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TITUSVILLE, PA. :

Due 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 P. C. Grier sustaining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes

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 so that every Operator can afford to try a Torpedo before abandoning a Well.

The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1888, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Kelley of New York, B. E. Lucas and S. A. Parvaneh of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harding 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 defendant has exhibited a patent dated 24th of April, 1868. This is prima facie evidence of a good title, and puts on the respondents the burden of proof and the patent is void or worthless.

I need not repeat my remarks in the case of Good-year vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 329) but now adopt them as affording a rule of decision which applies closely 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 23, 1868.

"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 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 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 Reed Torpedo Company," for the purpose of pirating the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and this defrauded him of the fruits. They have perjured, 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 prescription of the law.

R. C. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 299, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is in many of the cases, when any valuable discovery is made, or any new machine or process 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 mechanics may have in some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been tried, and many failures, 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. It may have produced indirectly by its 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 continued experiment, when some compound, art, manufacture, or machine has been produced, which is useful to the public, that the party making it becomes a public benefactor and entitled to a patent."

"And yet when eagles 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 hand is against his neighbor, and every man's eye is against his neighbor's profit. 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 name the cases of Edison, or Woodworth to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention."

"The present case and another chapter to this long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Reports p. 292.

CAUTION.

The public is cautioned against employing any agent or representative authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent covers 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 such, without delay and knowledge in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

The Company have re-organized their business with a view to accommodate Oil Men in every part of the Oil Region. They have employed the most efficient Agents and Sub-agents that can be procured for the business. Each Torpedo is labeled with the name of the patentee, together with the price of the Torpedo, and signed by an officer of the Company, so every Operator wishing a Torpedo may know the price and whether it came from our office. Operators will confer a favor by reporting to this office any negligence of Agents.

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