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THE HISTORY OF

JACK SPRATT
AND HIS CAT.



Jack Spratt could eat no fat,
||His wife could eat no lean,
And so between them both,
||They pick'd the platter clean.
For Jack eat all the lean,
||And Joan eat all the fat,
The bone they pick'd clean,
||And gave it to the cat.

Jack Spratt bought a Cow,
||His Joan for to please,
For Joan, she could make
||Both butter and cheese,



Or pancakes and puddings,
||Without any fat,
A notable housewife,
||Was little Joan Spratt.
Jack Spratt was the bridegroom,
||Miss Cole was the bride,
Jack said from the church,
||His Joan should ride.



But no coach could take her,
||The street was so narrow,
So without much ado,
||He took her home in a barrow.
Jack brought home his Joan,
||And she sat in a chair,
When in came the cat
||That had got but one ear.



Says Joan I've come home,
||Pray how do you do?
The cat wagged her tail,
||And said nothing but Mew.
Then Joan went to market,
||To buy her some fowls,
She bought a Jack Daw,
||And a couple of Owls.



The Owls they were white,
||And the Jack Daw was black,
They'll make a rare breed,
||Says little Joan Spratt.
When Jack Spratt was young,
||He dress'd very smart,
He courted Jane Cole,
||Till he gain'd her heart.



In his fine leather doublet,
|| And greasy old hat,
O, what a fine fellow,
|| Was little Jack Spratt.
Jack Spratt went to brewing
|| A barrel of Ale,
She put in some hops
|| That it might not turn stale.



But as for the malt,
||She forgot to put that,
This is brave sober liquor,
||Says little Jack Spratt.
Jack Spratt went to market,
||And bought him a mare,
She was lame and quite blind,
||And she could not stare.



Besides she'd the tooth-ache,
||He could not cure that,
I wish she was a hunter,
||Says little Jack Spratt.

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