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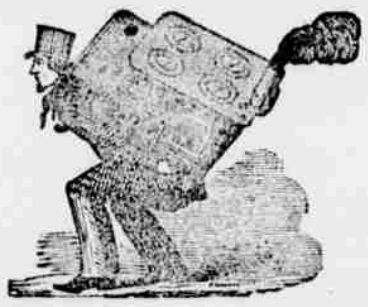

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In the Circuit Court of the United States, in and for the Western District of Pennsylvania.—E. A. L. Roberts vs. Nicholas Geyer.—No. 1.—May Term 1873.—In Equity.

November 21, 1872. Bill filed and subpoena issued.

"Subpoena and notice of application for preliminary injunction served.

December 12, 1872. Motion for preliminary injunction heard, and the case being duly argued by counsel, the injunction prayed for is granted, and decree filed.

January 13, 1873. Injunction issued, returnable the sixth day of January, 1873, and served personally and by copy.

May 22, 1873. Rule issued for defendant to show cause why attachment should not issue for his failure in violating injunction and duly served.

June 24, 1873. Rule for attachment in this case on to be heard, and after argument of counsel pro and con, the court being duly advised of the premises, the rule is made absolute, and the sentence of the Court is that the said defendant, Nicholas Geyer, be imprisoned in the common jail of Allegheny County, and during the term of six days, and that he pay the costs of this proceeding.

June 24, 1873. Case first heard.

The injunction in this case was for infringement of the Roberts patent for —[illegible] the Torpedo, for increasing the productiveness of oil wells. The act of infringement for which the defendant was committed for contempt, consisted in shooting Alexander Horton's exploding torpedo in oil well, being the second act of infringement for which Horton was also committed in the case No. 2, [illegible]

The Court [illegible] Johnson, following his opinion in the Horton case, proceeded to sentence Nicholas Geyer for contempt, and delivered the following opinion:

"In the case of Nicholas Geyer charged with the same offense, I am entirely satisfied that there was a full intent, in the Beaver well at least, to violate the injunction. There is no evidence that the process of the experiment, the presence of fluid in the well, whether desired or not, is an infringement of the patent and a breach of the injunction of the Court.

Mr. Roberts, by his patent uses as one of the principal elements of his invention, fluid tamping, and whenever there is fluid sufficient in a well, at the time of the explosion of a torpedo, to operate as tamping, which it yets there naturally (or is put there artificially), his patent is infringed. This was exactly the case in regard to the Beaver well.

But Mr. Geyer seems to have been misled by Horton, who told him that he [illegible] wanted to make an experiment, and [illegible] think this being the first time that he ought to be very severely punished.

He also is adjudged guilty of contempt and ordered to pay the costs of this proceeding and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for ten days. I hope this will be the last of this case, because if the matter comes to our notice again, I will be constrained to impose such punishment as will tend to make the decree of the Court effective.

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