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OPINION OF JUDGE GREER.
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 23d of April, 1882. 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. 295), 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 23, 1882.
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K. C. GRUBB, Judge.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Greer in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 239, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:
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