rejuvenated pump, as a reminder of the season of the year.

That energetic publication, the *Railroad Gazette*, continues to keep abreast of the times and to hold its own as the standard journal on all subjects relating to its special department. Besides the vigorous but perhaps too one-sided article on "The Education of Engineers," from which we quote in another column, a November issue contains, among other matter, a complete account of the "Tests of Passenger Locomotives on the Boston and Albany," made by Mr. George H. Barrus, a graduate of the M. I. T.

An editorial in *Cotton, Wool and Iron* for Dec. 2, comparing the instruction at Harvard College with that given at the Institute of Technology, says, "There are one hundred students of the Institute paying their own way, earning respect and position, where there is one from Harvard College who has taken the same ground and maintained it for any considerable length of time consequitively."

In the issue of Dec. 9 is a full report of a lecture on the "Growth of the Steam Engine," delivered by Prof. Channing Whitaker before the Rhode Island Association of Steam Engineers, on Dec 2, 1882.

The following is evidently from some Yale paper:

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**In the Future.**

I saw a tadpole in a bog.
Close by upon a sunny log
There basked a large and pompous frog.

The tadpole gazed with envious eye
Upon the scene, then heaved a sigh,
And softly whispered, "By and by."

The Freshman gazed with look intense,
Upon the awe-inspiring fence,
And softly whispered, "One year hence."

O tadpole Freshman in the bog,
Remain one year, then mount the log,
A full-formed Sophomoric frog.

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Is a girl who goes to church to show her new seal-skin garment sacque religious? — *Com. Bulletin.*

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**PIPES** are taking the place of cigarettes at Columbia, according to the *Spectator*.

The Yale crew has already begun work.

Columbia is to have a new observatory.

Bowdoin Seniors are to have lectures on the fine arts.

A gum game — hunting for one's rubbers. — *Lampoon.*

Rushes between '85 and '86 have been common at Columbia.

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**Triolets.**

For a moment or two
We've been both very quiet —
And, between me and you,
For a moment or two
I've not known what to do,
But my thoughts have run riot.
For a moment or two
We've been both very quiet.

Her eye looks askance
But her smile is suspicious.
Were it not for that glance
Her eye darts askance,
I should think I'd a chance —
Is the moment auspicious?
Her eye looks askance,
But her smile is suspicious.

Her glance is subdued,
But her lips are a-pouting.
There's a change in her mood,
Her glance is subdued —
I was not very rude.
Will she give me a flouting?
Her glance is subdued,
But her lips are a-pouting.

Hush! she's going to speak,
I've a penitent forehead;
I appear very meek.
Hush! she's going to speak.
How she dimples her cheek!
"Jack, I think you are horrid!"
Hush! she's going to speak —
I've a penitent forehead. — *Chaff.*