

DANGEROUS PAVEMENTS.—The Manchester City Coroner (Mr. E. Herford) held an inquest at his court, on Monday, respecting the death of Wm. Kendal, aged 57, who lately resided in Egerton Place, Camp-street, Lower Broughton, and was a partner in the firm of Messrs. Kendal and Gent, engineers. A cabdriver named Bingham stated that on the 13th inst. he saw the deceased and a man named Kay riding along Oxford Road, near Ducie-street, in a trap, which was being drawn by a pony. The animal was going at a moderate speed, when it suddenly slipped and fell, and both the occupants of the trap were thrown upon their heads on the road. Mr. Kay was seriously hurt, but Mr. Kendal sustained fatal injuries. He was taken to the Manchester Infirmary in an insensible state, and died last Friday evening. The road where the accident occurred is paved with "grey square sets," and, according to the witness's statement, it is very slippery. Horses were frequently seen to fall upon it; and the accident which had resulted in the death of Mr. Kendal was not due to any fault of the pony which was drawing him and his companion. Mr. J. S. Gent said the deceased had been his partner in business. He (witness) had heard many complaints of the Oxford Road pavement, especially during dry weather, when the stones of the carriage way became very slippery. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and recommended the authorities to consider the practicability of preventing the accidents alleged frequently to arise through the slipperiness of the pavement in Oxford Road.

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