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**C**abinet-maker, could you craft me a conker?

**O**il its wood, burnish its veneer, set it glowing from within?

**N**ever. *Not a chance. No hope at all.*

**K**ing, then, could you command me a conker?

Compel its green spikes to grow, its white plush to thicken? *Impossible. Impractical. Inconceivable.*

**E**ngineer, surely you could design me a conker?

Refine its form, mill its curves and edges?  
Manufacture me that magic casket?  
*Unfeasible. Unworkable. Unimaginable.*

**R**ealize *this* (said the Cabinet-maker, the King and the Engineer together), *conker cannot be made, however you ask it, whatever word or tool you use, regardless of decree. Only one thing can conjure conker - and that thing is tree.*



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