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## The Twelve Days of Christmas

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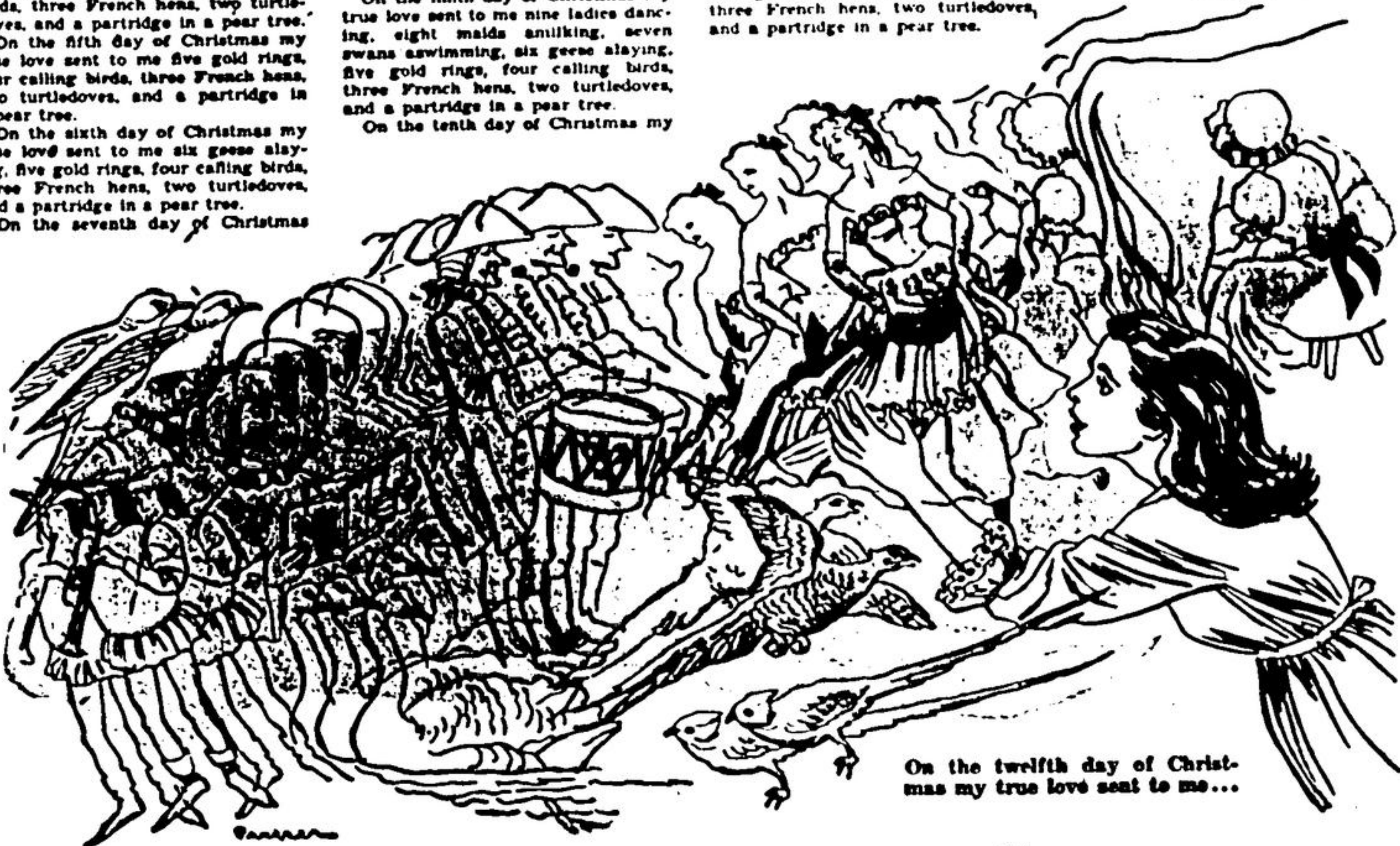
ON the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the seventh day of Christmas

my true love sent to me seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the tenth day of Christmas my

true love sent to me ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  
 On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

Illustrated by A. S. PACKER



On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me...

### Guide to the Best Books for Children

A man recognized around the world as one of the foremost modern authorities on child care and training, Dr. Bala Schick, is quoted as saying that Santa Claus, Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella, not to mention Pinocchio and Winnie-the-Pooh, are good for children.  
 "Children like to believe. It makes Christmas a lot more exciting to believe that toys come from the North Pole, rather than a department store.  
 "They want to learn. And they want to be led. Never forget that classic remark of the child in the progressive school: 'What must I do today that I want to do?'"  
 There is no better way to awaken a child's interest in books than by reading aloud in the home. Start with poetry. The rhythmic,

rhyming lines and airy allusions of verse appeal instinctively to children. Nursery rhymes and fairy tales are invaluable as a preparation for an appreciation of literature in later life.  
 Following is a list of best books for children selected by Clark Kianabek, literary reviewer of the New York Journal-American, in consultation with the Children's Book Council and other authorities. There are recommendations for each age group. The title appears first, followed by the author or illustrator, and the publisher in the U. S. Persons whose community does not have a bookshop usually can order by mail through book departments of large department stores. Most of the selections are available in foreign editions, in various languages.

#### FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX

ABC Bunny	Wanda Gag	Coward-McCann
Child's Garden of Verses	Jessie Wilcox Smith	Oxford Univ. Press
Christmas Bunny	Walt and Nicolas	Harcourt, Brace
The First Golden Counting Book	Lillian Moore	Simon & Schuster
Little Aulo, The Little Toad	Lois Lenski	Oxford Univ. Press
Madelaine	Hardie Gramatky	Putnam
Night Before Christmas	Ludwig Bemelmans	Simon & Schuster
Peter's New Suit	Arthur Rackham	Lippincott
Peter Rabbit	Elsa Beskow	Harper
Sing Song (verse)	Beatrice Potter	Warne
Story of Little Black Sambo	Christina Rossetti	Macmillan
	Helen Bannerman	Viking Press

#### FOR CHILDREN SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT

100 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, The	"Dr. Seuss"	Vanguard Press
English Fairy Tales	Joseph Jacobs, Ed.	Putnam
Golden Dictionary	Ellen W. Walpole	Simon & Schuster
Little Engine That Could	Watty Piper	Platt & Munk
Many Moons	James Thurber	Harcourt, Brace
Mission Bill, The	Leo Pollit	Scribner's
Oddly Land (verse)	Edward Anthony	Doubleday
Peterkin Takes a Trip	Roger Duvalain	Knopf
Red Rover of Hamelin	Kate Greenway	Warne
Poo-Poo and the Dragon	C. S. Forester	Little, Brown
Story of Baber, The	Jean de Brunhoff	Random House
Story of Ferdinand, The	Munro Leaf	Viking Press
Story of Old and New	Wm. Cole, Ed.	World Pub. Co.
Tales from Grimm	Wanda Gag	Coward-McCann
Twenty One Balloons, The	William Penn Du Bois	Viking Press
The Village Tree	Taro Yashima	Viking Press
Winnie-the-Pooh	A. A. Milne	Dutton

#### ANTHOLOGIES

Family Treasury of Children's Stories, The	Pauline Rush Evans, Ed.	Doubleday
Illustrated Treasury of Children's Literature	Margaret E. Martignoni, Ed.	Grosset & Dunlap

A fine modern collection of rhymes and poems "for the young of all ages," is Come Hither, edited and annotated by Walter de la Mare, with decorations by Warren Chappell (A. A. Knopf, Inc.).  
 A good guidebook for parents, teachers and librarians in cultivation of children's reading habits is The Proof of the Pudding, by Phyllis Farnes (John Day Co.). It has synopses of many of the books listed here.

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### Municipalities Gain By New Legislation

Effective December 1, 1957, the distinction which has existed between the employable and the unemployable person will be abolished. Hereafter, an unemployed person will be eligible for assistance under the administration of the respective municipalities, subject to the established standards for granting assistance. This has been made possible by

the announced intention of the federal government, as given on the 25th of November at the Federal-Provincial Conference, to remove the 45 per cent threshold provision. It is understood that the new arrangement will become effective January 1, 1958, but in the meantime, Ontario is extending the existing provisions to the municipalities, effective December 1, 1957.  
 1. Municipal contributions to unemployment assistance will be reduced to 20 per cent, (present

municipal contribution is 40 per cent).  
 2. The province hereafter will pay 80 per cent of the cost of medical services to recipients of unemployment assistance. The Federal government does not contribute to this service. The effect of the province's action will be to reduce the present municipal share of the cost of medical services from 40 per cent to 20 per cent.  
 3. At the present time the Provincial government is contributing to municipally operated homes for the aged, 50 per cent of the net cost of maintenance. This amount will be increased to approximately 75 per cent effective January 1, 1958. This percentage is somewhat variable due to differences in standards among county homes.  
 4. Certain private charitable institutions which are operated by such organizations as the Salvation Army, Houses of Providence, and the various churches, give care to

### Television to Give Inside Look At Liberal Convention in January

Plans are being made to give Canadians from coast to coast the unique experience of seeing for themselves how a political party condenses cross-country opinion into a practical philosophy of government.  
 Discussions now under way with the CBC are aimed at televising the actual deliberations of the Resolutions Committee during the Liberal Party's National Convention here January 14-16.  
 "The Convention belongs entirely to the delegates from the various provinces and federal constituencies," Duncan MacTavish, Q.C., National Liberal Federation Chairman, said. "They are the ones who will choose the new party leader, and they are also the ones who will present the resolutions which will determine the Liberal Party's approach to national and local problems."  
 Another feature of the Convention will be making time available for delegates to put forward resolutions from the Convention floor itself.  
 "One quarter of the total time during which the three-day Convention will sit," Mr. MacTavish said,

### Two Nominees Qualify After 11 Nominated

ERIN On Friday evening, December 6, a second nomination meeting was held in the Erin town hall in order to fill the vacancy on the School Board and Hydro Commission.  
 Between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m., nominations for the above mentioned offices were accepted by the village clerk, Greta Dickinson.  
 The following were nominated for School Board: Mrs. P. O'Sullivan, Oswald Griffiths, Mrs. Gordon Wright, R. J. McEnery, Cecil Chambers, James Scott and Wm. Mundell for Hydro Commissioner; Wm. Bailey, H. L. Harris, R. C. Meehan and Auburn Wright.  
 At the final hour of declaration, Oswald Griffiths qualified to complete the School Board and Auburn Wright for the Hydro Commission.  
 "has been set aside for resolutions from the floor. We believe that no party can truly represent all sections of the country unless representatives of each section are allowed to make their opinions known."

### To Receive Chain After 100 Years

OAKVILLE — Oakville's mayor has not had a chain of office in a hundred years.  
 Mayor William Anderson drew attention to this fact at Monday's council meeting when he produced a specimen chain of the sort he thought Oakville ought to have — something simple, dignified, ornate, but not gaudy.  
 "We should start the next 100 years with a chain," he said. "And we should have engraved on it the names of all the mayors who have served Oakville during the last hundred years."  
 The matter is receiving the consideration of council.

### One Receives O.K. Another Turned Down

OAKVILLE—Oakville council on Monday night gave permission to the Imperial Oil Company to erect a service station at the Dundas Street and 8th Line intersection, and turned down Cities Service Oil Company's application for permission to build a service station on Kerr Street North.  
 The reason: Imperial Oil's application was dated November 13. The by-law against additional service stations in Oakville was passed on November 18. The application from Cities Service was dated December 3.



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