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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 carein examination of this case.

Ine complament has exhibited a patent dated 25th of April, 1895. 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.

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As the infringement of the patent is admitted, the only question will be as to the validity of compliants patent of April 25,1858.

"It was after speculation had been reduced to practice," and after repeated experiments, that the complianant succeeded in overcoming "he preindice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and persuading the public than his invention was useful; after he had established its great utility and value, and "Shen his gettine and patient perseverance, in spite of successful, that fieed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was mesucessful, imagined that he had the best right to the invention, and after purchasing one or more complianant's for pedices, he applied on the 1st of November, 1807, for a patent for substantially the same combinations of devices and achine contained in complainant and spatent. On the 18th of the same mount the respondents formed themselves into a company or conporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company, for the purpose of pirating the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defraud him of the first. They have persevered, even after the preliminary injunction very properly granted by the District Judge.

Let a decree be entered for complainant for a perpetual 'njunction, and a Master appointed to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

R. C. GRIER, Judge.

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Note—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decisten, 3 Wallace, p. 229, adopted as app leable to this case was as follows:

"It is usually the case, when any valuable discovery is made, or any new machine of grean utility is invented, that the attention of the public has been turned to that subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches said experiments. Philosophers and mechanicians may have in some measure anticipated in titler speculations the possibility or probability of such discovery or mention; many experiments have been successfully titled, coming very near, yet failing 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 efficies, it is may have profited indirectly by the unsuccessful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to claim a share of the henor 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 particulated by patient and continued experiments, when some new compound, art, manufacture, or manine has been that produced which is useful to the public, that the party making it becomes a public benefactor and entitled to a preent.

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