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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  
 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. Pur-  
 viance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George  
 Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of  
 Pittsburgh, for plaintiffs.  
**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, 1868. 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., 233.) but now  
 adopt them as affording a rule of decision which ap-  
 plies clearly to the present case.  
 As the infringement of the patent is admitted,  
 the only question will be as to the validity of com-  
 plainant's patent of April 25, 1868.  
 "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 he, who had before made experi-  
 ments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful,  
 imagined that he had the best right to the invention,  
 and after purchasing one or more complainant's tor-  
 pedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1867,  
 for a patent for substantially the same combina-  
 tions of devices and additions 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-  
 sisted, even since 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. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in  
 his former decision, 3 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 researches and experi-  
 ments. Philosophers and mechanics may have  
 in some measure anticipated in their speculations  
 the possibility or probability of such discovery or  
 invention; many experiments have been success-  
 fully tried, 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 experi-  
 ments, not only by the inventor, but by many oth-  
 ers. He may have profited indirectly by the un-  
 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 been reduced to practice, when ex-  
 periment has resulted in discovery and when that  
 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! Envy robs him  
 of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pi-  
 rates 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 summon 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. 292.

**CAUTION.**  
 The public is cautioned against employing any  
 but the regularly authorized Agents of the Com-  
 pany, 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 party 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 have employed the most  
 efficient Agents and Assistants that can be secured  
 for the business. Each Torpedo is labelled 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 Assistants for the Oil Regions of  
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 sion House, Titusville, Pa.  
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 FARM AND PITHOLE**—GEORGE W. VAN  
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 antville. Assistant, H. C. Huntington.  
**TIDWELL AND WEST HEBERY**—CHAS-  
 CLARK. Office and address, Exp. Office, Tid-  
 welle, Pa. Assistant, E. C. Bowlesley.  
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 tre, Pa. Assistant, Charles Blackford.  
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 —A. S. WEST. Address, Oil City or Reno, Pa.  
 Assistant, N. Mead.  
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 ER**—Z. WILBER. Office and address, Franklin, Pa.  
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 LANDING**—RICHARD W. REDFIELD. Office  
 and address, Schubgrass, Pa. Assistant, R. W. Par-  
 kerfield, address Easton, Pa.  
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