Primary Maker: Milton Bradley
Title: The Model Ship Puzzle
Date: 1870-1890
Medium: Wood, paper
Dimensions: Container: 2 1/8 × 8 3/4 × 6 1/2 in. (5.4 × 22.2 × 16.5 cm)
Credit Line: The Liman Collection
Object Number: 1992.12.10

Object Name: Jigsaw puzzle
Classification: TOYS
Physical Description:
Rectangular wooden box with sliding lid, with cover illustration (in dark blue, orange, white, and brown) of ship with torn sails and broken masts foundering on rocks in rough sea against stormy sky; figures running around deck and figures in sea, clinging to rock, spar, one figure with head above water; box contains jigsaw puzzle with discs with terms inserted into puzzle (70 pieces, 51 discs); completed puzzle shows whole ship on wavy sea, with lighthouse ahead and buoy in front; box also contains paper printed with key to terms.

Markings: lithographed: on box lid: "THE MODEL SHIP/PUZZLE" lithographed: on box lid, bottom: "PUBLISHED BY MILTON BRADLEY & CO. SPRINGFIELD MASS." printed: on obverse of paper: "Directions and Key/FOR/THE MODEL SHIP PUZZLE./This is not an ordinary dissected picture puzzle, although/they are very interesting and oftentimes instructive, but it/is based on the same principle as the SMASHED UP LOCO-/MOTIVE, which has been more popular than any similar/puzzle ever published..." printed: on reverse of paper: "KEY/1. Buoy/2. Rudder/3.

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