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A COSTLY CHEESE.

A Scottish farmer was one day selling some wool to a carrier, and after weighing it in the yard he went into the house to make out an invoice. Coming back, he missed a cheese which had been standing on a shelf behind the outer door, and, glancing at the bag of wool, he observed that it had suddenly increased in size.

"Man," he said to the carrier, "I hae clean forgotten the weight o' that bag. Let's pit it on the scales again."

The carrier could not refuse.

Being duly weighed, the bag was found to be heavier by the weight of the cheese inside. A new invoice was made out, and the crestfallen carrier went away.

The farmer's wife at once missed the cheese, and, rushing to the yard told her husband that some thief had stolen the cheese.

"Na, na, Meg," replied the farmer quietly. "I hae just sellt the cheese for twa shillin's the pund."