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and sixty two, came Louis Sinsheimer into the Circuit Court for Baltimore City here, by John L. Thomas Junior, his solicitor, and exhibited to the said Court his Bill of Complaint in form following, to wit:

To the Hon. Wm. Geo. Krebs, Judge of Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

The Bill of Complaint of Louis Sinsheimer, of Baltimore City, against William Schafer and Mary Schafer, his wife, most respectfully represents to your Honor that said Mary Schafer is now, and at the time of contracting the obligations hereafter mentioned was, the wife of said Wm. Schafer residing in Balt. City aforesaid; that your orator is a grocery and flour merchant doing business in said City; that said Mary Schafer, wife of said Wm. Schafer, at the time of entering into the obligations hereinafter mentioned, kept a public house, and transacted the business in her own name, for her own account, and for her own benefit. Your orator further charges and shows that on the 27th day of June A.D. 1860, the aforesaid Mary Schafer was indebted to your orator in the sum of two hundred and seventy four dollars and eighty nine cents for goods, wares and merchandize as well as for borrowed money; the said goods being purchased by said Mary Schafer from your orator for the purpose of carrying on her aforesaid business, and the said money being loaned by your orator to the said Mary Schafer for the purpose of enabling her to make repairs on the house in which she then resided and now resides, and which she then held and now holds in her own name as her own property, and over which she held and exercised full control without the interference of her husband or any future husband. And your orator herewith annexes a Copy of said bill of indebtedness, so contracted by said Mary Schafer, and is the paper refered

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to as "Plaintiffs Exhibit L.S. No. 1."

And your orator avers that at the time the indebtedness aforesaid was contracted by the said Mary Schafer, her husband said Wm. Schafer was wholly insolvent and unable to pay his debts. And your orator further avers that at the time said indebtedness was contracted, as aforesaid by said Mary Schafer, that she was the sole owner in her own right of a good and substantial brick house and premises located at the corner of Canton Avenue and Washington St. in said City, and was also the sole and exclusive owner of the household furniture and fixtures on said premises, and is now the sole and exclusive owner of the same; that at the time said indebtedness was so contracted by her as aforesaid, your orator was aware that the said Mary Schafer was the sole owner of said house and premises and other property herein before described; and that your orator gave her the credit, sold her the goods, and loaned her the money on the ground of her being the possessor and owner of said property.

And your orator further avers that since the said indebtedness was contracted, he has repeatedly called upon the said Mary Schafer to pay off said indebtedness; and although she has never disputed said indebtedness but on the contrary has repeatedly acknowledged the same and that the money loaned to her was used for the purpose of repairing or enlarging her aforesaid dwelling house, and the goods so purchased as aforesaid were used by her in carrying on her said establishment, she has hitherto refused and doth still refuse to pay the same.

And now, may it please your Honor, your orator is advised that he has no remedy at law against the property of the said Mary Schafer to satisfy his claim, but that a Court of Equity will treat the aforesaid Mary as a feme