Primary Maker: Märklin
Title: Post office
Date: 1900-1902
Medium: Metal, glass, paint
Dimensions: Overall: 13 3/4 × 13 × 13 in. (34.9 × 33 × 33 cm)
Credit Line: Acquired with generous support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Richard Gilder, and an anonymous donor
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Object Name: Accessory building
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
Märklin's post office is arguably the firm's most sophisticated accessory building. Made for the American market—note the “Post Office” sign—this depot is designed in one of the grand revival styles that architects emulated in the 1890s. The toy's side walls and roof opened to reveal a richly detailed interior capturing the essential details of a working post office with spaces to sort mail, pack parcels, and stow luggage. The upper floor features a manager's office complete with a telephone, while stables in the rear are a reminder of the working horses common to postal delivery service in Europe prior to World War 1. Complete and intact, this is the only American market example of this toy known to exist.
Physical Description:

Related Objects: