Primary Maker: Märklin
Title: Locomotive and tender
Date: 1906-1915
Medium: Metal, paint
Dimensions: Part (a): 17 × 43 × 13 in. (43.2 × 109.2 × 33 cm) Part (b): 12 × 30 × 9 in. (30.5 × 76.2 × 22.9 cm)
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Object Name: Rolling stock
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
Märklin's 5-gauge toy trains were the largest the firm ever created. Produced by special order only, many examples were commissioned by department stores in the United States and Great Britain seeking a spectacular window attraction to lure customers. Powered by a working steam boiler, the locomotive’s fuel reservoir holds up to a liter of kerosene, which was more than enough to power it for a few hours of operation. Nothing is known of this impressive toy’s history prior to its discovery in a Pennsylvania barn in the 1990s.

Physical Description:
Locomotive (a) and tender (b). Enormous black locomotive with green and gold trim. Tender is black with green, red, and gold trim, six wheels. Gauge V.
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