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The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1899, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Kellor of New York, E. Lucas and S. A. Purvance 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 25th of April, 1863. 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 in remarks in the case of Good-year & Day (2 Wall, U. S. 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 25, 1863.

"I was after speculation had been reduced to practice," and after repeated experiments, that its complaint succeeded in over coming the prejudice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and persuading the public that his invention was useful, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scoffs, were completely successful, that he, 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, 1867, for a patent for a substance in the same combination of one 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 printing the complainant's invention, and supporting the expenses of litigation, and thus defrauding him of his fruits. They have pursued, ever since, 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 prayer of the bill.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 229, 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 is first attracted to that subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanicians may have in some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successfully tried, combined with the same, when 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 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 patent of the successful inventor. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when the 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 energetic 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 takes the place of 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 share the original discovery. We need not summon a horse, 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, U. S. Reports p. 27.

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| Foster | 8:25 a.m. | 10:50 a.m. | 3:30 p.m. |
| Scrubgrass | 8:55 a.m. | 11:15 a.m. | 3:58 p.m. |
| Emulston | 9:25 a.m. | 11:40 a.m. | 4:25 p.m. |
| Foxburg | 10:05 a.m. | 12:30 p.m. | 5:05 p.m. |
| Parker | 10:15 a.m. | 12:40 p.m. | 5:15 p.m. |
| Oil City & Kittanning | | | |
| Oil City | Accom. | Night Ex. | |
| Franklin | 4:30 p.m. | 8:30 p.m. | |
| Foster | 4:55 p.m. | 8:55 p.m. | |
| Scrubgrass | 5:25 p.m. | 9:25 p.m. | |
| Parke | 5:55 p.m. | 9:55 p.m. | |
| Brady's Bend | 6:00 p.m. | 10:00 p.m. | |
| Kittanning | 6:10 p.m. | 10:10 p.m. | |
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| Parke | Accom. | Mail. | Day Ex. |
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| Franklin | 8:30 p.m. | 6:35 p.m. | 1:35 p.m. |
| Foster | 8:00 p.m. | 6:05 p.m. | 1:05 p.m. |
| Scrubgrass | 7:34 p.m. | 5:39 p.m. | 11:41 a.m. |
| Emulston | 6:24 p.m. | 4:29 p.m. | 10:31 a.m. |
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| Oil City | Accom. | Night Ex. | |
| Franklin | 12:15 p.m. | 8:35 a.m. | |
| Foster | 11:45 a.m. | 8:05 a.m. | |
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