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

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 25th of April, 1893. This is pruma facie evidence or a good title, and puts on the respondents the burden of proof shat the patent is void or worthless. I need not repeat my remarks in the case of Goodyear vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 223), 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 compisinants patent of April 25, 1858.

"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 series and investments of the problem of the propiet of the propiet on the subject, and series and extablished its great utility and value and "when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of conserts and scoffs," were completely sue tessful, that Reed, who had before made experiment on the same subject, and was unsucceesful, and after burchasing one or more complainant's tor pedose, he applied on the let of November, 1807, for a patent for substantially the same combinations of device, and machine consulted in complain and a patent; On the 18th of the same ments the respondents formed thesselves into a company or cor, oration called "The Reed Torpedo Company, for the purpose of pirating the complainants in vention, and supporting the expenses of litigation, and supporting the expense of litigation, and supporting the was the complainant of the persent linduction; and a Master, appoint to take a second of the same subject, and maker, suppoint to take a second of the same of the passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision.

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:

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