MISCELLANEOUS.

TO THE PUBLIC.

ABOUT four years since, I was traveling through the State of Ohio; while spending a few days in Sharon, I discovered a singular Metallic substance, and subsequently learned that it had been known for years, and supposed to be of no use or value, but from its uniformity of texture and singular appearance, I was led to believe it might be made useful, but for what purpose I had not the least idea. I commenced my experiments by burning it, boiling it, and pulverizing it, and compounding it with various substances; and so strong was my confidence that there was value in it, that I gave up my entire time and means in the prosecution of those experiments; and from that time to this, I have attended to no other business; at the expiration of about two years, I finally discovered, that, by reducing it to a fine powder and mixing it with linseed oil to about the consistency of thick paint, and applying this compound with a brush, that this coating in a few months would become a perfect stone or slate; so that the substance when applied was actually slate in a liquid state, and the large amount of silica, alumina, magnesia and black oxide of iron that it contained, rendered it both weather and fire proof; as the longer exposed, the harder and more permanent it seems to become, and as the coating (after it turns to slate) is of itself indestructible by fire, consequently it protects the wood covered with it from the air, and where there is no air, there is no blaze or combustion; therefore the wood will actually char, before the slate covering will give way.

I considered the discovery of the greatest importance, and applied to Government for a patent for my invention or discovery, fondly hoping that I would new be remunerated for all my outlay in time and money. The government, without any hesitation, granted to me Letters Patent for the sole right to manufacture, sell and use my improvement in the manufacture of a "Weather and Fire Proof Composition or Artificial Slate," for fourteen years.

August 14, 1849. WM. BLAKE.

WE, the inhabitants of Sharon, have read the above statement of Mr. Blake, and believe it to be substantially correct, as we are knowing to most of the statements therein contained; and we will farther state, that we do not believe that there ever was a patent more honestly and laboriously earned, or more deservedly granted; as he pursued his experiments with the most indomitable perseverance under the most discouraging circumstances, as the public had not the least confidence that there could be any thing valuable made from the substance. He therefore had to encounter for years the jeers and scoffs of nearly the whole community. Notwithstanding all this, he was indefatigable in the prosecution of his experiments, and we do not believe that there is one man in a thousand who would have persevered under all the circumstances. But he has at last triumphed over all obstacles, and we believe there is now but one opinion in awarding him the merit of this valuable discovery.

GEO. W. CRANE, HORACE GIBB, JONATHAN EVERHARD, LEWIS C. CHATFIELD, R. W. MILL, BENJAMIN JONES, } Justices of the Peace.
JOHN P. FRENCH, Township Clerk.
ALLEN HOWE, Treasurer.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

I have ascertained that there are individuals engaged in digging, grinding, and preparing for sale, the above mentioned Mineral, to be mixed with oil, and used precisely as I use my patented article. I have been to those persons and shown them my patent. They say they do not intend to infringe or trespass upon my rights, but they have a right to dig, grind, and sell the powder, if they can find purchasers; that they are not bound to know what they are to do with it; that it is no infringement and it is mixed with the oil to make the compound; and that those who buy, mix and use it, must take the responsibility. Most of them say that they believe that the patent is good against those that mix and use the compound, and some have said that what they wanted to do they should certainly purchase of me, as they did not in end to make themselves liable in any way. Now I feel myself in duty bound to expose the fraud practised upon the public; as I can call it by no milder name, where a man sells and receives pay for an article, in one of which he well knows it injects the purchaser GREAT and not to a prosecution and fine. Some of those who are engaged in this nefarious traffic, will unquestionably contend to the public that my patent will not stand in law; I dare not prosecute. Now, to take this argument away from them, I went to some of those who were proclaiming that my patent was of no value and made the following proposal: on that they might select a judge and two lawyers who have had some practice in patent cases, and we would submit the patent to them and if they decided that the patent was good that they should stop all further proceedings in the business; but if they should decide the patent to be of no value, in their opinion, held, I would agree to let them go on and sell all they could, without saying a word to the public about them. My proposition they would not accede to. So far as the validity of my patent is concerned I do not depend entirely upon my own judgment, although I have the fullest confidence in it; but I have submitted it to many of the judges, and several of the most eminent patent lawyers, without any exception, decided that that in their opinion it was good, and would protect me in my discovery.

I sell the article to a fine power, and put it up in barrels, the which are marked: "BLAKE'S PATENT FIRE AND WEATHER PROOF ARTIFICIAL SLATE."

I therefore feel bound to say to any and use the above mentioned mineral for the purpose set forth in my patent, except from me or my authorized agents, that I shall hold them to a strict accountability, and shall commence suits at law against those who thus infringe upon my right.

SHARON, Medina Co., Ohio, Aug. 14, 1849.

☞ TWO TONS of the above Fire and Weather Proof Artificial Slate on hands and for sale. The above was recently used on a roof which has been going for some 4 years, and found to be what it is set forth on every particular. J. & H. PHILLIPS, Agt.
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