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## TORPEDOES.

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**RED PLANING MILL.**

(Corner of Pine and Second Streets,

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**TITUSVILLE, PA.**

Due to the large and increasing demand for the Roberts Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in relation to Wm. Reed's patent, and the decision of Judge M. C. Greer upholding the Roberts' patent, we have LOWERED the price of our Torpedoes

**TWENTY PER CENT.**

so that every operator can afford to try a Torpedo before abandoning a Well.

The following is the decision rendered by Judge Greer on the twenty-second day of September, 1897, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The same was pronounced by Charles M. Butler of New York, D. E. Lane and S. A. Perdue of Philadelphia, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, a Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

**OPINION OF JUDGE GREER.**

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 25th of April, 1877. 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 vs. Day (2 W. U. C. Rep. 229) but now adopt them as applying a rule of decision which applies chiefly to the present case.

As the invention of the patent is admitted, the only question will be as to the validity of complainant's patent of April 25, 1877.

"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 public on the subject, and reaching 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 scolds," were completely successful, that Reed, who had been made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, claimed 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, 1877, for a patent for substantially the same combination 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 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. GREER, Judge.

**Note.**—The passage referred to by Judge Greer in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 239, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is equally 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 in some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successfully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of the desired result. These have produced nothing better than a few speculations upon perfecting what may truly be said to be an unfinished part of many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may have predicted, indirectly by the successful 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 resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been protected by patent and continued experiments, when some new compound, an apparatus, or machine has been thus produced which is useful to the public, that the party making the discovery is entitled to a patent."

and the respondents and patient perseverance have at length succeeded, in spite of sneers and scolds, some valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward! Busy robbers and pilferers of the honor, while speculators, swindlers and jobbers rob him of the profits. Every successful experiment, however small, and did not come very near making a discovery now claim as it. Every one who can invent an improvement or vary its form, claims a right to please the original discoverer. We need not summarize 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 unbroken history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Reports p. 232

**CAUTION.**

The public is cautioned against employing any but the regularly authorized Agents of the Company, 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 infringing any of the ROBERTS' PATENTS will be dealt with according to law, and an action, "with full and knowledge 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 Torpedo, and signed by an officer of the Company, so every operator wishing a Torpedo, can know its price and whether it came from our office.

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I would inform—this is the place to buy Lumber;

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For business is healthy and I think much of it;

In quality my Lumber is second to none,

And as for quantity, I keep No. 1;

Some may not look at it in the light I do,

And for choice I have a quality No. 2;

And to those who are particular—as some may be,

I will have another quality called No. 3;

I have good seasoned Lumber, Dressed up nice,

Which I will sell at a low cash price;

Such as Flooring, Ceiling and Siding, both Rough and Dressed;

Lath, Shingles and Surfaced Lumber, all of the best;

I also have the Lumber of all kinds,

At prices to compare with all other places;

All kinds of Timber kept constantly on hand,

And a large quantity of every good brand;

My facilities for selling are never without number,

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So if you want Lumber, weight, dressed, soft or hard,

You will find just what you want at L. M. Sternburg's Lumber Yard.

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