

The door was open, and he could have seen the table had he stepped forward two or three feet, but he did not do so. The will was immediately taken back to the testator, the signatures of the witnesses were pointed out to him, and he looked over the paper and pronounced it correct. The Supreme Court, in holding that there had been substantial and satisfactory compliance with the statute, took occasion to say that the courts have often placed themselves in absurd and inconsistent positions in construing the words referred to; that in the case at bar the signing took place within the sound of the testator's voice; that he knew what was being done, and that when the signatures of the attesting witnesses were pointed out to him he took the instrument in his own hands, looked over it and pronounced it satisfactory, which made the whole proceeding a single and entire transaction, and formed a sufficient compliance with the statute.

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*THE HOME-COMING.*

Oh ! may that day with whitest stone be marked,  
When at their country's call her sons came forth,  
And at her feet their lives and fortunes laid,  
Her honor to defend; that debt to pay  
Which every faithful man to country owes.  
Alas ! by some that debt is fully paid  
Who their devotion, with their life-blood, sealed.  
Oh ! gallant hearts, oh ! brave and faithful sons !  
Your death is not in vain but shall inspire,  
In ages yet to come, the martial fire,  
And deeds of valour oft again incite.  
And ye who from the toil and stress of war  
Have safe returned, we welcome to your homes,  
And to our hearts we take you with delight.