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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles Miller of New York, B. F. Lucas and A. A. Purdie of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George H. of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Arg, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.
 I write with difficulty I can only state the conclusion to which my mind has come after a careful consideration of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated April, 1885. This is prima facie evidence of title, and puts on the respondents the burden of proof that the patent is void or worthless.

I do not repeat my remarks in the case of Good Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 229), but now as affording a rule of decision which apply to the present case.

Judgment of the patent is admitted, and will be as to the validity of commission of April 23, 1885.

Evolution had been reduced to simple repeated experiments, that the claim in overcoming the prejudice of people on the subject, and

Perseverance in this invention was useful; great utility and value, great perseverance, in completely successful experiments.

Complainant's unsuccessful experiments, and the invention, complainant's for

Patent Centre, same combined in complainant's same month the

ARRIVAL of a company or **TRAINS** Torpedo Company.

On and after complainant's in- struments will be fruits. They have per- mitted injunctive very

shortly to be made.

Leave of a Master appointed to take to the bill.

K. C. GRIER, 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 discovery is made, or any new machine or 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 of practicality 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 bene- ficial. 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 others. 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 con- tinued 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! Every man's him of the honor, who speculators, swindlers, and pil- lagers 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 appropriate the original discovery. We need not summon Moses, or Blanchard, or Wood- worth 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 Wallace, C. C. Re- ports p. 224.

CAUTION.

The public is cautioned against employing any of the regularly authorized Agents of the Compa- ny, 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.

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