



Dimensions

Object/Work: 20 x 40 mm

Protective-Charm

Date

1850-1916

Primary Maker

Edward Lovett

Medium

Bone

Description

Cord knob or blind pull in the shape of an acorn. The cup unscrews to attach the cord. Of a type used all over England in the beginning of the 20th Century as a charm against lightning. In the past the Oak tree was thought to be the home of the thunder god. As such, the acorn (or any object made in its shape) was regarded as a charm against lightning. As it was generally supposed that lightning enters the house by the window, acorn shaped blind pulls, tassels and curtain pole terminals are common. Umbrellas could also bear acorn shaped ornaments.