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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 examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 25th 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 (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 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 only question will be as to the validity of complainant's patent of April 25, 1885.

I 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 persuading the public that his invention was useful. It is not to be denied that he had established his utility and value, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scoffs, were completely successful, that Reed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, and after purchasing one or more complainant's torpedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1867, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and machinery contained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation for the purpose of attacking the complainant's invention, and supporting the same by many witnesses, and thus defrauded him of the fruits. They were preserved, 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 power of the bill.

R. C. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 229, 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. Philosophers and mechanics 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 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 successful 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 experiment has been reduced to practice, when experiment has 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."

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"The present case adds another chapter to the long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Rep. p. 222.

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