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I HAVE NOT SEEN many rabbits moping, but when they do, their ears droop.



Peter Rabbit was in low spirits. It had been a rainy summer, his blue coat had been torn by briars and his shoes were hurting.

"*What I need*," he said, "*is a change of scene*."

Benjamin Bunny advised against it.
"*Too many carts on the road*," he said.
"*Too many owls, and too many foxes*."







DISCOURAGED, Peter squeezed under the gate into Mr. McGregor's garden, intending to steal a lettuce.

What should he find by the greenhouse but an interesting basket smelling of onions?

He opened it and climbed in.

