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**I**N order to call out some of the hitherto undeveloped talent of the patrons of THE TECH, and also to give them the benefit of its improved financial condition, the management has decided to offer cash prizes to the amount of \$40, as follows; two prizes, of \$10 and \$5 respectively, for the best drawings or cartoons, and two of \$15 and \$10 respectively, for the best continued stories. The competition is subject to the following conditions:—

Each drawing or manuscript must be handed in on or before Oct. 15, 1885, and is to be the exclusive property of THE TECH.

Each drawing or manuscript must be accompanied by the author's name in a sealed envelope, distinctly marked with the title of the design or manuscript which the envelope accompanies.

No competitor shall receive two prizes. An illustrated story shall receive only one prize, though illustrated by some one other than the author.

All manuscripts must be written on one side only of letter size paper ( $9\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{3}{8}$ ), the sheets to be securely fastened together in such a manner that the contents may be easily read. The paper should not be folded.

All drawings should be on smooth paper, in India ink, and of not more than 12" in either dimension.

The competition for these prizes is open to graduates and students of the Institute only. The award will be made as soon as practicable after Oct. 15, by competent and disinterested judges, selected by the board of directors.

The stories should be of such a length as to cover from ten to twenty pages of THE TECH, as printed during the past year.

## Only a Bit of Paper.

'T was only a bit of paper,  
Only a note to Pa;  
Yet to me more cruel  
Than any he 'd had so far;  
Bringing the dismal story  
Of all that I did n't know  
Of physics, and math. and German,  
All printed, and signed "Munroe."

Methinks from its page so hateful,  
I see some grim words start,—  
Words so familiar and cruel,  
Bringing despair to my heart.  
For they carry me back to old "Rogers,"  
Up one flight, and in room twenty-one,  
And these are the words on the black-board:  
"At twelve, this exam. must be done."

Only a bit of paper,  
Innocent looking enough;  
But the Faculty's rules are unswerving,  
And not made of changeable stuff;  
So to grind through vacation I 'm doomed;  
Hard luck, to be sure, but remember,  
"Conditions acquired in May  
Must always be met in September."

E. PITHET.

## Loammi Baldwin.

**N**O man so well deserves the name of the father of civil engineering in America as Loammi Baldwin. Living, as he did, before the days of the railway system, and almost before engineering was recognized as a profession, his name is known to very few at the present time; but there is no one man among the leaders in industrial work in this country to whom we owe more. There were very few works of internal improvement carried out in America during the first thirty years of the present century, with which Mr. Baldwin was not concerned, and his two great works, the government dry docks at Charlestown and Norfolk, stand to-day unsurpassed among the great engineering structures of the country.

The subject of our sketch was the fourth child of Colonel Loammi Baldwin, a noted citizen of Woburn, in this State, and a distinguished soldier under Washington during the Revolutionary War; serving at the siege of Boston, at