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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 Grier in granting 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 twenty-second (22) day of September, 1854, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, H. F. Ladd and S. A. Purviance of Philadelphia, for defendants, and George Handing of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

**OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.**

As I write with difficulty 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 25th of April, 1854. 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 the remarks in the case of Good-year vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Reps. 229.) 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, 1854.

"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 successful, that Reed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, imagined that he had the best title to the invention, and after purchasing one or more complainant's torpedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1857, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and a machine contained in complainant's patent, on the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Red Torpedo Company," for the purpose of pirating the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have perverted, even after the preliminary injunction very 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.

A. 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 readily 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 experiments and experiments. Philosophers and mechanicians may have in some measure anticipated, in their speculations, the possibility of possibility of such discovery, or invention; many experiments have been successful, 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 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 an discovery has been perfected by patient and continued experiments, when some new compound, article, or machine has been thus produced which is useful to the public that the party making it becomes 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 one, 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 summon Moore, or Blanchard, or Woodward 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. Reports p. 222.

**CAUTION.**

The public is cautioned against employing any of the regularly authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent covers the use of the Torpedoes 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 acting wilfully and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

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