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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, 1888. 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 will 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, 1888.

"I was after speculation had been reduced to practice," and after repeated experiments, the complainant succeeded in overcoming the prejudice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and persuading the public that his invention was useful. He had established his great 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, 1887, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and machine contained in complainant's patent; on the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Roberts' Torpedo Company," for the purpose of practicing the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have served, 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.

**R. C. GRIER, Judge.**

**NOTE**—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 259, 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 engaged in researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanicians may have in some measure anticipated, in their speculations or possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successively 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 benefit of the profit of the successful inventor. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when experiment has resulted in discovery, and when his discovery has been perfected by patient and continuous experiments, or machine has been thus produced, which is useful to the public, and which 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 sneers and scoffs, some valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward! Envy robs him of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and plunders rob him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experiment, and every failure of others, who claim a right to imitate the original discovery, we need not name Morse, or Blanchard, or Woodworth to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention.

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