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GREEN BAGS TO A GOOD HOME

To the *Bag*:

Yesterday I had a few minutes and stopped in a used bookstore where I once found a few bound volumes of the original version of the *Green Bag*. To my pleasure, they had two more. They were in less than ideal condition (one had some loose pages, neither volume had hard covers attached) but I snatched them up without a thought.

Perhaps I should have given it a thought. Both volumes were identical – each contains all the issues from 1890. I already have those issues. If you or any reader has any interest in the volumes please let me know and I will send them to you at no cost.

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SEPARATION OF CERAMIC POWERS

To the *Bag*:

Like many devotees of *The Green Bag, Second Series*, I enjoy receiving bobbleheads of Supreme Court justices. My collection of *GB* Supreme Court bobbleheads is prominently displayed in my office along with a reprint of a 2013 *USA Today* article entitled “Supreme Court bobbleheads prove your ‘geekdom.’” Along with many other long-time subscribers to this extraordinary publication, which will soon surpass the longevity of its namesake, I revel in my Geekdom.

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Judge Kahn's ceramic judicial (and slightly presidential) collection.

Today I added a new justice to my collection, but for the first time the nodder did not come from *The Green Bag 2nd* although, like all the *Green Bag* bobblerheads, he is from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. My new Justice bobblehead is neither new (purchased on eBay as “previously owned”) nor clothed in a robe. My new addition comes from the Washington Nationals major league baseball team. He is one of the Nationals’ presidential bobblers, along with George Washington, Tom Jefferson, Abe Lincoln, and Teddy Roosevelt, and his contemporaries Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover. My new addition is labeled “Bill Taft,” but for purposes of my collection will be more formally referred to as “Chief Justice William Howard Taft.”

In bobbleheaddom,¹ as in life, Taft uniquely fits in with both our presidents and our justices. Since my collection of presidential bobbleheads is

¹ A Westlaw search of all federal and state cases disclosed that no judge has, as yet, found the need to include “bobbleheaddom” in a decision. Nor were there any hits for “bobbleheadom” in my Westlaw search. By acknowledging both possible spellings, I hope to avoid the ignominy of a mention in next year’s “Grammar, Language, and Writing” by Bryan Garner. “Geekdom” also does not merit inclusion in any U.S. judicial decision, according to Westlaw.

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tiny but growing (thanks to the Nationals and eBay) and nowhere near the size of my collection of justice bobbleheads, I included the Taft with his brethren and two sisters (the O'Connor and RBG bobbles) rather than with his fellow Article II executives. However, I acknowledge with some regret that my justices collection, which had till today been a *GB* monopoly, now includes a competitive brand. Perhaps this is as it should be, since Taft, as president, is credited by some as being a Trust Buster.²

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² See, e.g., ehistory.osu.edu/exhibitions/1912/trusts/taftasatrustbuster.