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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1898, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, E. P. Lucas and R. A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiffs.

**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, 1896. 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. 329,) 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 25, 1896.

"I was after speculation has 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 persuading the public that his invention was what after he had established its 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, 1897, for a patent for substantially the same combinations 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 pirating the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have perjured, 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.  
 R. C. GRIER, Judge.

**NOTE.**—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 299, 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 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 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 or the profit of the successful inventor. 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! Envy robs him of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pirates rob him of the profits: Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not do some very best making a discovery or invention, or every one who claims a right to pirate the original discovery. We need not summon Morse, 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."—3 Wallace, C. C. Reports p. 307.

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Foster, 9:55 a.m.	Parker, 12:20 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
Scrubgrass, 8:55 a.m.	W.P. June, 4:40 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Uniontown, 9:55 a.m.	Pittsburgh, 6:00 a.m.	8:55 p.m.
Foxburg, 10:05 a.m.		
Parker, 10:15 a.m.		

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Accom.	Night Ex.
Oil City, 4:00 p.m.	9:31 p.m.
Franklin, 4:40 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
Foster, 5:06 p.m.	Parker, 1:05 a.m.
Scrubgrass, 5:25 p.m.	W.P. June, 4:40 a.m.
Parker, 7:03 p.m.	Pittsburgh, 6:40 a.m.
Brady's Bend, 8:00 p.m.	
Kittanning, 9:19 p.m.	

GOING NORTH.

Parker Accon.	Mail.	Day Ex.
Oil City, 9:15 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	2:25 p.m.
Franklin, 8:35 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
Foster, 8:00 p.m.	Parker, 4:30 p.m.	11:41 a.m.
Scrubgrass, 7:34 p.m.	W.P. June, 1:40 p.m.	9:10 a.m.
Uniontown, 6:24 p.m.	Pittsburgh, 11:50 a.m.	7:50 a.m.
Foxburg, 6:10 p.m.		
Parker, 6:01 p.m.		

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Oil City, 12:20 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
Franklin, 11:40 a.m.	8:0 a.m.
Foster, 11:15 a.m.	Parker, 2:15 a.m.
Scrubgrass, 10:57 a.m.	W.P. June, 10:36 p.m.
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