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VIEWPOINT

Commemorative Issue: The Twelve Days of Christmas

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On the first day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 2 ballpoint pens and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 6 baseball tickets, a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 10 movie passes, 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 11 ounces of caviar, 10 movie passes, 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets,

a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 12 long-stemmed roses, 11 ounces of caviar, 10 movie passes, 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-pound ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

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