Primary Maker: Märklin
Title: Station
Date: 1904-1908
Medium: Metal, glass, paint, copper, lead
Dimensions: Overall: 17 3/4 × 25 1/2 × 15 3/8 in. (45.1 × 64.8 × 39.1 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
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Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
Märklin’s “Onion Dome” station made an exotic addition to their 1904 line. Drawing inspiration from the Orientalist aesthetic, the toy proved to be one of the firm’s most popular station designs and remained in production for many years. This German example is among the most highly decorated examples known to exist and features nearly all of Märklin’s signature decorative techniques, including hand-painted lettering, decals, trompe l'oeil effects, and cast lead architectural details.
Physical Description:
Station, gauge-II. Façade is hand painted and has reindeer motif and Dutch signage. Pierced, glass-backed windows. Two detachable roofs (b,c). Central copper onion dome. Detachable insulator poles (d,e), flags (f,g), and finial (h). Detachable bell (i), four rail posts (j-m), and two kerosene lamps (n,o). "Central- Bahnhof" sign (p).

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