

A. 4 rooms with the kitchen and the 2 pantries, and I enlarged the diningroom, and the other rooms were divided up, they were too large before.

Q.4 When were those changes started?

A. I gave the order either in October or November 1911.

Q.5 Where were you living at the time?

A. Baltimore.

Q.6 You were keeping a boarding house in Baltimore?

A. Yes sir.

Q.11 Did you talk the matter over with her some time before ?

A. She knew I was doing it, she knew the man went through the house, I introduced the man to her. I did not think it was while to say any thing to her.

Q.12 What time was that?

A. That was during the summer.

Q.13 Was that before or after the man started the work?

A. It was some time before.

Q.14 Did you talk to Mrs. Thompson some time prior to that about the changes that you proposed to make to the house in question, and did not she state to you at that time that she did not have any money to devote to that purpose?

A. I was to buy the house, and I was to bear the expenses of owning it, it did not make any difference to her.

Q.15 She never told you she would bear any part of the expenses of the improvement?

A. Some of them. She did not to the immediate house, but to the ground, but I paid it all myself.

Q.16 Was it not limited to the drainage?

A. No sir.

Q.17 Did'nt you say that that was the only thing you talked over with her, was the cess pool?

A. No sir there was the terrass, she was to pay for the one half of that, but she did not do it.

Q.19 Did you pay her any rent during that time?

A. No I offered to pay it, she could get the interest, but she said it was her own affairs if she left me gave the house for nothing, she never asked me for any rent except the last year.

Q.19 Did you pay that?

A. I asked her the price but she did not set any.

Q.20 You never discussed the details of the improvements to the house with reference to the size of the rooms and the number of rooms?

A. She thought some of the rooms were too large, but I did not discuss much with her, it was understood it was my home, I owned it.

Q.21 When you spoke of your examination in chief that these changes would increase its value very much you were looking at it from the stand point of keeping a boarding house, and that you would be able to accommodate more people?

A. Of course.

Q.22 Did you ever tell Mr. Thompson that Mrs. Thompson knew nothing about these improvements? (Objection)

A. I never had any conversation with him as I know of.

Q.23 Did you ever tell him, I mean Mr. Thompson, that these improvements would be a surprise to Edith? (Objection)

A. I never had any conversation with him that I know of in any way shape or form. I did say to Edith, Mrs. Thompson, that it would be a surprise, she came to me and told me it was wonderful, it was such an improvement.