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# THE TOULMIN AWARD

**C**OLONEL H. A. TOULMIN is a prominent patent attorney of Dayton, Ohio. He is known internationally for his ability along this line and for his work in engineering circles. He is an alumnus of the Ohio State University of the Class of 1913, College of Law.

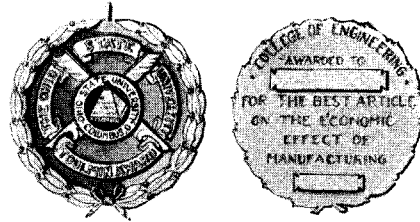
During his career he achieved special distinction to which recognition was given by the award of a medal. This was very significant to the Colonel and made him feel that special ability should be rewarded in similar fashion.

He has, therefore, presented to the University, College of Engineering, a series of five medals, one of which will be awarded each year to the student showing special ability along specific lines dealing with the economics of manufacturing. The subject chosen this year for competition is "The Concentration and Decentralization of Manufacturing Industries in the State of Ohio."

Students or post graduate men in our college will be expected to write a fully detailed article or thesis dealing with this subject, and the successful man will receive a very beautiful gold medal like the cut shown herewith. The prestige involved will be very great.

There are many interesting questions involved in this subject and it is hoped that students will respond to the incentive of the award.

Why, for example, is the rubber industry concentrated around Akron? Why do Cleveland and Cincinnati



*Design of the Toulmin Medal*

share honors as centers of machine tool manufacturing? Why has the automotive industry passed Ohio by, except for the White Motor Company in Cleveland, and yet Ohio retains many automobile parts companies?

Why is Nela Park, Cleveland, the center of lamp making activities? Why are there so many paint and varnish firms in Cleveland? Why is Dayton such an industrial center of internationally known products, and Columbus so weak?

Finally, why has Timken Roller Bearing Company two plants, one in Canton and the other in Columbus?

These questions and many others of the like will stimulate thinking and we hope will stimulate a desire to take an active part in writing an article for the award. Colonel Toulmin points out that such a study is of vital importance and of practical value, and would direct public attention to the fine work being done at our University.

Articles should be submitted by next May, this year, and we sincerely hope there will be many of them.