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The Old Detective's Pupil; Or, The Mysterious Crime of Madison Square is the first story ever published featuring the character of "Detective Nick Carter". It was originally published for thirteen weeks, starting September 18, 1886 in Street and Smith's New York Weekly story paper (Vol. 41, No. 46). Created and written by John Russell Coryell, the story had proven popular enough for the publishers to consider launching the character of "Detective Nick Carter" in a regular series, what became to be known as the Nick Carter Detective Library -- a year before the first Sherlock Holmes story was published.

The Old Detective's Pupil is the first of three novels written about Nick Carter and published in the New York Weekly. The story introduced the youthful detective who would go on to become one of the most popular heroes of the 19th and 20th centuries. The three stories created by John Russell Coryell make up a unit, in which the character of Nick Carter develops as changes in his life and profession are revealed to the reader.

In The Old Detective's Pupil, Nick's father, Sim Carter, is approached by banker Gerald Livingston to locate his missing daughter, Mabel. Nick takes the case for himself and does the initial investigation disguised as his own father. His investigation stirs up a hornets nest and provides tragedy when old Sim Carter is murdered. Nick then has a double goal: find Mabel Livingston and find his fathers killers. To accomplish both he needs to apply all that his father had taught him about the art of detection, because he is the title character, the old detectives pupil. It was only the beginning.

The original story, in it's entirety, has been hand-typed from rare copies of the original 1886 New York Weekly story papers and reprinted by Dime Novel Castle -- an online library that creates textually correct reproductions of select rare, out-of-print dime novels and serials, published from 1860 thru 1915.

Look for the other two original stories in this "Nick Carter Detective" series, also reproduced by Dime Novel Castle. The second story in this series is, A Wall Street Haul; Or, A Bold Stroke For a Fortune, and the third story is, Fighting Against Millions; Or, The Detective in The Jewel Caves of Kurm. Dime Novel Castle has also reproduced the entire collection of the Nick Carter Detective Library.



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