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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 26th of April, 1858. 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 Gordon vs. Day (2 Wall. C. C. Rep. 223) 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 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 the great utility and value, and "when the science and practical experience, in spite of all the difficulties, were completely satisfied" that his patent, which had been made experiments on the same subject, and was immediately limited to that he had invented, was complete and sufficient for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and principles contained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company, or corporation entitled "The Red Torpedo Company," for the purpose of placing the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have no scruples, even after the preliminary injunction very properly granted by the District Judge.

Let a decree be entered for complainant to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

R. C. CHIER, Judge.

Note.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, p. 229, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is usually the case, when any valuable discovery is made, or any new machine or contrivance 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. Philosopists and mechanists may have in some measure anticipated the possibility or probability of such a discovery or invention; many experiments have been successful, tried, and, very often, set forth either in the abstract or in the concrete, and the public, looking henceforward to the invention which is to come, may be said to be in the manufacturing school of many experimenters. It may have been, indeed, that many experiments have been made, but the public, and especially the inventors, did not consider that the profit of the successful inventor. It is, however, a general rule that, when a discovery has been publicly noticed by patient and continued experiments, which have now, at least, an approximate or machine-like form, it is then, and only then, that the public begins to take notice of the invention, and, if it is successful, it is then, and not before, that the public, and, perhaps, the inventor, are rewarded for their pains."

And yet when stable and patient perseverance have at length succeeded, in spite of sneers and scoffs, some valuable invention or discovery, long hidden, is followed by reward. Every tells him of the Phenix Flying-sessel, a terrible and glorious emblem of the people's fiery unquenchable enthusiasm who did it, or did not come very near making a discovery now claims it. Every one who can invent an improvement or vary its form, has a right to pirate the original discovery. We need not suppose worse of France, 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 uniform history.—2 Walling. C. C. Rep. p. 224.

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