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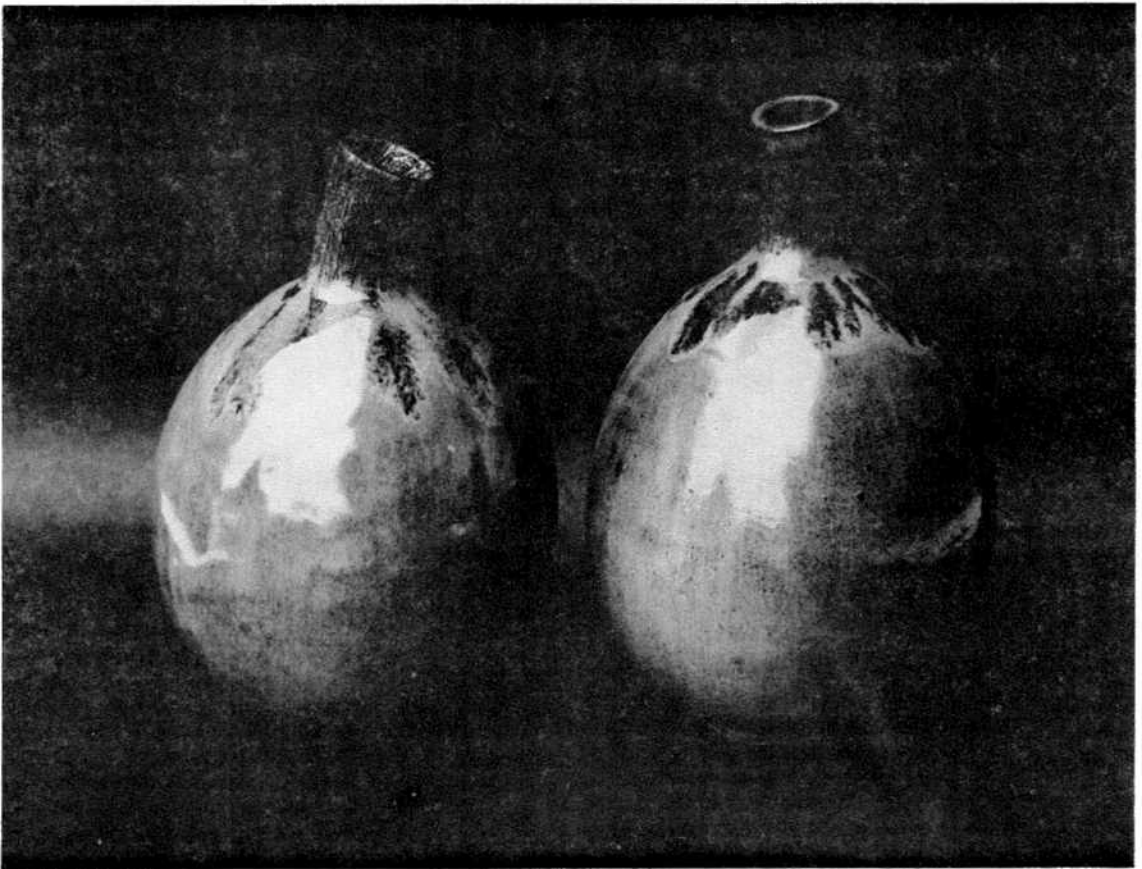
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He thought he owned this yard, that I was just
A caretaker. You call the butcher. See
If he can't come yet tonight. I can't cut
Him up."

"He thought he owned the place but now
He's dead," said Jen. "But rather him than you.
At least," she said, to make the best of it,
"We'll have some good young meat to eat for once."
"Yes, choice steaks," said Pete, swayed by his wife's mood
Despite the death of his thoroughbred bull.
"Why don't you call the Dominie tonight,"
He said, forgiveness throbbing like a tooth;
"See if he don't want the liver again.
But don't tell him this one's the thoroughbred.
I don't want my bull in Sunday's sermon."

Mike Vanden Bosch



Gourds by Joanne Alberda
12" high
Stoneware, albany green glaze