

# SYSTEM OF AWARDS

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[*Extract from Circular of April 8, 1876.*]

Awards shall be based upon written reports attested by the signatures of their authors.

The Judges will be selected for their known qualifications and character, and will be experts in departments to which they will be respectively assigned. The foreign members of this body will be appointed by the Commission of each country and in conformity with the distribution and allotment to each, which will be hereafter announced. The Judges from the United States will be appointed by the Centennial Commission.

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Reports and awards shall be based upon inherent and comparative merit. The elements of merit shall be held to include considerations relating to originality, invention, discovery, utility, quality, skill, workmanship, fitness for the purposes intended, adaptation to public wants, economy and cost.

Each report will be delivered to the Centennial Commission as soon as completed, for final award and publication.

Awards will be finally decreed by the United States Centennial Commission, in compliance with the Act of Congress, and will consist of a diploma with a uniform Bronze Medal, and a special report of the Judges on the subject of the Award.

Each exhibitor will have the right to produce and publish the report awarded to him, but the United States Centennial Commission reserves the right to publish and dispose of all reports in the manner it thinks best for public information, and also to embody and distribute the reports as records of the Exhibition.

## ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES OF THE JUDGES.

[*Extract from Circular of May 1, 1876.*]

Two hundred and fifty Judges have been appointed to make such reports, one-half of whom are foreigners and one-half citizens of the United States. They have been selected for their known qualifications and character, and are presumed to be experts in the Groups to which they have been respectively assigned. The foreign members of this body have been appointed  
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