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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second day of September, 1886, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Parvaneh of Philadelphia, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Philadelphia, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.

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 complainant has exhibited a patent dated 22d of April, 1885. 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 Good-year vs. Day (4 Wall, C. C. Rep. 229), but now adopt them as availing a rule of decision which applies equally 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 22, 1885.

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 presenting the public that his invention was useful. He had established his great utility and value, when he patented his invention, and was completely successful. That Reed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, learned 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, 1887, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and a solution contained in complainant's patent. On the 10th 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 thus defrauding him of the fruits. 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 injunction, and a Master appointed to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

K. C. GRIER, Judge.

Note.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 5 Wallace, p. 229, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is usually the case, when any valuable discovery is made, that the attention of the public has been attracted to that subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanics may have to some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility or probability of such discoveries or inventions. Many experiments have been successfully tried, 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. 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 invention. The successful inventor, if he when perfecting his invention has reduced to practice, when experiment has resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and continued experiments, or increasing labor, has produced what is useful to the public, that the party making it is entitled to 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 many are it followed by reward? Envy robs him of the honor, a thin specter, a wind, and plucks the robe from 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 recount the story, 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. 229.

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