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20. The property acquired or owned, according to the provisions of the preceding section, by a married woman she shall hold for her separate use, with power of devising the same, as fully as if she were a *feme sole*, or she may convey the same by a joint deed with her husband; or where the husband is a lunatic or insane, and has been so found upon inquisition, and said finding remains unreversed and in force, she may convey the same as fully as if she were a *feme sole* by her separate deed, whether the same be absolute or by way of mortgage; *provided*, that if she die intestate and leaving children, her husband shall have a life estate in her property, real and personal, but if she die intestate leaving no children, her husband shall have a life estate in her real property, and her personal property shall vest in him absolutely; any married woman may be sued jointly with her husband in any of the courts of this State, or before any justice of the peace, on any note, bill of exchange, single bill, bond, contract, or agreement which she may have executed jointly with her husband, and may employ counsel and defend such action or suit separately or jointly with her husband, and judgments recovered in such cases shall be liens on the property of defendants, and may be collected by execution or attachment in the same manner as if the defendants were not husband and wife; *provided*, that in all cases where a married woman has made such contract or agreement as a *feme sole*, under the twenty-third section of this article, she may be proceeded against as therein provided

21. It shall not be necessary for a married woman to have a trustee to secure to her the sole and separate use of her property, but if she desires it, she may make a trustee by deed, her husband joining in the deed, or she may apply to a court of equity and have a trustee appointed, in which appointment the uses and trusts for which the trustee holds the property shall be declared.

22. A married woman having no trustee, may by her next friend sue in a court of law or equity in all cases for the recovery or security or protection of her property, as fully as if she were a *feme sole*.

23. Any married woman who by her skill, industry or personal labor shall earn any money, or other property, real, personal, or mixed, to the value of one thousand dollars or less, over and above her debts, shall hold the same and the fruits, increase and profits thereof, to her sole and separate use, with power as a *feme sole* to invest, and reinvest and sell, and dispose of the same; *provided*, that such money or property shall be liable for the payment of any claim or debt incurred by such married woman, and be liable to be proceeded against by attachment from the Circuit Court, or Superior Court of Baltimore City, upon petition and proof of claim, according to the circumstances of each case, or such property may be proceeded against in equity at the election of the creditor.

24. Any married woman, by herself and in her name, or in the name of any third person, with his assent, as her trustee, may cause