

## PÈRE RAPHAËL

The alarmed Davezac pressed close.

"You leff her?"

"She begged me to go! It was to find you! Oh, sir, I'll buy off the pawnbroker if only you'll not fight until we've got everything back into the judge's house!"

"But yo' daughteh! yo' daughteh! when you have ritturn'?"

"I found her note. She'd seen Father Pierre passing, called him in and told him all! And she's gone with him, writing me that I'd understand! But I don't, and I can't, and I'm afraid something dreadful has——"

"Ah, madame, with Father Pierre, no! They 'ave gone perchance ad the judge. I'll go there and——"

He sprang to go, but at the second stride halted squarely before the small, cowled