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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Greer on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1907, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia, Pa. The case was argued three days by Charles A. Miller of New York, H. F. Lucas and S. A. George of Philadelphia, for defendants, and George H. Miller of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

**OPINION OF JUDGE GREER.**

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 court docket has exhibited a patent dated 28th of April, 1896. This is prima facie evidence of a good title, and puts on the respondents the burden of proof that the patent is void or inoperative.

I have not report my remarks in the case of Goodrich v. Day (22 Wall, C. C. Reps. 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 question will be as to the validity of the same.

It was 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, 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, thought that he had the right to the invention, and after purchasing one or more complainant's torpedoes, he applied on the 15th of November, 1907, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and machine obtained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month the respondents filed the Red Torpedo Company, for the purpose of getting the complainant's invention, and supporting the expenses of litigation, and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have perverted, 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 order of the bill.

K. C. GREER, Judge.

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

"It is to be noted in this case, when any valuable discovery 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 mechanics may have in some measure anticipated in their speculations or inventions many experiments that have been successfully tried, and many experiments that have failed, but the inventor who, perfected may truly be said to be the culminating point of many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may have profited indirectly by the unsuccessful 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 continual experiments, when some new compound, art, manufacture, or machine has been produced which is useful to the public, and thereby making it become 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 selfish is it to follow speculators, swindlers, and pirates, to rob 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 pirate the original discovery. We need not sum up these things, 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. Reports p. 299.

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