MISCELLANEOUS.

BOOKS! BOOKS!

JUST rec'd at the FREE THYRIAN BOOK ROOM, No. 76 Wood street, and for sale at Eastern prices: Wheeler's 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 Testament, Greek Testament, English Bible Gazetteer, Harmony of the Gospels, Bible Gazetteer, Bible, 8 vols, Boston edition; Parish's Bible Gazetteer, Mochlerin's Chins 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. BOYD

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 25th inst. To defray the expense of the views, we require $5 to be paid in advance to the price of the map. 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. I discovered it singular because I was told by those who had 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 thought it might be made useful, but for what I did not know. I commenced experimenting 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 spent 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 expense of about two years, I finally discovered, that by reducing it to a fine powder and mixing it with linseed oil so 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 there is no air, there is no blaze or combustion; therefore the wood will scarcely 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 discovery; and I now feel happy in saying that I should remember or discovery, I could honestly say that it would be immaterial 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 ever was a patent more honestly and laboriously earned, or more deservedly granted; as he pursued his experiments with the most discouraging difficulties, 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, 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 GIBBS,
JONATHAN EVERHARD, } Justices of the Peace.
LEWIS C. CHATFIELD,
E. W. MILES, } Trustees
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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 informed that they are threatening to sue me for infringement if they do not intend to infringe or trespass upon my rights; that they have a right to dig, grind, and sell the powder; that they are the first manufacturers; that they are not 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 compound; and 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 I sue and have sued, 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 way. Now I feel myself in duty bound to expose this barefaced fraud upon the public, as I can call it by no milder name, where a man sells and realizes by far an article, the use of which he will swear my patent is the purchaser and ever to a prosecution for infringement, where a man sells and realizes by far an article, the use of which he will know expects the purchaser and ever to a prosecution for infringement