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LITERATURE

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SEE: FOR A SIMILAR CLUB: ART AND ARTEFACTS, THE JAMES HOOPER COLLECTION, STEVEN PHELPS, HUTCHISON & CO, LONDON, 1976, PLATE 114, PAGE 201, NUMBER 879