girders, 1,400 shoes, and the whole is estimated to weigh nearly 4,000 tons.

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Bakewell.

On Friday last, owing to something getting wrong in the engines gear, two men, named Martin Chapman and Aaron Hallam, were killed by the rapid descent of the chair in the Mill Dam Mine. Chapman was killed on the spot, and poor Hallam, who was frightfully bruised about the body and injured in the spine, lingered until Monday morning. A lad, son of Chapman, had his leg broken at the same time, by falling with the deceased. On Monday, an inquest was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Little Hucklow, before A.O. Brookes, Esq., deputy coroner, when from the evidence given it appeared that the "glit" or plug had got from its place, causing the engine to get out of gear. Verdict, "Accidental Death".

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Shocking Accident from Hot Steam.

On Saturday afternoon, William Brandreth, a young labouring man employed in the Buxton estate of the Duke of Devonshire, was about to clean out the boiler attached to the engine, lately erected at the brick-works in Burbage Road, Buxton, when thinking that one of his fellow workmen had drawn off all the water, he most imprudently ascended to turn off the cock at the main hole, previous to entering the boiler. The water had not been let off, and no sooner had the cock been withdrawn, than the pent-up steam and some of the boiling water directly poured forth with a fearful vehemence, and coming into contact with Brandreth, who body was partly leaning across the hole, dreadfully scalded the poor fellow, his face, shoulders, and breast presenting a very shocking appearance. He was immediately removed to the Devonshire Hospital, where he was attended to by Dr. Bennett and W.H. Shipton, Esq., and although still in great pain, he is going on as favourably as can be expected.

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Colliery Explosion.

On Saturday morning last, soon after six o'clock, an explosion of firedamp took place at the High Royd Colliery, near Worsboro' Park, belonging to Messrs. Stones and Hall. Two men, who were engaged in what is called "straight-work" were severely burned, and one or two others slightly injured. George Allott, a young man residing at Birdwell, and William Barraclough, who resides in the same house, were the parties most injured, but it is hoped that in neither case the injuries will prove fatal.

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Advert - Clay Cross Colliery Accident Relief Fund.

The following are additional Subscriptions: -

The Clay Cross Workmen (Additional)	£24-4-7d.
Mr. Thomas Parker, Derby	£3-0-0d.
The Snibstone Colliery Workmen	£14-9-0d.
W.H. Bailey, Esq., Kilburn	£2-2-0-d.
The Workmen at Kilburn Colliery	£3-12-6d.
	£5-14-6d.
J.B. Wilcox, Esq., London	£25-0-0d.
Messrs. Butcher and Girling, London	£5-5-0d.
Edward Walker, Esq., Lincoln's Inn	£2-2-0d.
Subscriber	£2-0-0d.
Mr. James Lingard, Chesterfield	£2-0-0d.
Messrs. James Oakes and Company, Riddings	£25-0-0d.
Mr. Horsley, Riddings	£5-0-0d.
Mr. Thomas Naylor	£1-1-0d.
Mr. S. Wood	£0-10-0d.
Mr. J. Burton	£0-10-0d.
Workmen at Messrs. James Oakes and Company	£18-5-8d.
Mr. Barrow's Workmen, Staveley Collieries:-	
Seymour Colliery	£11-0-0d.
Speedwell Colliery	£8-9-1d.
New Hollingwood Colliery	£7-1-10d.
Hollingwood Colliery	£5-14-10d.
Springwell Colliery	£5-0-0d.
Hady and Spital Well Ironstone Pits	£5-18-0d.
Hopewell Ironstone and W. Hall's Men	£4-18-10d.
New Common Place and Inkersall Ironstone	
Pits, and W. Langley's Men	£8-6-0d.
	£51-8-7d.
Agents and Workmen at the Butterley Company's Works	£57-6-1d
Miss Claughton, Hasland	£5-0-0d.
William Field, Esq., Temple, London	£5-5-0d.
Messrs. Appleby and Company, Renishaw	£10-0-0d.
Messrs. Appleby and Company, Renishaw, Workmen	£4-6-10d.
The Proprietors of the "Colliery Guardian" (Additional)	£2-14-0d.
Mr. L. Jewitt, Derby	£0-10-6d.
Dunston and Barlow Company's Workmen	£22-12-6d.
Mr. Thomas Newbold, Derby	£1-3-0d.
Mr. Thomas Knighton, Tupton	£1-0-0d.

George Barrow,  
Honorary Secretary.

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Mill Town Mining Company (Limited).

The general meeting of the shareholders in this Company was held at the Commercial Hotel, Chesterfield, on Wednesday last, C. Binns, Esq., in the chair. The chairman stated that the meeting had been called in consequence of only 121 shares being taken out of the 829 which were allotted to test the mine beneath the toadstone: without these allotted shares (which were guaranteed to a great extent on the plant of the Company) were taken up, the mine must come to a standstill, and this was greatly to be regretted, as the toadstone was considered to be pierced within a few feet. The shareholders present agreed to take up other 536 shares, leaving a deficiency of 172, which is was hoped might be supplied in a few days. The meeting was unanimous that it was highly desirable to prove the mine beneath the toadstone.

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Accidental Death.

On Thursday, the 10th. instant, an inquest was held at the White Hart Inn, South Wingfield, on the body of Isaac Shaw, colliery labourer, aged 14 years. Deceased worked in a coal-pit belonging to the Oakerthorpe Company, and on Tuesday, the 8th. instant, he was working on an incline when one of a train of waggons which was being run up the incline from the level at the bottom, got off the road, and deceased and another boy were endeavouring to replace it, when the chain by which the waggon was detained in its position, became detached, and the whole six waggons then ran back down the incline, dragging the deceased along, and threw him violently down, killing him instantly. The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death".

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Fearful Accident at Crich.

On Tuesday a fearful accident occurred to a youth named Bunting, employed at the Wakebridge Mine, ??????????. The poor lad was employed in finding a "grinder", when a pin falling in the "hopper", and wetting on the rollers; the lad attempted to get out, and his fingers were caught, the whole of his arm being taken between the rollers. The action, we understand, of the rollers upon the lad's arm was fearful, elongating the arm to a fearful extent and dislocating it, rendering amputation imperatively necessary.

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Metals and Mining in this District.

The Coal Trade of Derbyshire is very active, and all the collieries are making full time. The Erewash Extension Railway, from Pye Bridge to Clay Cross, is about being opened for mineral and goods traffic. We have frequently remarked upon the increased population of Whittington, consequent upon the opening of extensive ironworks and collieries, and this week we have to record the establishment of a railway station in connection with the Midland, for the accommodation of the inhabitants. The station is now open for passenger traffic, and new roads have been constructed so as to facilitate the approach to it from different parts of the town. Surveys are now being made for a most important link of railway communication between Chesterfield and Sheffield, which, if carried out, will open an immense mineral field between the two towns. The railway distance from Chesterfield to Sheffield is 21 miles; the route by the road is scarcely 12 miles. The object of the present survey is to make a direct line between the towns, so as to include Dronfield. An immense amount of traffic would be gathered from points of the proposed route, in addition to gaining a good passenger and merchandise traffic.

Another fatal occurrence has taken place at the Mill Dam Mine, by which two men were killed, and a third so much hurt that he is confined to his bed.

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Pit on Fire at Staveley.

About seven o'clock on Wednesday morning, the coal of Fare-well Pit, belonging to Mr. Barrow, took fire. Whilst a man was blasting for coal, the foul air ignited. Happily, the superintendent of the colliery, Mr. Emmerson, with a promptitude which cannot be too much commended, immediately had the whole of the workmen drawn out, and, fortunately, they escaped accident. The fire was soon got out, and the men were able to resume work.

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A Cruel Wretch.

William Taylor, a collier, employed at the West Staveley Colliery, Whittington, was charged with cruelly ill-treating a pony on the 8th. instant. Mr. Busby, solicitor, appeared for the prosecutor. The defendant struck the animal with a heavy piece of iron sharpened at the end, which inflicted a wound 1 inch long, and 2 inches deep. The defendant pleaded that it had been done accidentally. The magistrates informed the defendant that he was liable to be sent to prison without the chance of escaping with a fine; but as it was his first offense, they would merely inflict a fine of 5-0d., with costs 20-6d., or in default 14 days imprisonment.

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Advert - Public Notice.

Chesterfield and Midland Silkstone Colliery Company (Limited).

42, Bridge Street, Blackfriars.

All applications for shares in this Company must be made on or before the 27th. instant, after which time the share list will be closed, and the allotment of shares proceeded with according to priority of application.

J. Wright, Secretary.

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No Headline.

Two of the colliers who were in the coal mine of the Gard, in France, at the time of the recent inundation, have been rescued, after remaining in the pit for 4 days and a half. Along with another man, they made their escape, on the entry of the water into the pit, to a higher level, where they clambered up a steep incline, and made seats for themselves by scoping away the soft shale. Fortunately, however, the water only rose to within a few feet of their perilous position, but occasionally they were obliged to get down to it to quench their thirst. The third man, became exhausted, and rolled from his seat into the water and was drowned; the other two, in attempting to drink, would have been drowned but for the assistance they were able to render to one another. The sufferings of the poor fellows were very severe, and the help they rendered to one another was very touching. One of them having fallen asleep, would have slipped into the water, but his companion supported him for several hours. Efforts continue to be made for the rescue of the other men.

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Inquests before Mr. Busby - Fatal Ironstone Mine Accident.

On Monday, the 21st. instant, an inquest was held at the Old Britannia Inn, Brampton, on the body of Thomas Rock, ironstone miner, aged 28 years. On Saturday last deceased was at work at Messrs. Appleby's ironstone pits, at Walton, when a quantity of bind fell upon him, completely covering him. Several miners went to his assistance immediately and got him out, but he was so seriously injured that he died the same day. Verdict "Accidental Death".

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The Iron and Coal Trades of Yorkshire and Derbyshire. - Oct. 17th.

The Steel Trade affords some indication of increased activity, both as regards the home and foreign demand, and the only obstacle to an thoroughly brisk business is the uncertain position of the cotton supply. Purchases are made with great caution. Considerable orders for rails have been received in Sheffield from Spain. French demand for crinoline steel is improving. Orders have been received more freely from South America, and considerable orders for implements of war have been received from the States. The stove grate manufacturers of Rotherham are moderately employed, and the extensive brass-works of Messrs. Guest and Company are very busy.

Messrs. Brown, of the Rotherham Forge, have been fined 40-0d. and costs for permitting black smoke to issue from their furnaces longer than is prescribed in the local Act - longer than 20 minutes in every hour.

The Coal Trade is not so active as we have had to notice it at this period of the year. The depression in the manufacturing districts is the cause, as many of the collieries have large stocks at hand. At Staveley the colliers are working short time on account of the great quantity of coals on hand.

The Great Barmote Court was held at Winster, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, but there was no business to transact. The books of the barmasters have shown that the production of lead ore during the last half year have been only small as compared with former returns.

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Caution to Colliers.

Alfred Sitwell, Humphrey Atkinson, Edward Lee, William Heath and William Lowe, were charged by John Carr, colliery manager, in the employ of the Dunston and Barlow Company, with leaving their service without lawful excuse. It was proved that the prisoners had been furnished with a copy of the rules of the colliery, and they had signed a memorandum to give a fortnights notice. They alleged various trivial excuses, and were ordered to pay the costs and return to work. Defendant Lowe refused to pay any costs, and he was sentenced to 21 days hard labour.

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Letter - "Pit on Fire at Staveley."

Sir, I was surprised to see a paragraph in your paper of last week, stating that coal at Fare-well Pit, belonging to Mr. Barrow, "took fire last Wednesday morning".

I beg to inform you that there was no such accident, nor was there any foul air ignited, neither did Mr. Emmerson act in the way stated, as his services were never called into request.

A man blasting the coal did ignite some loose gunpowder, which alarmed the boys, thereby causing a panic. I descended the pit and examined the stall said to have fired, 20 minutes afterwards, and found everything in working order, with a column of 12,000 cubic feet of air passing through the stall.

By inserting this letter you will oblige.

Your Obedient Servant,  
M. Seymour.

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Serious Colliery Explosion.

On Tuesday morning, between six and seven o'clock, an explosion of firedamp occurred at the Fernside Colliery, Little Lever, near Bolton, belonging to Messrs. Andrew Knowles and Son. Two men, named Daniel Carney and John Settle, and two boys, were seriously burned. It is not expected that Carney and the boy who acted as waggoner, will recover. Settle is sadly hurt, being burned about his neck, face, and hands, and yesterday morning he was quite blind. As soon after the accident as possible, the sufferers were removed to their homes. Settle's father is the underlooker at the colliery. The accident is said to be owing to some want of care on the part of the fireman; but doubtless the cause will be ascertained when the Government Inspector, Mr. Dickinson, has gone through the mine.