Primary Maker: Märklin
Title: Locomotive and tender
Date: 1908-1912
Medium: Various metals, composition, mica, glass, paint
Dimensions: Part (a): 6 1/4 × 14 × 3 1/4 in. (15.9 × 35.6 × 8.3 cm) Part (b): 4 × 7 × 3 1/8 in. (10.2 × 17.8 × 7.9 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
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Object Name: Rolling stock
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
“Coupe Vent” or windbreaker locomotives incorporated riveted V-shaped steel plates attached to the locomotive’s boiler face, chimney, and cab to improve streamlining. Unique to France, locomotives of the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean (PLM) line featured “Coupe Vents” to contend with the powerful “Mistral,” a strong wind that blows north to south through the Rhône River Valley. Märklin produced this clockwork toy example in 1909.

Physical Description:
Locomotive (a) and tender (b). Forest green with red and gold trim. Tender has faux coal and eight wheels. 4-4-0.
