

Legal and Magisterial

Foreign Actions for Infringement of the "Fairy" Lights. — Several important actions with regard to the "Fairy" lights have been decided, and in such a way as will effectually prevent any further infringements in America, either by glass manufacturer or importers selling the American-made goods. In the case of Mr. Samuel Clarke, the Central Glass Company, Nathan B. Scott, and Hanson E. Waddell, the following is the final decree in the Court of Equity in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of West Virginia:—" in this cause upon the bill, answer and replication and settlement having thereupon been made between the parties, upon considerations accepted by the plaintiff, it is now, to wit, December 27, 1887, with the consent of the counsel of the parties, respectively ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Samuel Clarke is the original and first inventor of the invention specified in the first claim of the patent numbered [352,296](#), granted to said Clarke, November 9, 1886, being the claim in respect of which the proofs were taken; that the said patent is a good and valid patent, therefore that the defendants have infringed the same and that they pay to the plaintiffs the sum of 50 dollars in full satisfaction of profit's, damages, and, costs, and that they be enjoined from further infringing the, said patent." The same judgment has been granted in the Court of Illinois against (George Bohner and Joseph E. Bohner), making in all fines to the extent of 100 dollars. It is clear from these judgments that the validity of Mr. Clarke's patents in the United States has been fully and clearly maintained and upheld by the Courts. The difficulty of English patentees defending their inventions in America has hitherto been considerable, but had there been a little more determination on the part of English makers to take action against infringements, as Mr. Clarke has done in the instances quoted, and in other instances, there would have been less piracy than has hitherto been the case.