Primary Maker: Unidentified maker
Title: Blimp
Date: 1905-1910
Medium: Metal, plastic, paint
Dimensions: Overall: 4 1/4 × 8 3/4 × 4 1/4 in. (10.8 × 22.2 × 10.8 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
Object Number: 2014.31.862
Object Name: Transportation toy
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
Nuremberg toymaker Georges Carette introduced a small line of tin toy aircraft and zeppelins not long after the Wright Brothers’ 1905 flight. Propelled by a celluloid plastic propeller, this clock-work zeppelin flew across rooms when suspended from a string or wire. Despite the international fascination with the dawning air-age, few toy aircraft from this period survive today.

Physical Description:
Blimp. Gray and red with plastic propeller.

Markings: Unmarked