Socrates Sucoks,

Master Socrates Snooks, a lord of creation, The second time entered the married relation; Xantidpe Caloric accepted his hand,

And they thought him the happiest man in the land. But scarce had the honeymoon passed o'er his

When one morning, to Xantippe, flocrates

41 think, for a man of my standing in life, This house is too small, as I now have a wife; So, as early as possible, carpenter Cary Shall be sent for to widen my honse and my Adairy." Grow

"Now, Socrates, dearest Xantippe replied, "I hate to hear everything yulgarly my'd." Now, whenever you speak of your chattles again.

Bay, our cow house, our barn yard, our pig "By your leave, Mrs. Snooks, I will say what

Of my houses, my lands, my gardens, my trees. "Bay our," Xantippe exclaimed in a rage, "I won't, Mrs. Snooks, though you ask me an

age." Th. weman! though only a part of man's rib, If the story in Genesis don't tell a fib, Should your naughty companion e'er quarrel

with you, You are certain to prove the best man of the

In the following case this was certainly true; For the lovely Xantipps just pulled off her

And laying about her all sides at random, The adage was verified .- "Nil desperandum."

Mister Socrates Snooks, after trying in vain, To ward off the blows which descended like Concluding that valor's best part was discre-

Crept under the bed like a terrified Hessian; But the dauntless Xantippe, not one bit afraid

At last after reasoning the thing in his pate, He concluded "twas useless to strive against fate:"

Converted the seige into a blockade.

And so like a tortolse protruding his head, Said, "My dear, may we come out from under our bed?"

"Hah! hah!" she exclaimed. "Mr. Socrates Snooks, Derceive you agree to my terms by your looks. Now, Socrates -hear me-from this happy

If you'll only obey me, I'll never look sour." 'Tis said the next sabbath ere going to church, He chanced for a clean pair of trowsers to search:

Having found them, he asked, with a few nervous twitches.

"My dear may we put on our new Sunday

An Entire Brick.

Up in Burton, N. II., lived a family of Bricks Urish Brick was the father, and Mrs. Mary Brick was the mother; and excellent people they were. As the oldest boy grew up bright and intelligent, the father, who had done well in the way of raising and selling cattle, determined to give him a collegiate education, and to that end the lad was sent over to Fryeburg academy, not many miles distant, there to receive the necessary educational rudiments.-The youthful Uriah was received and accepted by the principal, and on the following day he made his appearance in the class taught by Professor Swan.

s "Ah, young gentleman," said the professor, looking mildly through his gold-bowed glasses upon the new comer, "this is your first appearance in my class?" .

"Yes, sir." "What is your name?"

"You are a brick!" the youth deliberately enunciated. There could be no mistake. His language was plain.

"What, sir!" cried the professor, aghast.-"Will you repeat those words?"

"You-are-a-brick!"-slowly and em-

"Upon my soul, young man, this is too monstrous! You cannot be in possession of your

senses." "How, sir?" stammered Uriah, Jr., at a loss to understand. "Have I offended?"

"Offended! - Have you not grossly insalted

"Insulted you! I certainly did not mean

· 通行其公司的成本的公司其实企业的 "Did you not tell me that I was a brick?" A gleam of intelligence and relief beamed

upon the youth's ruddy face. "Ah, sir." he said, "I understand the mistake You asked me my name. It is a long one, and I only gave the initials of my baptismal appellatives. My name, in full, is Uriah Reynolds

Anderson Brick." "Ah-'um-yes," muttered the professor, while he mentally calculated the measure and sound of those initials. "Yes, yes-I see.-Well, U-ah-Mr. Brick-we will go on with

But that lesson was not a very profitable one

Saturday afternoon when one of the post-of- stands for Mary." fice boot-blacks fell down in crossing Griswold street and began to pucker his face for a good out?" cry, a policeman remarked;

"Humph! such a big boy as you cry!" "Am I bawling?" asked the boy.

You are just ready to."

What bout ?"

About falling down there." to straighten his face and wipe his eyes at the A Puzzled Bearder.

It was late in the fall when our good Mrs. Middlecrust went down to the market and selected a tub of butter. She always bought good butter. In fact, she was determined that none of her boarders should ever have just cause of complaint against the quality of her provisions.

"Madam,"said the market man, "I would advise you to secure two tubs of that butter. I shall have none better, and butter will be sure to rise in price through the winter."

Mrs. Middlecrust bought two tubs, and on her way home she bethought herself how she could contrive to make that butter last through till spring. Ah! a happy thought; she would toast the bread for supper, and butter it herself. Buttered toast was the thing.

Accordingly the good woman set out upon her plan of saving. For tea the loaves were nicely and evenly sliced, gently browned before the fire, and very gently and carefully buttered. As her boarders took their seats, she fancied that one or two of them were looking for the butter, so she smilingly said: ---

"I have buttered the bread myself, gentlemen. As it was toasted, I thought it would be nicer so.

Mr, Nipkins, a bald headed bank clerk, wearing spectacles, took a slice of the toasted bread and examined it long and critically. "Mr. Nipkins, is anything the matter with

your bread?" asked the landlady. "No, no-nothing is the matter with the bread." And he turned it over and submitted

it to further examination. "Mr. Nipkins," persisted the good woman growing red in the face, "if nothing is the matter, why do you behave in that manner? like my boarders to be frank with me."

"My dear Mrs. Middlecrust," replied Mr. Nip kins, looking up serenely, "1 will be frank.-When I was a boy, if we wished to express a state of extreme mental obtuseness, we were wont to say of the obtuse one, that he didn't know which side his bread was buttered on. I think I must be losing some of my perceptive faculties. I find no fault with your provisions, dear madam, the fault must be in me. I have lived and eaten two and fifty years, and for the first time in my life I find myself unable to decide on which side my bread is buttered."

Mrs. Middlecrust left her boarders to butter their own bread after that...

Kept a Firm Hold of the Receipe.

The Detroit Free Press says : Fifty years old it a day, and her name was Eliza Fox. She lives on National avenue, and she made a trip to the eastern portion of the city to get a receipe for making cake. She got the receiped got some beer, and get in the station, and she wasn't half so anxious about her case as some of the audience. She slowly followed Bijah out, musing:

"Use about a pint of flour, put in a chunk of butter about as large as a walnut, and break

"Now, then," interrupted his honor, "this looks bad to see a woman of your age here." "Well, I had some beer," she softly replied,

and break in four eggs, grate in your lenion

peel, stir well and bake in a hot oven." "What have you to say about this case?" asked the court.

"Nothing. You can do all the talking-quart of flour-four eggs-lemon peel-nvtmeg-hot "You were never here before?"

"I don't remember that I was. Will you take a receipe down for me before I forget it?" "I've got a receipe for ending drunkenness," replied his honor.

"I don't want it; and after the cake has baked for fifteen minutes remove from the oven and put on the frosting." ."Do you want to go to the house of correc-

tion?" queried the court.

"No, sir, I don't. What do I want to go

tramping way up there for?" "But you were so sadly intoxicated that the officer had to hire an express wagon to bring

you down here." "Is that so? Then I came here by express, did I? Was I packed in a box?"

"You must be very careful in the future. It's

a bad thing for a woman to get drunk." "No worse than 'tis for the man; and after the frosting is on, set the cake back in the oven

for three or four minutes." "Will you promise me?" said the court. "Yes, I'll promise!" she angrily exclaimed, "but I wish you wouldn't talk so much you healthy States!

put me all out" She stood off and glared at his honor, and

then tapping her finger at the railing continu-"You take about a quart of flour-about a

quart. You put in a hunk of butter about as big as a walnut, and you break in three or "You may break out," said the court.

"Well, I will. I want to get somewhere where I can write down the receipe, before I

the pushed her way through the crowd to the door, and as she stepped out she was heard

'Quart of flour-four eggs-five minutes:!"

the cow didn't stand for Mary, how could she milk ber?"

"Lunatic fringe," is the name given in New York to the fashion of cropping the hair and "I hain't neither," continued the boy, trying letting the ends hang down over the foreliead.

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