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## **Skeleton Found at Painswick**

AN IRON AGE RELIC.

MR. ST. CLAIR BADDELEY'S  
VIEWS.

An interesting link with the Iron Age was discovered at Painswick on Wednesday, when workmen digging near the Park, found, at a depth of eighteen inches, a skeleton, which was afterwards inspected by Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, of Castle Hale, Painswick. Near the skeleton were four large iron nails, much rusted, and of rather early date, and a very perfect flint sling ball.

In the course of conversation with a "Stroud News" representative on Thursday evening, Mr. St. Clair Baddeley said he thought the skeleton probably dated from the Iron Age. It was that of an adult man, and although the skull was much broken, he had obtained the whole of it and had sent it to the Royal College of Surgeons.

The relic was not one of the Civil Wars, nor was it Roman.

There were no traces of either wooden or stone coffin, but four large iron nails, much rusted, of a rather early date, and, what was characteristic, a very perfect flint sling ball.

The discovery was made on the edge of Paradise, which was near an ancient camp, and it was probable the man met his death by an arrow or a sling; probably the flint sling ball was the cause of his death.

The Saxons only buried their dead about a foot deep, and the fact that this man was buried eighteen inches deep in a cut grave was significant. He was probably a person of some importance and was buried where he fell.