

## ACCIDENTS

### January 19 1858

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A BOATMAN. About half past eight o'clock yesterday morning, as a boatman named **Charles Caythorn**, twenty six years of age, residing in Spring Hill, was assisting in unloading a boat, at the wharf of Messrs Lloyd and Summerfield, Birmingham Heath, he met with a severe accident. Two boats were lying together, and in the act of stepping from one to the other, his foot slipped, and he fell down in such a manner as to occasion a fracture of the leg just above the ankle. He was taken to the General Hospital, where he remains.

### May 17 1858

SINGULAR ACCIDENT TO A BOATMAN As a man named **William Heath** was, on Friday evening last, going with his boat along the canal, near Fazeley Street, by some means the horse attached to the boat suddenly fell upon Heath, who was in the act of driving at the time, and fractured the unfortunate man's thigh. He was taken to the General Hospital, where the sufferer is going on well.

### September 9 1858

ACCIDENTS A boatman aged 58, named **Thomas Beaman**, whose home is in Kidderminster, was conveyed to the same institution (General Hospital), yesterday morning, having sustained a fracture of the leg by a fall of timber, while assisting to unload a boat at the Curve.

### June 20 1861                      Wednesbury

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A BOATMAN On Saturday evening, a boatman named **Charles Turner**, aged 18, was killed at Messrs. Lloyd and Foster's ironworks at Wednesbury. Deceased was loading a quantity of iron plates with a crane, and it is supposed that through the insecurity of one of the plates which was being hoisted to the crane, the plate slipped from the hoist, and falling on to his head he was instantaneously killed. Deceased was soon afterwards conveyed to his home at Ettingshall.

### June 23 1862                      Dudley

FATAL ACCIDENT On Saturday afternoon a man named **William Roberts**, boatman, was proceeding along Birmingham Canal, Netherton, when the boat came in contact with a bridge buttress, and deceased was consequently thrown off and terribly crushed between the side of the boat and the towing path. Of course he was taken home, and Mr Davenport, from Mr Horton's surgery, attended him. He sustained a fracture of the ribs and severe injuries about the head. The injuries proved fatal, and he died the same day.

### November 17 1864

ACCIDENTS Admitted to the General Hospital yesterday – **William West**, 21, boatman, residing at Droitwich End, suffering from contused legs, occasioned by being kicked by a horse.

### December 27 1864

ACCIDENTS The following persons were admitted in-patients at the General Hospital yesterday. Two men named J Locksley (27) stonemason, residing at Aston New Town, and **J Brookes**, boatman, no fixed residence, were engaged in unloading a boat at the wharf in Wood Street, yesterday afternoon, of some stone slabs, belonging to Mr Matthews, builder, by whom they were employed, when the boat swerved on one side, and several of the slabs fell on them, causing severe fractures of the arms and internal injuries. They were taken to the Queen's Hospital, where they were carefully attended to, and are in a fair way of recovery.

### April 16 1866

A very singular accident has occurred at Manchester. A canal boat was being drawn up to the bank, a rope having been cast on shore, and a boy named **William Dibbs** incautiously placed one of his feet within the coil of rope on the boat's deck. Through the action of the boatman the rope was tightened, and the lad sustained a compound fracture of the leg. He was taken to the Royal Infirmary; tetanus ensued, and death occurred.

### October 1 1866

ACCIDENTS A boatman named **Pimble**, fell from a canal bridge, at Stourport, on Monday, and fractured his collar bone. He was brought to the Infirmary.

### July 13 1867

ACCIDENTS **Thomas Marston** (53), Green Street, boatman, was admitted on Thursday as an in patient to the General Hospital, suffering from a wound on the head, and immersion in the water. He was with his boat on Thursday, and had entered a lock, and was pushing the lock gate to after him, when, by some means, it caught him a blow on the head, and knocked him into the canal. He was immediately got out, and was removed to the above institution, where he now lies in a very precarious state.