

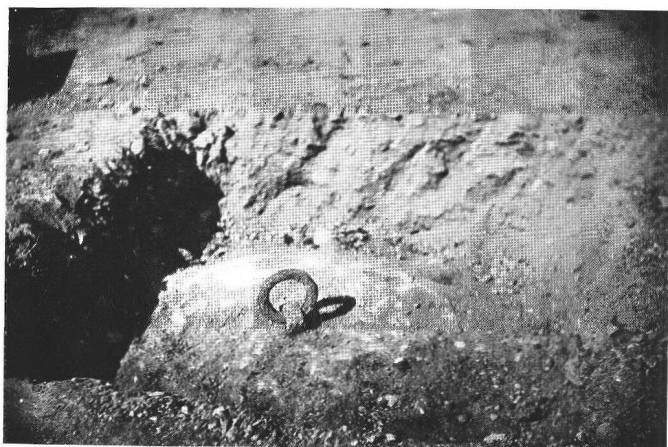
Eyam Bull-Ring.

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EARLY in August of this year it was decided to search for the ancient Bull Ring which was known to exist underground in the village square. Although it had been covered for over forty years, several of the old inhabitants still remember playing with it in their childhood, so that it was not difficult to locate the spot. Permission being granted by the Bakewell Urban District Council, the search was made, and after seven hours' digging it was found about one foot beneath the surface. When the stone was laid bare to which the ring was attached, the remains of a staple to which a previous ring was probably fixed were also found. Fortunately, the ring was so placed that it was possible to leave it *in situ* without inconvenience to the traffic, and it is now protected by an iron cover.

N.B.—The following extract from the "Nottingham Review" of August 9th, 1811, sent to me by Dr. Wrench, might be added in connection with the sport of Bull Baiting:—

"A correspondent congratulates the friends of humanity on the pleasing prospect of an abolition of some of the inhuman and cruel pastimes which have so long disgraced this kingdom, and informs us that in Derbyshire, where they have so much prevailed, the inhabitants of Bonsall have taken the lead in forsaking the brutal amusement of bull and bear baiting, and hopes that cock-fighting will no longer maintain its ground—an equally or even more savage amusement, as according to the established laws it must end in the death of the unoffending and unjustly irritated animals; and concludes with wishing that the surrounding villages may emulate their meritorious example."—[EDITOR.]



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PLATE I.



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