

The prime condition to the grant of a patent is that the device must be *new* and *useful*. To determine this the inventor should have a Preliminary Search made by us before proceeding with his patent application.

A patent may be obtained for a new article of manufacture, a machine, a composition of matter or a process of manufacturing, etc.

Many inventions are patented in which are shown structures closely resembling previous known devices, and such patents are sustained as valid. The reason is apparent. If the old device is not perfect in construction and operation there is room for improvement, and slight changes often bring success out of failure; and no matter how slight may be the apparent difference, if it really exists it is proper subject-matter for a patent.

A United States patent may be worked or not, as desired, without penalty. Many of our clients have found that by certain new machines they have constructed they can reduce the cost of production of their specialty and have made only a few of these machines for use in their factories. This is perfectly legitimate and a common and well-known matter in which to gain reward for the patent. It is evident that by such course they can sell their product at a reduction, that is, undersell their competitors, and still make their old profit on each article and at the same time increase their number of sales, thus getting ample compensation for their initiative and inventive skill.

CONDITIONS TO GRANT OF PATENT (Canada and United States)

In addition to the condition that the device must be *new* and *useful* it is also required that it must, of course, be Operative, and that the inventor must file in the Patent Office an application in writing clearly disclosing the invention and the manner and process of making, constructing, compounding and using it, in such full, clear, concise and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it relates, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make, construct, compound and use the same; and in the case of a machine the principle and the best mode in which it is contemplated to apply that principle shall be explained, so as to distinguish it from other