

p. 588.), from the layers of reddish limestone; and good blocks of the marble may be selected. Large *spirifera* can be procured from the limestone in these quarries; the quarrymen often have specimens. On the right hand of the entrance, layers of flinty slate (called partings of *black bind* by the miners) occur between the beds of limestone. In a field near this quarry, on the left of the road leading to Cromford, where some mining operations are going on, blocks of the stone called *chert*, have been thrown up, and often contain beautiful examples of the pulley-stones (*Wond.* p. 588.), or siliceous casts of the stems of the crinoidea. A large collection of fossils may be gathered in the localities above mentioned.

We now drive to the escarpment of millstone grit at STONNIS, called *Black-rock*, whose pine-clad summit forms so conspicuous an object in the view from Crich Hill (see p. 955.); it is about a mile from Cromford, and overlooks Matlock Dale. On the right of the road, the refuse workings of a mine cover the side of the hill; among which some specimens of spars or minerals may perhaps be found.

But the grand attraction of Stonnis, is the view of Matlock Dale and the surrounding mountains, obtained from the verge of the precipitous escarpment of sandstone rocks, under the knoll of pines. It is, indeed, a scene of transcendent beauty and magnificence; and is said, by one who has ascended every mountain top, and traversed every ravine and valley in this district, to be unrivalled.