

Poirot I know the real name of the dead man ! I know why he had to leave America ! Mr Cassetti !

Mrs Bouc Cassetti, Cassetti... Oh, yes ! It was a crime in America, wasn't it ?

Poirot Yes, it was in America. The Armstrong baby.

Mrs Bouc Of course, the little girl who was kidnapped and murdered !

Poirot Colonel Armstrong was an Englishman, a distinguished soldier. The Armstrongs lived in America and they had one child, whom they loved dearly.

When she was three years old, she was kidnapped and an incredibly high sum of money was demanded as the price of her return.

Mrs Bouc ...and after the money had been handed over, they found the little girl's body.

The kidnapper was arrested.

Poirot Yes, Cassetti was the head of a kidnapping syndicate and enormously rich, but the court acquitted him.

Mrs Bouc So he has been living abroad under an assumed name !

Consignes de codage

Hypothèse conclusive pertinente (<i>L'homme a été tué <u>par vengeance</u>, pour le meurtre et le kidnapping d'une fillette</i>)	code 1
Hypothèse conclusive incomplète (<i>L'homme a été tué parce qu'il a tué/kidnappé une fillette</i>)	code 2
Hypothèse non pertinente mais plausible (<i>Il a été tué parce qu'il a dû quitter l'Amérique / lors de son arrestation / parce qu'il était riche</i>)	code 6
Réponse non pertinente et non plausible (<i>Il a été tué par des bandits lors d'un hold up ; dans un accident,...</i>)	code 9
Pas de réponse	code 0