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sua de them to give us the bank. Now, the banks have all my money; and I really haven't the heart to withdraw it and cripple them. They put up with me nobly when I was crowding them with deposits, and I feel it would be the basest ingratitude to forget all this kindness and start a run on them now. Pray excuse me on this occasion. Bring out a stronger candidate. Have a talk with some other distinguished public benefactor of untold wealth and large ideas. If I had the cold cash in the house, a dray should be hired at once and a large load taken to the residence of each of you. But I cannot, cannot strike this cruel blow at the innocent and confiding banks. Kindly overlook this emotion and let me say farewell. But stay! A thought has just seized me. If I cannot give you the money in current coin of the realm, I may perhaps contribute it in another shape. I shall write you out an order on an eminent Toronto publisher, John Ross Robertson. He has been pirating my books for a number of years. If he honors the order and deals fairly with you, you ought to realize enough to found a first-class college, with a tall tower and iron dogs on the door-step."

The committee, without a word and with one accord, immediately withdrew.

The college scheme has been temporarily abandoned.

T. T.

ONLY.
 Only a dude in tightest pants
 Pacing Toronto's streets;
 Only a dude with eye-glass raised,
 Ogling the girls he meets.
 Only a bit of orange peel
 Lying so careless there;
 Only a dude stretched helpless,
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 Only a copper on his beat,
 Who thinks some funny thinks;
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