Primary Maker: Märklin
Title: Café station
Date: 1904-1919
Medium: Metal, glass, paint
Dimensions: Overall: 15 3/4 × 16 1/2 × 11 3/4 in. (40 × 41.9 × 29.8 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
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Object Name: Station
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
Märklin’s Café Station, flaunts the company’s renowned attention to detail. In addition to a clock and weathervane, the roof has tiny cast-lead insulators to capture imaginary electrical current. Removing the roof revealed an interior fully furnished with tables and chairs, in addition to several small holders for candles that could be lit to illuminate the station for nighttime play. Wax and soot still clings to the interiors of many toy stations in the Jerni Collection.

Physical Description:
Café station. Yellow and peach station house on green base (a). Attached café tables. Detachable roof (b) with insulator poles (c) and weather vane (d). Two Ticket signs (e,f) and entrance and exit signs (g,h).