Design - book decorations

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Accession Nr.:	MLT 302
Artist/Maker:	Apáti Abt, Sándor (1870 - 1916) / designer
Date of production:	1898
Place of production:	Budapest
Inscription:	jobbra lent: ABT
Materials:	paper
Techniques:	Indian ink
Dimensions:	26,5 x 8 cm 26,5 x 9,5 cm 8,7 x 7,7 cm 9 x 7,4 cm 8 x 7,3 cm 26 x 6 cm

The source of Abt's decorative ornaments is nature, and plants. Beside his typical floral ornaments drawn over a black background, he also used symmetrically arranged flower and fruit motifs over black leaves. Sometimes, there are traces of perpective or modelling but the shades are also composed in order. He has a peculiar way of depicting leaves creating a concentrated, irregular line network that reminds us probably of the annual rings of trees.

Literature

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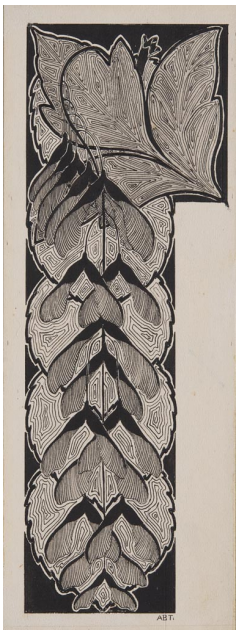

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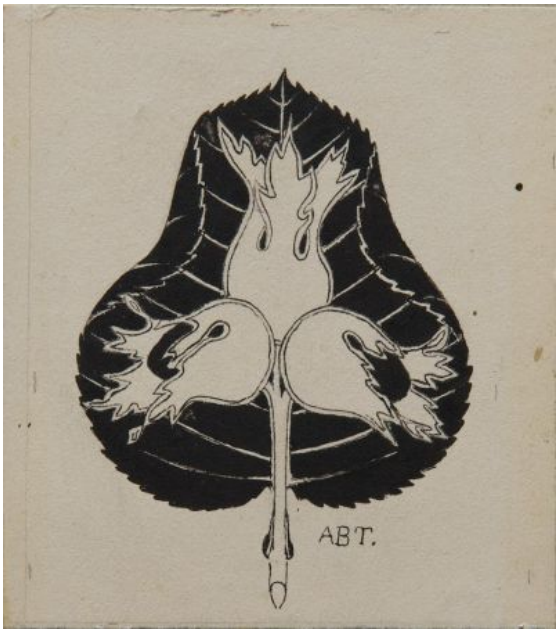

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