



The Twelve Days of (A Cricketing) Christmas

(with apologies to Frederic Austin and Frederick Swards Trueman)





On the first day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
a new pair of cricket boots



On the second day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
two make do and menders
and a new pair of cricket boots



On the third day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
three groundstaff a-tending
two make do and menders
and a new pair of cricket boots



On the fourth day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
four pavement players
three groundstaff a-tending
two make do and menders
and a new pair of cricket boots



On the fifth day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
FIVE OLD BALLS
four pavement players
three groundstaff a-tending
two make do and menders
and a new pair of cricket boots



On the sixth day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
six set on celebration
FIVE OLD BALLS
four pavement players
three groundstaff a-tending
two make do and menders
and a new pair of cricket boots



On the seventh day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
 seven villagers a-cricketing
 six set on celebration
 FIVE OLD BALLS
 four pavement players
 three groundstaff a-tending
 two make do and menders
 and a new pair of cricket boots



On the eighth day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
 eight gals preparing
 seven villagers a-cricketing
 six set on celebration
 FIVE OLD BALLS
 four pavement players
 three groundstaff a-tending
 two make do and menders
 and a new pair of cricket boots



On the ninth day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
 nine anxious for the scorecard
 eight gals preparing
 seven villagers a-cricketing
 six set on celebration
 FIVE OLD BALLS
 four pavement players
 three groundstaff a-tending
 two make do and menders
 and a new pair of cricket boots



On the tenth day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
 ten happy High School hitters
 nine anxious for the scorecard
 eight gals preparing
 seven villagers a-cricketing
 six set on celebration
 FIVE OLD BALLS
 four pavement players
 three groundstaff a-tending
 two make do and menders
 and a new pair of cricket boots



On the eleventh day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
 eleven Shivaji warriors
 ten happy High School hitters
 nine anxious for the scorecard
 eight gals preparing
 seven villagers a-cricketing
 six set on celebration
 FIVE OLD BALLS
 four pavement players
 three groundstaff a-tending
 two make do and menders
 and a new pair of cricket boots



On the twelfth day of Cricket my true-man sent to me:
 twelve kute kwik kricketers
 eleven Shivaji warriors
 ten happy High School hitters
 nine anxious for the scorecard
 eight gals preparing
 seven villagers a-cricketing
 six set on celebration
 FIVE OLD BALLS
 four pavement players
 three groundstaff a-tending
 two make do and menders
 and a new pair of cricket boots
 Phew!!!!

Season's Greetings &
A Happy New Year
from all at Project Front Foot