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BOOKS! BOOKS!

JUST rec'd at the PRESBYTERIAN BOOK ROOM, No. 79 Wood street, and for sale at Eastern prices: Genesius' Hebrew Lexicon, Worcester's Arrangement of the Bible, Neander's History of the Christian Religion and Church, Milton's Treatise on Christian Doctrine, Life of Jeremiah Evarts, Dr. Baldinger's French Harmony of the Gospels, do English do do, Scott's Bible, 6 vols, Boston edition; Parish's Bible Gazetteer, Mednarris's China and its Prospects, Dr. Wood's Lectures on Swedenborgianism, Holt's Missionary Anecdotes; and many other interesting works, in addition to the above, all at MARKET PRICES. nov29

NEW MAP OF PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY, AND VICINITY, will be ready for the engraver in 10 days. Persons who may wish to have views of their country seats put on the map can do so by making application to the undersigned, any time before the 25th inst. To defray the expenses of the views a fee will be required in addition to the price of the map. nov19 F E McGOWAN

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 it or was valuable 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 now be rewarded for all my toil, pains 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, 1848. WM. BLAKE.

WE, the inhabitants of Sharon, have read the above statement of Mr. Blake, and believe to be substantially correct, as we are knowing to most of the statements therein contained; and we will further 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 admirable 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, as he often 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 his discovery.

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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 patents. They say they do not intend to infringe or trespass upon my rights; that they have a right to dig, grind, and sell the article; that they can't help it if others use that for which I am bound to know what they are to do with it; that it is no infringement until it is mixed with the oil to make the composition, and that is the buyer, 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 use they should certainly purchase of me, as they did not intend to make themselves liable to any trouble. I myself in duty bound to expose this barefaced fraud upon the public; as I can call it by no milder name, where a man spends time and means to perfect a valuable use of which he will know subjects the purchaser and user to a prosecution and fine. Some of those who are engaged in this nefarious trade, will unquestionably proceed to the public that my patent will not stand, and that I dare not prosecute. Now, to take this argument away from them, I will say myself in duty bound to expose this barefaced fraud upon the public; as I can call it by no milder name, where a man spends time and means to perfect a valuable use of which he will know subjects the purchaser and user to a prosecution and fine. Some of those who are engaged in this nefarious trade, will unquestionably proceed to the public that my patent will not stand, and that I dare not prosecute. Now, to take this argument away from them, I will say 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.

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