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PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.
 Office at the
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ITUSVILLE, PA.

On account of the large and increasing demand for the Roberts' Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in refusing to grant a patent, and the decision of Judge Grier sustaining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes.

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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the 22nd day of September, 1870, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, D. F. Luce and S. A. Parsons of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harshbarger of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiffs.

OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.

As I write with difficulty I can only state the conclusion to which my mind has come after a careful examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 26th of April, 1867. This exhibits facts evidence of a good title, and puts on the defendant the burden of proof that the patent is void or worthless.

I need not repeat my remarks in the case of *Goodrich vs. Day* (5 Wall. C. C. Rep. 224) but now adopt them as a rule of decision which applies equally to the present case.

As the defendant's copy of the patent is admitted, the only question will be as to the validity of such a patent as of April 26, 1867.

It was after speculation had been refused to practice, and after repeated experiments, that the complainant succeeded in overcoming the prejudice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and procuring 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 sarcasms, were completely successful, 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, 1867, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and machine contained in complainant's patent. On the 16th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company for the purpose of procuring the complainant's invention, and supporting the complainant's invention, and secured him of the fruits. They have 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.

K. C. GRIER, Judge.

Note.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 229, adopted as authority in this case, was as follows:

"It is usually 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. These experiments and researches may have in some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility of producing a more perfect or improved machine, yet falling very 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 experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may have profited indirectly by the unsuccessful 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 experiments have resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and continued 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 one comes forward and claims the honor of the discovery, and every one who claims a right to 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 adds another chapter to this long and illustrious history.

CAUTION.

The public is cautioned against employing any but the regularly authorized Agents of the Company, 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 infringing any of the ROBERTS' PATENTS will be dealt with according to law, and as acting willfully and maliciously in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

The Company have reorganized their business with a view to accommodate the 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 furnished with date of patent, together with the name of the Torpedo, and signed by an officer of the Company, so every Operator who buys a Torpedo may know the precise date and whether it comes from our office.

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MAIL leaves Oil City, 9:00 a.m.; Reno, 10:00 a.m.; Waterloo, 10:15 a.m.; Sandy Lake, 10:45 a.m.; Stoneboro, 10:14 a.m.; Coal Branch, 10:54 a.m.; Clark's Mills, 10:53 a.m.; Hadley's, 10:41 a.m.; Salem, 10:53 a.m.; A & G W Crossing, 10:58 a.m.; at Jamestown, 11:10 a.m.

MIXED TRAIN will leave Jamestown, 6:50 a.m.; A & G W Crossing, 7:15 a.m.; Salem, 7:5 a.m.; Hadley's, 7:55 a.m.; Clark's Mills, 8:08 a.m.; Coal Branch, ar. 8:50, de 9:00 a.m.; Stoneboro, 9:08 a.m.; Sandy Lake, ar. 9:50, de 10:00 a.m.; Waterloo, 10:05 a.m.; Franklin, at 11:00 a.m.; at Oil City, 11:20 a.m.

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