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LITERATURE

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SEE: FOR A PAIR OF RUSSIAN TULA BLUED STEEL SCISSORS DECORATED WITH A SCENE OF THE WINTER PALACE, ST PETERSBURG, FINCH AND CO ITEM NO. 34, CATALOGUE 31, WINTER 2018