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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, 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. 223) but I have adopted 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, 1866.

I was after speculation had been reduced to practice, and after repeated experiments, that in complainant succeeded in overcoming the prejudice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and persuading the public that his invention was useful, after he had established its great utility and value, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scolds, were completely successful, that Reed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, and after burning 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 machine contained in complainant's patent; On the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company," for the purpose of paying the complainant in ventions, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defraud him of his fruits. They have persisted, 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 accordingly to the payer of the bill.

**B. C. GRIER, Judge.**

**NOTE**—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision of Wallace, p. 220, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is usually the case, when any valuable discovery is made, or any new machine or 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 a number of 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 speculation has been reduced to practice, when experiment has resulted in discovery, and when the 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 scolds, some valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by a fair trial to him of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pirates rob him of the profits. Every unscrupulous experimenter who did good could not come very near making a discovery now claims it. Every one who can invent an improvement or vary its form, claims a right to pirate the original discovery. We need not summon Morse, or Blanchard, or Wood worth to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention. Every one who has seen the present case could not have a better example of this long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, p. 220.

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