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 Mosaic 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. It occurred to me, that 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 the 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 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 should be remunerated for all my outlay in time and money. The government, without any hesitation, granted me a patent, which I received for the sole right to manufacture in the United States, and now have my improvement in the manufacture, sell and use my improvement in the manufacture and sale of a "Weather and Fire Proof Composition or Artificial Slate," for fourteen years. WM. BLAKE.

August 14, 1849.

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 ashes and scoffs of nearly the whole community. Notwithstanding all this, he was unfaltering in his 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 merits of this valuable discovery.

GEO. W. CRANE,	
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JONATHAN EVERHARD,	Peace.
LEWIS C. CHATFIELD,	Trustees
R. W. MILL,	of
HERMAN JONES,	Township.

WM. EVERETT, 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 ingredients, and mixing the same 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 invade upon my rights; that they have a right to dig, grind, and sell the stroids