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Dear Mrs. Hoover,

On May 13, 1959 Canada issued a single commemorative stamp for the Associated Country Women of the World. This stamp was partly in honor of Adelaide Hoodless of Hamilton Ontario. A public school in that city was named after her. When Helen Fitzgerald designed this stamp (sample enclosed) I accused her in the Globe and Mail of stealing the design from an earlier Polish stamp. In turn the Polish artist swiped the design from a German coin of 1946 but he reversed the figure turning it from right to left. She made it like the German coin.

The paper came out on a Saturday with my stamp column in it, and on Sunday night Mrs. Bacon (her married name) telephoned to me and screamed her bloody head off at my accusation. She lives about 25 miles from us, but if I had opened our front door I'm sure that my wife and I could have heard her yelling. I have all three: German coin, Polish stamp and our Canadian stamp in an exhibit of stamps at the Royal Ontario Museum at the present time. I shudder to think what Helen will do if she sees it.

Good luck, but send me a stamped addressed envelope next time? This postage for hundreds of letters every month costs me a small fortune in a year.

Sincerely yours

*Douglas Patrick*  
 Douglas Patrick  
 Globe and Mail philatelist.



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