

ROBERTS' PETROLEUM TORPEDO.
TORPEDOES.
 THE ROBERTS
 PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.
 Office at the
REED PLANING MILL,
 Corner of Pine and Second Streets,
 (Near the Railroad),
WINTERSVILLE, PA.

Owing to the large and increasing demand for the
 Roberts' Petroleum Torpedo, the late decision of the
 Court of Appeals in the case of Wm. Reed v. Charles
 M. Roberts, and the decision of Judge P. C. Grier
 sustaining the Roberts' patent, they have LOWERED
 the price of their Torpedoes.

TWENTY PER CENT.

so that every Operator can afford to buy a Torpedo
 before the price goes up.

The following is the decision rendered by Judge
 Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September,
 1890, by the United States Circuit Court at Philadel-
 phia. The case was argued three days by Charles
 M. Roberts of New York, R. P. Lucas and N. A. Par-
 vane 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 diffidence I can only state the con-
 clusions to which my mind has come after a careful
 examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated
 25th of April, 1887. This is from the evidence of a
 good title, and grants on the respondents the bur-
 den 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. 224), but now
 adopt the same as a rule of decision which ap-
 plies equally to the present case. An admission of
 the invalidity of the patent is admitted, the
 only question will be as to the validity of com-
 plaints patent of April 23, 1888.

"It was after speculation had been reduced to
 practice, and after repeated experiments, that the
 complainant succeeded in exhibiting his prodigious
 and ignorant of the people on the subject, and
 presenting the public with a patent of invention;
 after he had established its great utility and value,
 and when his genius and patient perseverance, in
 spite of sneers and scoffs, were triumphantly suc-
 cessful, that Reed, who had before made experi-
 ments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful,
 imagined that he had the best right to the inven-
 tion, and after purchasing one of the complainant's tor-
 pedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1887,
 for a patent for substantially the same combina-
 tion of device and machine contained in complain-
 ant'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 opposing the complainant's in-
 vention, and supporting the existing patent of in-
 vention, and the defendant in the fruits of his in-
 vention, even after the preliminary injunction very
 properly granted by the District Judge.

Let a decree be entered for complainant for a per-
 petual injunction and a master appointed to take
 an account according to the order of the bill.

R. C. GRIER, Judge.

Note.—This passage referred to by Judge Grier in
 his former decision, 2 Wallace, p. 299, adopted as
 applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is usually the case, when any valuable discov-
 ery 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 experiments and experi-
 ments, not only by the inventor, but by many oth-
 ers. He may have profited indirectly by the innum-
 erable experiments and failures of others, but it
 gives them no right to claim a share of the honor
 of the successful inventor. It is when specula-
 tion has been reduced to practice, when an in-
 vention has been put in successful operation, when
 discovery has been perfected by patient and contin-
 uous experiments, 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 yet when genius and patient perseverance
 have at length succeeded, in spite of sneers and
 scoffs, some valuable invention or discovery, how
 seldom is it followed by reward! Every man
 of the honor, who speculates, swindlers, and
 pilfers rob him of the profit. Every unsuccessful
 experimenter who did or did not, did not come very
 near making a discovery now claims it. Every one
 who can invent an improvement or vary its form,
 need not remain long in the laboratory, or work-
 shop to prove that this is the usual history of eve-
 ry great discovery or invention."
 "The present case adds another chapter to this
 long and ununiform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Re-
 ports p. 292.

CAUTION.

The public is cautioned against employing any
 but the regularly authorized Agents of the Torpe-
 do, since the Roberts' Patent covers the use of the
 Torpedo and all explosive materials for oil wells,
 and the use of such materials by other parties is
 a direct infringement of their rights. Any parties in-
 fringing any of the ROBERTS' PATENTS will be
 dealt with according to law, and as acting unlawfully
 and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions
 of the Courts.

The Company have re-organized their business
 with a view 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 labeled with
 date of patent, together with the price of the Tor-
 pedo, and signed by an officer of the Company, so
 every Operator wishing a Torpedo may know its
 price and whether it came from our office.

Orders will confer a favor by reporting to this
 Office any negligence of Agents.

The following named persons have been appoint-
 ed Agents and Assistant Agents for the Oil Regions
 of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

LIST OF AGENTS.

- WINTERSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICINITY—STEPHEN JOSE, Office, Hamilton's Cigar Store, address Wintersville, Pa. Assistant, John Van Beaver.
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- SHAMBERG AND VICINITY—GEORGE IRVIN, Office, Shamberg, residence, Wintersville, Pa. Address, A. A. West.
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- PETROLEUM CENTRE AND VICINITY—LEVI MASON, Office and address, Petroleum Cen-ter, Pa. Assistant, Charles Blackford.
- FARM AND BROAD FARM—District Agent on Oil Creek and Cherry Run, from Story Farm, McClintockville—JAMES SAUNDERS, address 749 Farm, Pa. Assistants, Luther B. Saunders, Charles E. Cochran and William Hoyt.
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 making everything in our line are superior to any
 other establishment in the Oil Region. We have
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 in the past, we shall use our best efforts to merit
 it in the future.
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 of the public, and shall use every exertion to merit it
 in the future.
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 line, having been greatly increased, in the building
 of our new building, are now
SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER ESTABLISHMENT
IN THE OIL REGION.
"POCKERY!"
 Enumerating a few of the articles to be
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 For business is healthy and I think much of it;
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 And as for Sillings, I keep No. 1;
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 And for times I have a quality No. 2;
 And to those who are particular—no some may say,
 I still have another quality called No.
 I have good seasoned Lumber, Dressed up also,
 Which I will sell at a low cash price;
 Such as Flooring, Ceiling and Siding, both Rough
 and Dressed,
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 best;
 I also have Rig Lumber of all kinds,
 At prices to compare with all and hard times;
 All kinds of Timber kept constantly on hand,
 And a box of Claws of a very good brand;
 My facilities for selling are surely without number,
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 So if you want Lumber, Rough, Dressed, Soft or
 Hard,
 You will find just what you want at L. M. S' Lam-
 ber Yard.
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 ARRIVE:
 Franklin, 7:45 " 7:15 " 4:00 " 11:00 A.
 Oil City, 8:30 " 1:55 " 7:00 " 9:30 "
 FRANKLIN BRANCH—Going North.
 LEAVE:
 Oil City, 10:15 A. M., 9:00 A. M., 3:15 P. M., 9:55 P. M.
 Franklin, 11:20 " 10:40 " 4:00 " 9:35 "
 ARRIVE:
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 excepted. For Cleveland and New York. West
 and South. Connects at Cleveland, Sandusky, Ashtabula
 and Pittsburgh, and at Meadville with Lake
 Shore Railway for the West and South West.
 Leaves Meadville for Youngstown, Sharon, Oil City,
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 Sleeping Coach attached to this train at
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 and Pittsburgh, and at Meadville with Lake
 Shore Railway for the West and South West.
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 excepted. For Cleveland and New York. West
 and South. Connects at Cleveland, Sandusky, Ashtabula
 and Pittsburgh, and at Meadville with Lake
 Shore Railway for the West and South West.
 Leaves Meadville for Youngstown, Sharon, Oil City,
 and at Meadville with the Ohio & Mississippi
 supply Railway, for St. Louis and the South and
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 Sleeping Coach attached to this train at
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 necting for Youngstown.
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 New York. Pa. West and South. Connects at
 Leavittsburg and Way Station, and at Meadville
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