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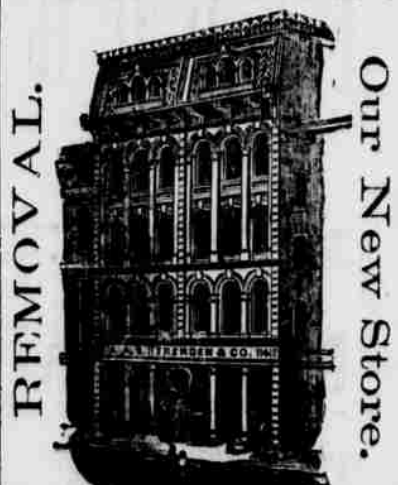
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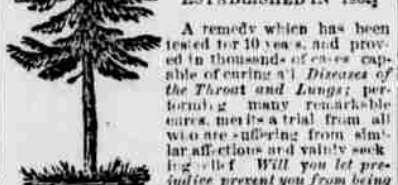


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OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.
As I write with difficulty I can only state the conclusions to which my mind has come after a careful examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 20th of April, 1868. 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 23, 1868.

I was after special attention 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 prevailing upon the public that his invention was useful, after he had established its great utility and value, 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, for a patent for substantially the same combination of device and machine contained in complainant's patent. On the 10th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company for the purpose of purchasing the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defrauded him of the 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 according to the terms of the bill.
R. C. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 230, adopted 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 attracted to that subject, previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanics may have to some measure participated in their speculations, and 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 many brilliant results, some resulting in discovery, and others in 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 the profit of the successful inventor. It is a speculation in law, reduced to practice, when experiments have been made 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, seldom is it followed by reward! Envy robs him of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and parasites rob him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not come very near making a discovery now claims it. His term claims a right to intrude the original discovery. We need not summon Stone, or Blanchard, or Woodworth to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention.

"The present case adds another chapter to this long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Reports p. 230.

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