ROBERTS' PETROLEUM TORPEDO.

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PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.

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Owing to the large and increasing demand for the Roberts' Torpedoes and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in refusing to Wm. Reed a patent, and the decision of Judge P. C. Grier sustaining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes

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so that every Operator can afford to try a Torpedo before attempting a well.

The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty second (22) day of September, 1869, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles A. Keller of New York, H. F. Lucas and S. A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.

As I write with difficulty I can only state the conclusions to which my mind has come after a careful examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 8th of April, 1865. This is prima facie evidence of a good title, and puts on the respondents the burden of proof that the patent is void or worthless.

I need not repeat my remarks in the case of Goodyear vs. Day, (2 Wall. C. C. Rep. 229,) but now adopt them as affording a rule of decision which applies clearly to the present case.

As the infringement of the patent is admitted, the only question will be as to the validity of complainant's patent of April 25, 1858.

It was also a speculation had been reduced to practice," and after repeated experiments, that the complainant succeeded in overcoming the prejudice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and persuading the public that his invention was useful; after he had established its great utility and value, and by his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scoffs," were completely successful, that others, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, admitted that he had the best right to the invention, and after purchasing one or more complainant's torpedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1867, for a patent for substantially the same combinations of devices and machine contained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company," for the purpose of pirating the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defraud him of the fruits. They have persevered, even after the preliminary injunction very properly granted by the District Judge.

Let a decree be entered for complainant for a perpetual injunction, and a Master appointed to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

R. C. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 299, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is greatly the case, when any valuable discovery is made, or any new machine of great utility is invented, that the attention of the public has been turned to that subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanicians may have been in a sense anticipated in their speculations to a possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successfully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of the desired result. They have produced nothing beneficial. The invention when perfected may truly be said to be the culminating point of many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others, who may have profited indirectly by the unsuccessful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to claim a share of the honor of the profit of the successful inventor. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when experiment has resulted in discovery and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and continued experiment, when some new compound, art, manufacture or machine has been thus produced which is useful to the public, that the party making it becomes a public benefactor and entitled to a patent. "And when genius and patient perseverance have at length succeeded, in spite of sneers and scoffs, in some valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward! Envy robs him of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pirates rob him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not come very near making a discovery now claims it. Every one who can make an improvement or vary its form, claims right to praise the original discovery. We know the names of Morse, or Blanchard, or Woodworth, to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention.

"The present case adds another chapter to this long and painful history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Reports p. 292.

CAUTION.

The public is cautioned against employing any of the recently authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts Patent cover the use of the torpedo and all other materials for oil wells, and the use of such materials by other parties is a direct infringement of their rights. Any parties infringing on the ROBERTS PATENTS will be prosecuted according to law, and as acting willfully and maliciously in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

The Company have so organized their business as to accommodate Oil Men in every part of the oil region. They have employed the most efficient Agents and Assistants that can be procured for the business. Each Torpedo is labelled, with the date of patent, together with the price of the Torpedo signed by an officer of the Company, so that operators wishing a Torpedo may know its price and whether it came from our office.

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I have good seasoned Lumber, Dressed up nice,
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All kinds of Timber kept constantly on hand,
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So if you want Lumber, Rough, Dressed, Soft or Hard,
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whose innumerable successful performances in all the leading theatres of Europe and America, has made his name a household word.

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Selected regardless of expense for peculiar fitness. These horses are all young, having been broken during the past winter by Dr. J. L. Thayer, who is determined to have everything new this season.

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