Primary Maker: Lionel
Title: Streetcar
Date: 1908-1909
Medium: Metal, paint
Dimensions: Overall: 5 3/4 × 10 × 4 in. (14.6 × 25.4 × 10.2 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
Object Number: 2014.31.889

Object Name: Transportation toy
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
Lionel's founder, New York-born Joshua Lionel Cohen, typified the tinkerers and salesmen who saw the city as a haven for electrical innovation. His electric trolley of 1908 was not the first in the United States, but its motor enabled the toy to start instantly when powered, setting it apart from the competition. Lionel continued to build trolley cars based on the types used by New York City's various interurban trolley lines until 1916.

Physical Description:
Streetcar. Yellow and blue. "No. 1 Electric Rapid Transit No. 1"

Markings: On bottom: "LIONEL MFG. CO // N.Y."