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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1879, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, B. V. Lucas and S. A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Hauling 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, 1856. 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 Goodwin vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 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, 1856.

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 he, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, imagined 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, 1857, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and a claim contained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Red Torpedo Company," for the purpose of placing 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, the law, and decrees have been entered for complainant for a perpetual injunction, and a Master appointed, to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

H. C. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 229, adopted an application to this case was as follows: "It is admitted in this case, that the invention 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. Philosophers and mechanicians may have in some measure 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 inventor who persevered may truly be said to be the calculating point, or many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may, by the aid of his assistants, and 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 experiment has resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and arduous 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 one, him of the hour, who speculates, swindles, and idly robs 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 adds another chapter to this long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Rep. p. 262.

CAUTION.

The public is cautioned against employing any one to share the Roberts' Patent cover the use of the Roberts' 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 willfully and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

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