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DOMINICI CHARGED.

In the cemetery at Ferecalquier lie the bodies of Sir Jack Drummond, Lady Drummond and their eleven year old daughter Elizabeth. All were found brutally murdered fifteen months ago near "La Grande Terre" a farm belonging to 76 year old Gaston Dominici. Police seemed to make no progress with their enquires, until recently Dominici's sons Gustave and Clovis were closely interrogated again and were taken over the scene of the crime. Finally both made statements that their father was the murderer. Individually they were asked to point out where the old man had hidden the gun. Both statements tallied exactly.

Then Dominici confessed and the details of the killings were filled in. This is the American Rock carbine used to shoot Sir Jack and Lady Drummond. Detectives conferred on the murder site. Near this bridge the gun was found. Having shot the Drummond parents, the murderer clubbed their daughter to death near the river. The bodies of Sir Jack and Lady Drummond were found by the side of the road, where the family had camped overnight.

Detectives took Dominici's sons in for further questioning, for they are still far from satisfied with the old man's confession, which does not account for other evidence they held. This is Dominici, a stocky, aggressive farmer of Corsican peasant descent. At the moment he is kept under strict guard, for he is alleged to have attempted suicide many times since his arrest. If Gaston Dominici is found guilty his great age will save him from the penalty of death.