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**OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.**  
 As I write with difficulty I can only say that conclusions to which my mind has come after a careful examination of this case.  
 The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 23d of April, 1866. 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. 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, 1866.  
 It was after speculation had been reduced to practice, and after repeated experiments had been made and ignorance of the people on the subject, and regarding the public, his invention was left after he had established its great utility and value, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scoffs, were completely unappreciated, that he sold, without before making experiments on the subject, and was thus enabled to and after purchasing one or more complete sets of patents, 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 10th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called the Red Torpedo Company, for the purpose of obtaining the complainant's invention, a supporter of the expenses of litigation, and thus to fraud him of the fruits. They have profited even after the preliminary judgment, a very properly granted by the District Judge.  
 A degree of blame is 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.**

**NOTES**—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 making researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanics may have to 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 unsuccessful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to claim a share of the honor of his successful invention. It is when speculation 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. 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! Every man of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pirates rob him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not do it, every one near making a discovery now claims it. Every one who can invent an improvement or vary its form, who claims a right to it, brags of the original discovery. We want to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention.  
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