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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 careful consideration of this case.

The defendant has exhibited a patent dated 25th of April, 1880. This is prima facie evidence of a good title, and puts on the respondents the burden of proof that the patent is void on its face.

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