

To the honorable the Judge of the circuit
for Montgomery County sitting as a court
of Equity

The bill of complaint of Julia Patterson
humbly shows that on or about the 13th day of
~~January~~ ^{December} in the year 1857 she was married to a
certain George C. Patterson of said county with whom
she lived for a short time after her marriage.
Your oratrix further charges that very soon after
her marriage with the said George C. Patterson, he
~~took possession~~ of what personal property
belonged to ^{your} oratrix and squandered & wasted
the same in a most reckless & riotous manner

~~your oratrix~~ ^{your} oratrix ~~after~~
her marriage with the defendant & whilst
he was squandering her personal estate, it
was the constant habit of the said defendant
to become intoxicated every night, and whilst
thus intoxicated his conduct and manner
to your complainant was harsh, cruel and
inhuman. Your complainant during all
the time used all the means in her power
to induce the said George C. Patterson to
change his course of life, and your complain-
ant thus remained ^{with} him during all the time
of this cruel treatment endeavouring by
her entreaties and persuasions to bring
about a reformation and change of con-
duct in the said George C. Patterson until