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On account of the large and increasing demand for the Roberts Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in favor of Wm. Reed's patent, and the decision of Judge P. C. Grier against the Roberts' patent, they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes

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 The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1875, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, B. P. Lewis and S. A. Partridge of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, a 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 5th of April, 1862. 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 Good-year v. Day (2 Wall. C. C. Rep. 229,) but now adopt them as applying 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 5, 1862.
 "It was after 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 when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scoffs, were completely successful, that Reed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was undoubtedly, I imagine, 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, 1861, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and claims contained in complainant's patent. On the 14th 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 defrauding him of the fruits. They have perjured, 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 Wall. p. 229, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:
 "It is really 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 mechanics may have the priority of invention in their experiments, or in their many experiments have been successful in their 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. He may have profited indirectly by the successful experiments and failures of others, but it does not seem as if he could claim a share of the honor of the public of the successful invention. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when the invention has been perfected in detail, and when the inventor has been able to present his completed invention, or machine, or apparatus, and to manufacture, or to put it into practical operation, that he becomes a public benefactor and entitled to a patent."
 "And yet when genius and patient perseverance at length succeeded, in spite of sneers and scoffs, some cunning invention or discovery, how seldom it is followed by success! Every course of the inventor, while speculating, is attended, and he is surrounded by a host of imitators, who are not only making a discovery now claimed by him, but who are inventing improvements or ways to him, which are often of great value to him. It is when the present case was made manifest to the public, and when the history of the great discovery or invention."
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 — 2 Wall. C. C. Rep. p. 229.

CAUTION.
 The public is cautioned against employing any but the genuine authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent near the use of the Torpedoes and all explosive materials for all wells, and the use of such materials by other parties is a direct infringement of their rights. Any parties infringing upon the Roberts' Patent will be dealt with according to law, and as acting willfully and intentionally in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.
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