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Answer to Petition  
 for Judicial Separation

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 1 Lombard Court E.C.  
 Respondents' Solicitors

In the High Court of Justice  
Probate Divorce & Admiralty Division  
(Divorce)

The 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891

Between Mary Henrietta Middlecoat  
Petitioner

— and —  
Francis Middlecoat  
Respondent

Answer  
to Petition for judicial Separation

The Respondent Francis Middlecoat by Messrs Napoleon Arles & Co his Solicitors, in answer to the Petition filed in this cause, saith:-

1. That he denies that there have been ten children issue of his said marriage and says that three children born of the Petitioner since marriage are not his children as hereinafter set forth.
2. That he denies that he has been guilty of cruelty as alleged in the said Petition.
3. That he denies that he accused the Petitioner of having committed incest as alleged in paragraph 4 or at all.
4. That no magisterial decree of separation was granted to the Petitioner as alleged in paragraph 5.
5. That he denies that he has

- been guilty of indecent conduct in the presence of his daughter as alleged in paragraph 6 or at all.
6. The Respondent further saith that in the year 1874 the said Mary Henrietta Middlecoat at Bangalore in the presidency of Madras, India, and also in the year 1876 at St Thomé in the said presidency of Madras habitually committed adultery with Colonel, then Captain Robert Tait, since deceased.
7. That between the years 1874 + 1881 the said Mary Henrietta Middlecoat at Bangalore aforesaid and at Palaveram also in the said presidency of Madras habitually committed adultery with Captain Algernon Henry Milmer, with Sir Robert Dalyell, K. C. S. I. with Captain O. V. Boddie R. E. and with Captain Herbert Edward Porter.
8. That on the 6th day of May 1845 the said Mary Henrietta Middlecoat at Bangalore aforesaid gave birth to a child Lucy of which the said Mary Henrietta Middlecoat led the Respondent to believe the said Colonel Robert Tait was the father.
9. That on the 5th day of December 1881 the said Mary Henrietta Middlecoat at Madras, gave birth to twins Margaret Harriet Locke and George Robert Burn of which the said



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Captain Herbert Edward Parker is  
 the father.

10. That the Petitioner has condoned  
 the cruelty (if any) of the  
 Respondent alleged in the said  
 Petition.

Delivered the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July  
 1891 by Messrs Napoleon Arles Esq  
 of Lombard Court in the City  
 of London Respondent's Solicitors