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In this formal garden of legal fiction we are adversaries,  
meeting in safety in order to make a deciduous treaty.

What do you want?      Soft, shining, manageable hair

We are thinking of having a marriage to save the children.

In assessing the amount necessary for child support it is  
important to be able to remember at great length.

Does this fabric support a child?

Will it support two? Do you know how  
to knit or sew? Can you read a map from west to east  
or imagine a scale model of your backyard?

You have no more time to answer.

We encounter situations which are not covered by plenary  
indulgence fasting good works or prayer.

...some mint  
endlessly transplanted  
unplanted now languishing  
in plastic pots like all the unpaid lawyers  
by this time I am screaming  
I am howling like a dog  
I am drunk and howling in complete despair

Baudelaire: There is in all Change something  
at once sordid and agreeable, which smacks of infidelity  
and household removals.

This is sufficient to explain the French Revolution.