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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 exhibited a patent dated 20th of April, 1866. 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 v. Day (2 Wall. C. C. Rep. 229.) but now adopt them as stating a rule of decision which applies equally 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 20, 1866.

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 procuring the public to buy his invention, and after he had established the great utility and value of his invention he applied for a patent.

Let a decree be entered for complainant for a permanent injunction, and a Vestor appointed to take account according to the prayer of the bill.

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

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