Our collections are always giving...stories, clues, and even headaches. As the new year dawns, it is fun to reflect on the gifts your collection continually gives by its pure existence. So, in the spirit of today being the eighth day of the Christmas Season, here is a little link party in the form of a riff on the Twelve Days of Christmas. But not to worry, I will not subject you to the full ordeal of counting up to twelve and back down again! See if you can find the connection between the original item in the song, the gift from the collection, and the Collections Advisor link!

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Crispus Attucks High School Band, (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)
Facebook Christmas Party. (Indiana Historical Society)

Nine Delicate Ball Gowns
Eight Wooden Buckets
Seven Feather Hats

Portrait of a Woman in a Feathered Hat. (Indiana Historical Society)

Six Goose Down Pillows
Five Golden Rings
Four Rotary Phones
Three French Souvenirs
Arc de Triomphe, France, Postcard. (Indiana Historical Society)

Two Victorian Valentines

And a Taxidermy Partridge in a Pear Tree!!!