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W. W. II German S.S. Lebensborn Stickpin, $30.00

—Rollermills Antique Mall, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Who would have leaned
close enough to an S.S. officer’s neck
to read the legend of this tiny pin?

Only a lover, or someone
backed against a wall.
Designed for such intimacies,

the pin must have passed whole days
unread but winking
to attentive Aryans

the wearer’s will
to repopulate the Reich.
It is authorized for sale as militaria,

but when I imagine a re-enactor
wearing it, he is inevitably
in a bedroom, his chest

pressing closer,
the legend
clear.