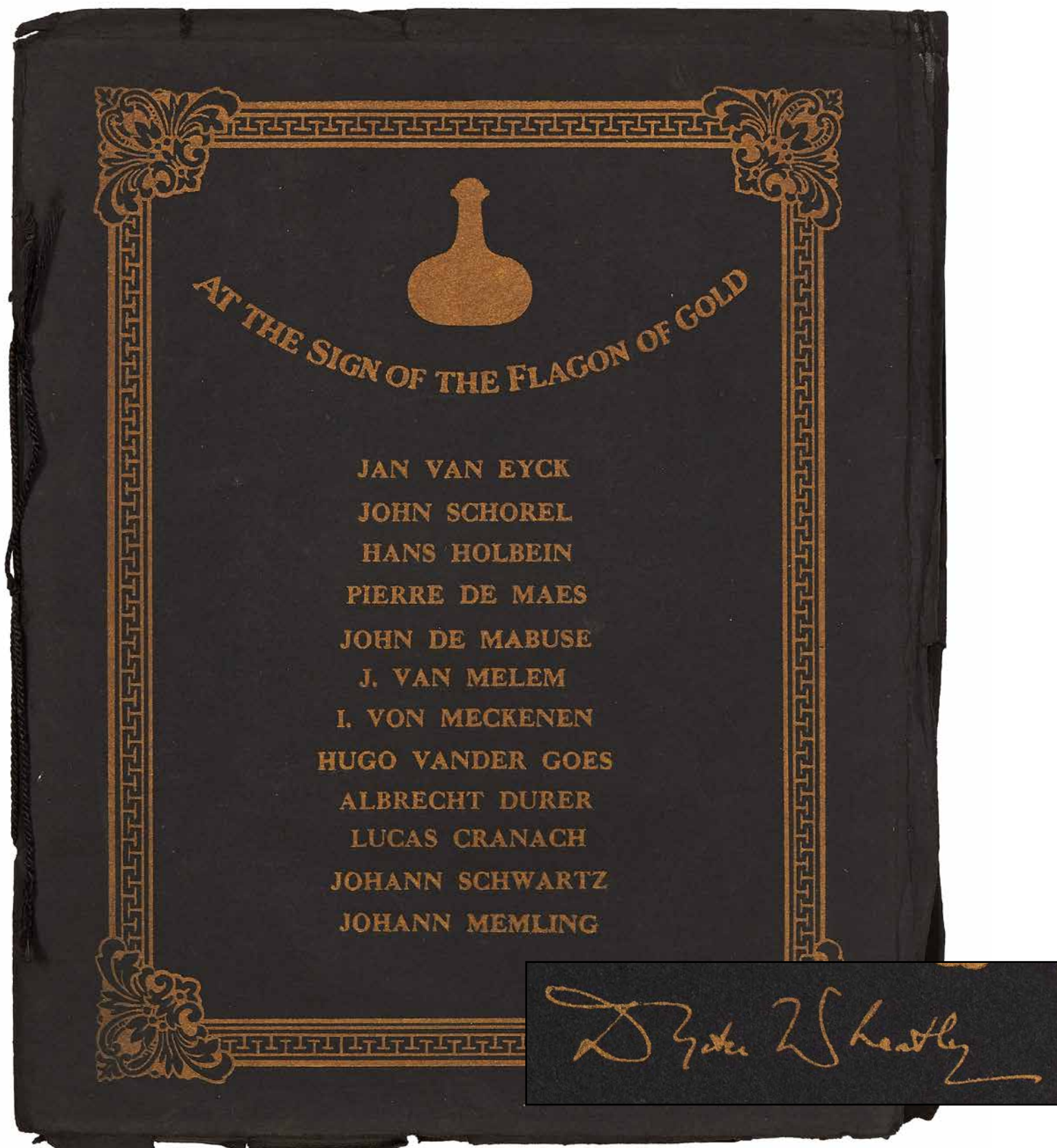


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London: At the Sign of the Flagon of Gold (1930)

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First edition. 26pp. String-tied wrappers. Gilt decorations. Very good with creasing and some tears. The author's first book, a descriptive catalog written for the firm founded by his father. As well as a very full and interesting description of all the fine goods on offer, there are twelve tipped-in plates of engravings from the family's collection originally forming part of the collection of the Tsar of Russia, all fully described. Number 1257 of 1500 copies, Presentation Copy to his friend inscribed and signed "Mr. J. H. Gardner with kindest regards from Dennis. May 13, 1930." John Gardner was the husband of Hilda Gardner (nee Gosling) who was Dennis Wheatley's next door neighbor in his youth and his first girl friend. Wheatley was the best man at their wedding in October 1921. It was the subsequent collapse of the family business which pushed Wheatley into a career as a "writer." [BTC#413518]

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Mr G. H. Gardner.

With kindest regards
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