

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

Due to the large and increasing demand for the Roberts' Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in refusing to issue a patent, and the decision of Judge R. C. Grier sustaining 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 February, 1876, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Parsons of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George H. 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 conclusions to which my mind has come after a careful examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 26th of April, 1865. 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 Wall, C. C. Rep. 259.) 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, 1865.

"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.

"It is usually the case, when any valuable discovery is made, or any new machine or process of discovery 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 mechanics may have examined and 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. They have produced nothing beneficial. The invention which, perfected, may truly be said to be the culminating point of many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may have profited 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 been reduced to practice, when experimental has resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and continuing efforts, 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 who gains and what perseverance have at length succeeded, in spite of sneers and scoffs, some valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward? Every 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 share the original discovery. We need not summon Morse, or Blanchard, or Woodworth to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention."

"The present case is an illustration of this kind and uniform history."—Wallace, C. C. Reports p. 262.

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 explosive materials for all 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 as acting wilfully and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

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