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pretended to any ownership of said house and lots as said Complainant has falsely alledged on the contrary he avers that with the exception of said paper (which he has explained) he always considered and treated said property as his own from the time it was purchased until about two years ago when he transferred it to Christopher L. Dobson in exchange for the farm situated in Baltimore County which is described in Complainants Bill. That the purchase of said farm or the exchange of said house & lot for the same was made by your Respondent for himself alone, and he denies that said Complainant was a party thereto, or in any manner interested or concerned in the purchase of said farm. He denies that she paid or furnished any part of the consideration or purchase money, or that there was ever any agreement between her and your Respondent that they should hold said farm jointly or as tenants in common. That it is true that said Dobson conveyed said farm to your Respondent in fee, but it is not true that he ever agreed to execute any conveyance for any part of or interest in the same to said Complainant, and it is likewise untrue that the deed for said land ever was delivered to her either by said Dobson or your Respondent or by any other person with his knowledge or consent. That your Respondent immediately after his purchase entered into possession of said farm and has ever since continued to reside upon and occupy it as his own property without any claim or the fraction of any claim being made by said Complainant until recently. That she and her said husband came to said farm by your Respondent's invitation, and

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being without money or any home of their own he premitted them to remain until they could have time to make other arrangements. That while thus living with him as his guests they fraudulently took from your Respondent the said Deed from Dobson and other valuable papers and having the said paper called a declaration of trust which your Respondent supposed was destroyed as aforesaid when your Respondent requested them to leave in consequence of some dispute, they then for the first time set up their false and fraudulent claims which they have since been trying to maintain by force and violence and threats and falsehood. That they came to the farm after your Respondent had made the purchase, and have lived there with him part of the time but without any right whatever. In answer to the special interrogatories or such of them as may not have been fully answered above Respondent says, that his pecuniary ability to make the aforesaid purchases was ample that he was in business in New York from 1852 until 1859 and that he had been to California and brought back with him in money several thousand dollars. That said farm was purchased by your Respondent from Dobson at the valuation of seven thousand three hundred and seventy five dollars of which your Respondent assumed to pay one thousand dollars in satisfaction of a mortgage on the premises, and conveyed to said Dobson the said Houses and Lots, of which the Eleventh Street house & lot was valued at four thousand five hundred dollars and the Cap Street house at about nine hundred dollars and the balance of the —