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M. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Purvance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George
Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, o.
Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

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As I write with difficulty I can only state the conclusions to which my mind has come after a carefulzramination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 25th of April, 1855. This is prima facis 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 Goodyear vs. Day (2 Wail, 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 complainants patent of April 23, 1853.

"I was after speculation had been reduced to practice," and after repeated experiments, that the complainant succeeded in over coming the prejudice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and nersualing the public that his invention was useful after be had established its great utility and value and "when his genius and patent pers-versarose, in spite of sneers and scoffs," were completely successful, that Reed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsneeded in the same combinations of devices and mashine contained in complaint, and after burchasing one or more complainant's tor patent for substantially the same combinations of devices and mashine contained in complaint, and spacent; On the 18th of the same month the respondents Sermed themselves into a company of cor, oration called." The Reed Torpedo Company, L. the purpose of pirating the complainants in vention, and apporting the expense of litigation—and thus defrared him of the first. They have perserved, even after the prelimary injunction very properly granted by the sistrict Judge:

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R. C. GRIER, Judge.

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Nors.—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 say new machine of great utility is invented, that the attention of the public her been turned to that subject previously, and that many parsons have been making researches and experiments. Philosophers and machaniclans may lave in some massure anticipated in their speculations has possibility or proonoility of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successfully tiled, coming very man, yet failing 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 other sale to be the culminating point of many experiments not only by the inventor, but ty gives them so right to cla ma share octic henor of the profits of the successful inventor. It is when so right to cla ma share octic henor of the profits of the successful inventor. It is when specially the inventor is a subject of the successful inventor. It is when specially the inventor is a subject of the successful inventor. It is when specially the profits of the successful inventor is a subject of the successful inventor. It is a subject to the profits of the profits of the profits of the successful inventor of the successful in the party making it becomes a public beneficated and entitled as patent "And yet when genite and patient perceverance have at length succeeded, in spits of sucers and scotts, some valuable invention or discovery, how seed on its follower by reward! Envy robe him of the honor, while speculators, swindless, and pirates rob him of the profits. Every one who can invent a

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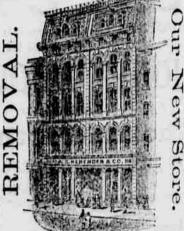
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