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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1895, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, H. F. Lucas and S. A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

**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, 1895. 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 (23 Wall. 521, 529,) 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 20, 1895.

"I was after speculation had been reduced to practice, and after repeated experiments, that its complainant succeeded in ever coming 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 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, 1895, for a patent for substantially the same combination of device and machine contained in complainant's patent; On the 16th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called 'The Reed Torpedo Company,' for the purpose of granting the complainant's invention, and supporting the expenses of litigation, and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have pursued, 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 payment 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 notwithstanding the public has been turned to that subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanics may have to some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility of a valuable discovery, or invention; many experiments have been successively 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. It may have been produced indirectly by the unsuccessful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to claim a share of the honor of the product 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 world, 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 come very near making a discovery now claims it. Every one who can invent an improvement or vary its form, claims a right to place the original discovery. We need not summon Montpelier, 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. 297.

**CAUTION.**

The public is cautioned against employing any of the regular, authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent covers the use of the Torpedo and all explosive materials for oil wells, and the use of such materials by other parties is a direct infringement of their rights. Any parties infringing any of the ROBERTS' PATENTS will be dealt with according to law, and acting willfully and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

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Scrubgrass, 8:55 a.m.	W.P. June 4:40 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
Emonton, 9:55 a.m.	Pittsburgh 6:00 a.m.	8:35 p.m.
Foxburg, 10:05 a.m.	.....	.....
Parker, 10:15 a.m.	.....	.....

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Accom.	Night Ex.
Oil City, 4:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
Franklin, 5:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
Poster, 5:25 p.m.	Parker, 1:05 a.m.
Scrubgrass, 5:55 p.m.	W.P. June 4:40 a.m.
Parker, 7:05 p.m.	Pittsburgh 6:40 a.m.
Brady's Bend, 8:00 p.m.	.....
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Scrubgrass, 7:24 p.m.	W.P. June 1:40 p.m.	9:50 a.m.
Emonton, 6:24 p.m.	Pittsburgh 11:50 a.m.	7:50 a.m.
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