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#### PREFATORY NOTE

"THE LOTTERY TICKET" appeared originally as a serial story in eight numbers of the *Youth's Companion*. In its present form it is considerably enlarged; several chapters or parts of chapters have been added, in order to introduce scenes deemed needful for a satisfactory completion of the narrative, but which could not be conveniently brought within the limited space allotted to serial stories in that popular periodical. Ray Vancey's extraordinary conduct seemed especially to require some further elucidation. This is furnished by his own statement of his acts and motives in his so-called "confession."

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge, in this place, my indebtedness to Miss Martha Bradshaw, of Orange, N.J., for the leading incidents on which the story is founded.

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