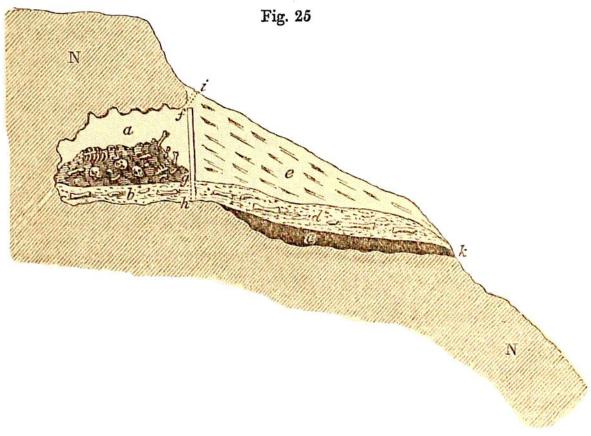
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rock, about forty-five feet above the brook, is now visible the entrance of a grotto, a, fig. 25, which opened originally on the terrace h, c, k, which slopes gently towards the valley.



Section of part of the hill of Fajoles passing through the sepulchral grotto of Aurignac (E. Lartet).

- a Part of the vault in which the remains of seventeen human skeletons were found.
- b Layer of made ground, two feet thick, inside the grotto in which a few human bones, with entire bones of extinct and living species of animals, and many works of art were embedded.
- c Layers of ashes and charcoal, six inches thick, with broken, burnt, and gnawed bones of extinct and recent mammalia; also hearth-stones and works of art; no human bones.
- d Deposit with similar contents and a few scattered cinders.
- e Talus of rubbish washed down from the hill above.
- f, g Slab of rock which closed the vault, not ascertained whether it extended to h.
- f, i Rabbit burrow which led to the discovery of the grotto.
- h, k Original terrace on which the grotto opened.
- N Nummulitic limestone of hill of Fajoles.

Until the year 1852, the opening into this grotto was masked by a talus of small fragments of limestone and earthy matter, e, such as the rain may have washed down the slope of the hill. In that year a labourer named Bonnemaison,