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THE REV. JOHN JASPER.

The Preacher Who Vows That the Sun  
Do Move.

A newspaper wag, writing to his journal a  
letter from the capital of Virginia about this  
colored divine, has the impudence to head  
his letter: "Richmond's Most Celebrated  
Preacher." The worst of it is that this is  
fact, too.

Rev. Jasper has a substantial church, all  
his own. It is in the heart of "Africa," as  
the northern part of Richmond is called. It  
is attractive looking, built of brick, is large  
enough to hold 500 persons, and is always  
filled. That is more than hundreds of white  
doctors of divinity, who preside over the  
richest of city congregations, can say of  
theirs.

Rev. Jasper's sheep are well dressed, too.  
They come of the cream of the Richmond  
colored society, which prides itself on its  
blood, the best blood of Old Virginia, sah!  
It is more than half right, too; at least it is  
just about half right; for the negroes of  
Richmond are half white, a very large num-  
ber of them; and not a few are cousins by  
not many removes to colonels, judges,  
congressmen, generals and even presidents  
that have been.

To people like these handsome, lazy quad-  
roons, mulattoes and octoroons, Jasper  
preaches. His col-  
lections are liberal,  
and there cannot  
be seen a ragged or  
untidy negro in the  
congregation.  
Their clothes, the  
women's, outvie the  
peacock for splen-  
dor of color and  
silkeness. The men  
strut in broad-  
cloths and white  
vests, and white  
neck ties. There is  
really no reason  
why they should  
not be well dressed.



REV. JOHN JASPER.

These Richmond  
negroes go out to  
service at watering places and seashore re-  
sorts during the season. They get high wages,  
and they are besides the most inveterate  
beggars in America. The half worn or even  
new, handsome garment, which they cannot  
beg away from the luckless watering place  
sojourner, the dollar or half dollar which  
they can't coax out of him, isn't worth hav-  
ing. They ought to be well dressed, bother  
them.

Jasper, himself, appears resplendent in  
fine black broadcloth, with gold shirt  
studs and a white necktie, and a watch  
chain. He is three-quarters black, and  
nearly 70 years old now. He is tolerably  
well informed in books, but uses the negro  
dialect persistently in his talk. This is a  
regularity of most negroes in the south.  
Many of them can read and write well—  
excellent English, in fact. But they associate  
only with their own race away from school.  
Hearing only the negro dialect in ordinary  
conversation, it is difficult to see how they  
can ever learn correct English under such  
conditions.

Jasper still adheres to his doctrine that the  
sun do move. He plants the statement on  
the Bible and stakes his last hope of salvation  
upon it. White persons, strangers in Rich-  
mond, frequently go to his church. It is one  
of the lions of the city. Among these  
stranger visitors some time since were Mr.  
and Mrs. Moneuro D. Conway. "M. D. C."  
gives an amusing account of the sermon.  
The preacher was evidently flattered by the  
presence of his distinguished auditors, and  
yet was struggling not to appear so. He  
went out of his way to administer sounding  
whacks to learned people who do not be-  
lieve the word of God.

He never fails to do this, for among his  
own congregation are some black sheep,  
at least yellow sheep, who refuse to admit that  
"the sun do move." They say they only go  
to church "for style," like white folk. Says  
Jasper:

"There is some folks heah that is not heah  
for the love of God, but jes' to catch up  
somethin' to carry away and laff at."

The Secretary of the Pan Electric Tele-  
phone Company.

The Pan Electric Telephone company in-  
vestigation threatens to become as celebrated  
a case as the Credit Mobilier scandal. Our  
readers may not have followed the investi-  
gation as it drags through the hands of a con-  
gressional committee. The facts, as far as  
outsiders can get at them, are these: There is  
a powerful organization called the Bell Tele-  
phone company. It has the telephone busi-  
ness of the United States largely in its control.  
Opposed to it is the Pan Electric company,  
ostensibly at the head of which are Dr. J.  
Rogers and his son. Members of congress  
and even of the cabinet have stock in the  
Pan Electric company, and are accused of  
using the influence of their official position to  
forward the interests of the company. It is  
war to the knife between the Bell and the  
Pan Electric concerns, and they have law-  
suits pending in the United States courts to  
determine the patent rights of each.



CASEY YOUNG.

Casey Young, of Memphis, Tenn., is the  
secretary of the Pan Electric company. He  
declared before the congressional committee  
that the Bell Telephone company controls  
the newspaper press of the nation and all  
congress, too. That, he says, is the reason  
why so many papers are hounding certain  
high officials so persistently and demanding  
their resignation. He says these journals  
are well paid for their services.

Casey Young is a shrewd, determined  
man. He is a lawyer and a Democrat and  
has been a member of four congresses. He  
is not in at present, however.

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