with respect to the status of women, and particularly wives, under the common law — questions that remain pertinent in the present movement for the enlargement of women's rights.

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