

appeared it was discovered to the great indignation of the loyal colonists, that while thirty thousand of the ten-cent stamps bore the head of Queen Victoria, fifty thousand five-cent stamps bore the proud and complacent features of the Honourable Charles Connell. The Lieutenant-Governor stopped the issue of the five-cent stamps and the Postmaster-General was forced to resign. Specimens of the Connell five-cent stamp are now worth over a hundred pounds.

A set of United States stamps issued, in 1893, in honour of Christopher Columbus, contrast amusingly. One design shows a clean-shaven Columbus sighting land while another pictures him landing wearing a fully-grown beard.

A pictorial stamp was wanted by the government of the Philippines in 1932. The engraver was asked to select a picture of the famed Pagsanjan falls.

When the stamps appeared they were highly praised until a keen Chicago collector noticed an amazing similarity in the picture of the falls and one of the Yosemite Valley falls in the United States. The designer confessed that he had been unable to find a satisfactory picture of the Philippine falls and had substituted the American scene.

A series of controversial statements greeted a Canadian stamp issued in 1933 to mark the centenary of the first trans-Atlantic steamer crossing. The *Royal William*, an old-time steamer was shown on the stamp, but historians asserted that the *Savannah* had made a voyage in 1819.

One of the finest collections of stamps in the world is owned by King George. His great range of rare specimens includes most of those mentioned in this article, the majority of them having been collected by King George V, who was an enthusiastic philatelist.

Confucius Said.....

A type of humour recently in vogue ascribed to the ancient Chinese philosopher, Confucius, many sayings of which that worthy gentleman most probably never heard. To most occidental peoples Confucius is not more than a name, though his works are still studied in Chinese schools. He lived in the sixth century before Christ, and by all accounts was a man of simple tastes. Records of the time state that he would not have red or purple pyjamas, that he always wore a nightgown longer by half than his body; that he was very particular about his food; that he drank without any set limit, but without getting drunk; and that during thunderstorms his face always changed colour.

The following quotations are translations of what Confucius really DID say:—

"To know what you know and know what you don't know is the characteristic of one who knows."

"The people who live extravagantly are apt to be snobbish, and the people who live simply are apt to be vulgar. I prefer the vulgar people to the snobs."

"You can kill the general of an army, but you cannot kill the ambition of a common man."

"The wise man has no perplexities, the true man has no sorrow, and the brave man has no fear."

"Those who are born wise are the highest type of people; those who become wise through learning come next; those who learn by sheer diligence and industry, but with difficulty, come after that. Those who are slow to learn, but still won't learn, are the lowest type of people."