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The answer of one defendant cannot be read in evidence for or against another; except in some particular cases. McKim v. Thompson, 160; Jones v. Magill, 198; Lingan v. Henderson, 267; Chase v. Manhardt, 336.

A wife cannot be a witness for or against her husband, therefore her answer can in no case affect him.-Lingan v. Hen-

derson, 269.

It is only under very special circumstances, that a defendant can be allowed to make any alteration in his answer.-McKim

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An answer sworn to before a justice of the peace, in another State, or in the District of Columbia, who is certified to be a justice of the peace at the time, is received as sufficient .- Chapline v. Beatty, 197; Lingan v. Henderson, 240; Gibson v. Tilton, 352.

One defendant cannot directly compel his co-defendant to answer, but he may, by a rule further proceedings, urge forward the plaintiff to extract an answer from

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If a defendant pleads and answers to the same matter, his answer overrules his plea.-Hannah K. Chase's case, 217.

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