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LITERATURE

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PROVENANCE

SEE: FINCH & CO ITEM NO. 5, CATALOGUE NUMBER 24, SUMMER 2015 FOR A GERMAN HEART SHAPED TORTOISESHELL SILVER MOUNTED FLASK AND ITEM NO. 75, CATALOGUE 34, SUMMER 2020 FOR A SPANISH COLONIAL MOTHER OF PEARL SILVER MOUNTED FLASK