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James Cheever, as my Mother once told me, had many Rabbits to feed. This man was heard frequently to complain that the Rogues were very expensive, and caused him to expend too much money to purchase their daily food of Clover & Cabbage.

After due meditation he resolved to lessen their rations; which though small & scanty ~~at first~~ he thought might still be curtailed a little further. After having done so for some time by diminishing their allowance one half, he congratulated himself on the success of his economical ingenuity and concluded that one third would do as well.

Hearing no voice of complaint from the Warren, for these creatures are patient and quiet ^{being} James Cheever published his sentiments to the world - viz that ^{the present system worked admirably} and that all things were going on well. ~~moreover~~ That his principle of saving in the matter of feeding Rabbits, ought to be known and himself commended for his discovery. But, alas! before his fame in this way had reached the skies, tidings came from the Warren, that the poor Rabbits were some of them Dead: & the Balance having been quite reduced in size had crept through the fence & gone out into some other field, where there was more clover & cabbage. A Old Warren keeper