Primary Maker: McLoughlin Brothers
Title: Round the World with Nellie Bly
Date: ca. 1890
Medium: Cardboard, metal, paper
Dimensions: Container (box): 1/2 × 8 3/4 × 16 1/2 in. (1.3 × 22.2 × 41.9 cm) Part (board, unfolded): 16 3/8 × 15 7/8 in. (41.6 × 40.3 cm)
Credit Line: The Liman Collection
Object Number: 1992.12.17

Object Name: Board game
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
This game is based on the adventures of Nellie Bly, the pseudonym of Elizabeth Cochrane, an American journalist who travelled around the world in an attempt to break the record created by the fictional Phineas Fogg in Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eight Days." The New York "World" thought up the enterprise and kept its readers informed with daily articles on her adventure. She sailed from New York on November 14, 1889 and completed her journey in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes and 14 seconds.

Physical Description:
Board game with box, gameboard, instruction booklet, and spinner; on cover of cardboard box, lithographed illustration of woman (Nellie Bly) in brown and blue checked traveling suit with brown hair tucked under blue cap
with carpetbag (or portmanteau) standing on path in front of landscape including snow-capped mountains, body of water, and telegraph poles; on board, spaces arranged in a spiral, marked with each day and various instructions, with central circle depicting Manhattan Island; illustration of Nellie Bly at top left corner with text "COPYRIGHT 1890 BY H.J. MAYERS." printed beneath; illustration of Jules Verne at top right corner; square cardboard spinner in various colors with metal arrow to be spun, marked with numbers; printed on cover of box: "ROUND THE/ WORLD/ With/ NELLIE BLY./ A NOVEL AND FASCINATING GAME WITH PLENTY/ OF EXCITEMENT ON LAND AND SEA. / MCLoughlin Bros. New York." and "COPYRIGHT 1890 BY J.A. CROZIER."; printed on cover of instruction booklet: "Directions/HOW TO PLAY/THE/New and Amusing/Game./Around the World/WITH/Nellie Bly./ COPYRIGHTED 1890/BY MCLoughlin Bros NEW YORK."; printed inside booklet: "DIRECTIONS./This Game can be played by two, three or four persons... [continues for 7 pages]."

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