

am sorry to say it, but I will give it as it is; I tell the truth. The setting up of the deed against the will, was a fraudulent transaction!" The defendant acted craftily in not giving up that deed. But then the question arises, why should he concur in his father's will disposing of this very estate of Ashwood? Why the inference is, that the deed was not duly executed! It seems very strange that he should concur in a will narrowing, that is cutting down by a codicil, the property which he alleges had been already his.

But, again, we are to look at it in another point of view.—Why when he acknowledged that he had destroyed the deed he should act as if he had destroyed it, and this accounts for what would otherwise appear unaccountable. But what would be the natural consequence of such conduct? Why that it would not stand a moment in the eyes of a Court of Justice. You will, at the same time, recollect Gentlemen, that any thing said by the Testator, in the absence of the Defendant, is not to be taken as evidence against him. Here his Lordship again read over parts of the evidence at the request of the Jury, stating, that if they desired it, he was ready to read the entire. One of the Jury replied that they did not deem it necessary for his Lordship to proceed farther with the evidence, and the Jury having immediately retired, returned in about four minutes with a verdict for the Plaintiff, thereby establishing the Will of the late John H. Gowan, and invalidating the Deed endeavored to be set up by the Defendant and his brother, William and Ogl' Gowan, illegitimate children of the Testator.

The Court did not break up till past 10 o'clock, and was crowded to excess up to the last moment. Such was the intense anxiety manifested by the multitude, that from the time the Jury retired until the verdict was announced, not even a whisper was to be heard; and when the Jury knocked at the door for re-admission to their box, the solicitude was very visible on the countenance of hundreds who were present. For our own part, we never witnessed such a scene before. Counsellors, Attorneys, Witnesses, Doctor's friends and foes, every eye was raised to the box, and a simultaneous burst of approbation arose from the assembled spectators on the announcement.

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