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Owing to the large and increasing demand for the
 Roberts' Torpedoes, and the late decision of the
 Commissioner of Patents in refusing to Wm. Reed
 a patent, and the decision of Judge P. C. Grier sus-
 taining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED
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The following is the decision rendered by Judge
 Grier on the twenty-second (22nd) day of September,
 1891, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadel-
 phia. The case was argued three days by Charles
 M. Keller of New York, R. P. Lucas and S. A. Park
 versus of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George
 Hartung of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of
 Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER

As I write with difficulty I can only state the con-
 clusions to which my mind has come after a careful
 examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated
 25th of April, 1885. This is prima facie evidence of
 a good title, and puts on the respondents the bur-
 den 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. Reps, 229.) but now
 adopt them as affording a rule of decision which ap-
 plies clearly to the present case.

As the infringement of the patent is admitted,
 the only question will be as to the validity of the
 complainant's patent of April 25, 1885.

"I was after speculation 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
 regarding 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 scoffs," were completely suc-
 cessful, that Reed, who had before made experi-
 ments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful,
 and after purchasing one or more complainant's tor-
 pedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1887,
 for a patent for substantially the same combina-
 tion of device, and machine contained in complain-
 ant's patent. On the 14th of the same month the
 respondents formed the same into a company, or
 corporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company,"
 for the purpose of pirating the complainant's in-
 vention, and supporting the expense of litigation,
 and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have per-
 sisted, even after the preliminary injunction very
 properly granted by the district Judge:

Let a decree be entered for complainant for a per-
 petual injunction, and a Master appointed to take
 an account according to the power of the bill.

R. C. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in
 his former decision, 4 Wallace, p. 229, adopted as
 applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is usually the case, when any valuable discov-
 ery is made, or any new machine of great utility is
 invented, that the attention of the public has been
 turned to it by various means, and that many
 persons have been making experiments and experi-
 ments. 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 success-
 fully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of
 the desired result. They have produced nothing
 beneficial. The invention was perfected may truly be
 said to be the culminating point of many experi-
 ments, not only by the inventor, but by many oth-
 ers. He may have profited indirectly by the un-
 successful experiments and failures of others, but it
 gives them no right to claim a share of the honor of
 the successful inventor. It is when
 speculation has been reduced to practice, when ex-
 periments have been perfected, and when that
 discovery has been perfected by patient and contin-
 ued experiments, when some new compound, or
 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 a reward! Every robber
 of the honor, while speculating, awakens, and pi-
 rates rob him of the profit. Every unsuccessful
 experimenter who did or did 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 imitate the original discovery. We
 need not summon Morse, or Blanchard, or Wood
 worth to prove that this is the usual history of ev-
 ery great discovery or invention."
 "The present case adds another chapter to this
 long and uniform history."—4 Wallace, C. C. Re-
 ports p. 26.

CAUTION.

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