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Office at the  
**RED PLANING MILL,**  
Corner of Pine and Second Streets,  
(Near the Railroad),  
**TITUSVILLE, PA.**

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 of  
a patent, and the decision of Judge P. C. Grier sus-  
taining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED  
the price of their 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  
Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September,  
1869, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadel-  
phia. The case was argued three days by Charles  
M. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Par-  
viance 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 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, 1858. This is prima facie evidence of  
a good title, and puts 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 vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 229.) but now  
adopt them as affording a rule of decision which ap-  
plies clearly to the present case. The infringement of  
the patent is admitted, the only question will be as to the validity of com-  
plainant'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 its great utility and value,  
and "when his genius and patient perseverance, in  
spite of sneers and scoffs," were completely suc-  
cessful, that Reed, who had before made experi-  
ments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful,  
invented that he had the best right to the inven-  
tion, and after purchasing one or more complainant's tor-  
pedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1857,  
for a patent for substantially the same combina-  
tions of devices and a machine contained in com-  
plainant'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 in-  
vention, and supporting the expense of litigation,  
and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have per-  
sued, 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 prayer of the bill.  
R. C. GIER, Judge.

**NOTE.**—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in  
his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 229, 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 researches and experi-  
ments. Philosophers and mechanics may have  
in some measure anticipated in their speculations  
the possibility or probability of such a discovery or  
invention; many experiments have been success-  
fully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of the  
desired result. They have produced nothing benefi-  
cial. The invention when perfected may truly be  
said to be the culminating point of many experi-  
ments, not only by the inventor, but by many oth-  
ers. He may have profited indirectly by the suc-  
cessful 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 ex-  
periment has resulted in discovery, and when that  
discovery has been perfected by patient and contin-  
ued 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! 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 invent an improvement or vary its form,  
claims a right to pirate the original discovery. We  
need not summons Morse, or Blanchard, or Wood-  
worth to prove that this is the usual history of ev-  
ery great discovery or invention.

"The present case adds another chapter to this  
long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Re-  
ports p. 224.

**CAUTION.**

The public is cautioned against employing any  
but the regularly authorized Agents of the Com-  
pany, since the Roberts' Patent cover 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 willfully  
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 employ the most  
efficient Agents and Assistants that can be procured  
for the business. Each Torpedo is labeled with  
date of patents, 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.  
Operators 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.

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March 1870

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To those who are building rigs without number,

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