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The sun was smiling down upon the little Forest Folk as they gathered for the big race. It was a very fine day. As the crowd climbed into the grandstand and scurried along the side of the race course, not one of them really expected slow Toby Tortoise to defeat Max Hare. But they all truly admired Toby for having the courage to race against the Champion, for Max Hare was known in the Forest from root to tree top and in the Field from meadow to mountain as the "Blue Streak" and the fastest runner among them all.

Yes, indeed, Max Hare was very fast. Everyone knew it, for always Max would puff out his chest and brag how he could beat any one of the Forest Folk or the Field People who would dare race with him. When Toby Tortoise offered to run against Max in this race, which was to take place this fine afternoon, Max laughed and said:

"The Tortoise is too slow to race.
Why, I can set an easy pace,
And win both first and second place.
He'll only win himself disgrace."