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Owing to the large and increasing demand for the Roberts Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in favor of Wm. Reed & Co., and the fact that Mr. C. C. Grier is holding the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes.

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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1893, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued before Judge Charles J. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Haines of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiffs.

**OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.**

As I write with diffidence 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 25th of April, 1893. 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 any matters in the case of Good-year vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 225,) 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 only question will be as to the validity of complainant's patent of April 23, 1893.

It was after specification 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 essentially new and established its great utility and value, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of success and scorn, 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 invent, and after purchasing one or more complainant's torpedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1891, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and a claim contained in complainant's patent. On the 13th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company" for the purpose of infringing the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have perverted, even after the preliminary injunction very properly granted by the District Judge, a decree entered for complainant for a perpetual injunction, and a Master appointed to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

**NOTE.**—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 290, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is usually the 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. Philosophical and mechanical men may have in some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successfully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of the desired result. They have produced nothing beneficial. The invention who perfected may truly be said to be the culmination of a long series of experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may have profited indirectly by the successful experiments and failures of others, but it gives him no right to claim a share of the honor or the profit of the successful inventor. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when experiments have resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and continued experiments, when some new compound, art, manufacture, or machine has been thus produced which is useful to the public, that the party making it becomes a public benefactor and entitled to a patent."

"And yet when genius and patient perseverance have at length succeeded, in spite of success and scorn, some valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward! Every man claims the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pirates 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 infringe the original discovery. We need not summon Stone, 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. 292.

**CAUTION.**

The public is cautioned against employing any of the regular, authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent covers the use of the Torpedoes 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 acting willfully and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

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