MISCELLANEOUS.

BOOKS! BOOKS!

JUST rec'd at the PRESBYTERIAN BOOK ROOM, No. 73 Wood street, for sale at Eastern prices: Gesenius' Hebrew Lexicon, Townsend's Arrangement of the Bible, Neander's History of the Christian Religion and Church, Milton's Treatise on Christian Doctrine, Life of Jeremiah Evarts, Esq., Robinson's Greek Harmony of the Gospels, do English do do, Scott's Bible, 5 vols, Boston edition; Parish Bible Gazetteer, Methuen'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 EASTERN PRICES. nov22

THE 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 15th inst. To defray the expense of the views a small fee will be required in addition to the price of the MAP. nov19 R 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 ere was value in it, that I gave up my entire time and means in the prosecution of these 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 laying this compound with a brush, that this coating applying this compound with a brush, that this coating in a few months would become a perfect stone or slate; and that the substance when applied was actually slate; 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 consider this discovery of the greatest importance, and applied to Government for a patent for my invention of discovery, fondly hoping that I should now be remunerated for all my outlay in time and money. The government, without any hesitation, granted 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.

WM. BLAKE.

August 14, 1849.

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 is any fraud or imposition intended or practiced by the party named, or more deservedly successful in obtaining a patent more fully secured to him by the most discouraging difficulties, as the public had not the least confidence, that he could be any thing valuable made out of the material he had to encounter for the years he labored, 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 believe that there is one man in a thousand who would have persevered under all the circumstances. But he have persevered under all the circumstances, and we believe he has now put one difficulty in awarding him the merit of this valuable discovery.

GEO. W. CRANE, } Justices of
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BENJAMIN 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 mentioned Minerals to be mixed with oil, and used precisely as I use my patented article. I have been to Canada and Ohio, and while spending a few days in those portions and shown them my patent. They say they do not intend to infringe upon my invaluable rights; that 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 were to do with it; that it is no infringement until it is mixed with the oil to make the compound; and that they do not know what the compound is, and that they do not make it, but that they make the ingredients. Most of them say that they believe that the patent is good against those who mix and use the compound; and some have said that they believe that the patent is good against those who make the compound, and that they would certainly purchase the right to prevent the third party from making use of me, as they did not intend to make themselves liable in any way. I feel called on in duty bound to expose this premeditated fraud upon the public; as I can expose this premeditated fraud upon the public; as I can receive no benefit from it, myself in duty bound to inform the public, that I have not sold any rights, nor do I intend to sell any rights, nor do I intend to sell any rights; that they have a right to dig, grind, and sell the powder, if they can find purchasers; but they are not bound to know what they were to do with it; that it is no infringement until it is mixed with the oil to make the compound; and that they do not know what the compound is, and that they do not make it, but that they make the ingredients. Most of them say that they believe that the patent is good against those who mix and use the compound; and some have said that they believe that the patent is good against those who make the compound, and that they would certainly purchase the right to prevent the third party from making use of me, as they did not intend to make themselves liable in any way. I feel called on in duty bound to expose this premeditated fraud upon the public; as I can receive no benefit from it, myself in duty bound to inform the public, that I have not sold