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 The following is the decision rendered by Judge Greer on the twenty-second (22) day of September 1899, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, H. E. Lucas and S. A. Purviance of Philadelphia, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GREER.

As I write with ill-health I can only state the conclusions to which my mind has come after a careful examination of this case.
 The complaint has exhibited a patent dated 25th of April, 1898. 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 two years ago (2 W. & C. C. Rep. 229) but now adopt them as affording a rule of decision which appears clearly to be the correct one.
 As the infringement of the patent is admitted, the only question will be as to the validity of complainant's patent of April 25, 1898.

"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 prevailing the public mind in favor of his invention, after he had established its great utility, and value, and when its 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, and had purchased one or more complainant's torpedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1897, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and a title contained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month the respondent's name was put into a company or corporation called the Reed Torpedo Company, for the purpose of pirating the complainant's invention, and appropriating the expense of litigation, and thus defrauding him of his 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 prayer of the bill.
 H. C. GREER, Judge.

NOTE—The passage referred to by Judge Greer in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 229, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:
 "It is clearly the case, when an inventor discloses his invention to the public, or when it is patented, that the attention of the public is directed to that subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. It is possible, and indeed it is not infrequently the case, that many persons, without the aid of the inventor, or without his knowledge, may arrive at a discovery of the same invention, or may find a way to make an improvement thereon, which is useful to the public, but which is not a patentable improvement. It is when the invention has been reduced to practice, when experiments have resulted in discovery, and when the inventor has been perfecting his invention, and making experiments, with a view to obtaining a patent, that he is entitled to the benefit of his invention, and the public is entitled to the benefit of his disclosure. It is then that the inventor is entitled to a patent, and the public is entitled to the benefit of his disclosure."—2 Wallace, C. C. Reports, p. 229.

CAUTION.
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