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Now, of course, no catalogue can ever tell us as much as the manuscript itself – it cannot even think of trying to get halfway, even if it does not set out to give a ‘vereinfachte Beschreibung’. The listing of the texts is, in a certain sense, the easiest part but even in the simplest case, of a manuscript containing but one single well-known text, the catalogue will only serve as a pointer for the specialist, who will *really* be able to understand the importance of that copy of the text.

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