Primary Maker: Gebrüder Bing
Title: Mine shaft elevator
Date: 1912
Medium: Metal, string, paint
Dimensions: Overall: 26 1/2 × 10 1/4 × 5 3/4 in. (67.3 × 26 × 14.6 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
Object Number: 2014.31.937

Object Name: Construction toy
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
The industrial world depended on coal, and the machines associated with its mining and distribution inspired a range of toy train accessories. This toy elevator shuttled figures of miners and their load up and down. When coupled to a small steam engine, a lever could be engaged to make stops along the way. Measuring nearly two feet in height, this example was the tallest toy coal mine elevator produced by Gebrüder Bing.

Physical Description:
Mine shaft elevator. Red, yellow, and gray. Red freight car. Four levels with crank.

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