Primary Maker: Parker Brothers

Title: The Good Old Game of Corner Grocery

Date: ca. 1887

Medium: Cardboard, paper

Dimensions: Container (box): 1 × 6 7/8 × 5 3/8 in. (2.5 × 17.5 × 13.7 cm)

Credit Line: The Liman Collection

Object Number: 1992.12.2

Object Name: Card game

Classification: TOYS

Physical Description:
Card game consisting of 38 cards, with 6 different illustrations (delivery cart, storefront, inside of store, basket of groceries, children standing in front of counter manned by storekeeper, and woman and child in front of cashier's window) with name, amount, and price of food printed underneath; 107 round cardboard tokens, pink on reverse, with values printed on obverse in cardboard box covered in paper with maroon vine and blue flowers; 93 slips of brown and white paper, with values written in pencil; instruction booklet; in cardboard box covered in red paper with cover illustration (in various colors) of storekeeper behind counter and 3 men sitting around pot-bellied stove.

Markings: printed: sample captions on cards: "1 POUND/OOLONG TEA/50 CENTS"; "1 PACKAGE/MACARONI/15 CENTS"; "1 PACKAGE/GELATINE/15 CENTS" printed: sample phrases on pink game pieces: "10/CENTS"; "1/CENT"; "25/CENTS"; written in pencil on makeshift game pieces: "$1.00"; "1 [cent]" printed: on cover of booklet: "DIRECTIONS FOR THE/Game of Corner Grocery/[rosette]/Published by/PARKER BROTHERS/Salem, Mass., U.
S.A." printed: on inside of booklet: "DIRECTIONS FOR THE/Game of Corner Grocery/FOR ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS/COPYRIGHT 1887, BY GEO. S. PARKER & CO./There are in this game forty cards marked with the names of articles usually sold in grocery stores, and one hundred and twelve pieces of money to be used in purchasing, the amount of which exactly equals the total value of the groceries... [directions continue for 3 pages]" lithographed: on lid, top: "THE GOOD OLD GAME OF/CORNER GROCERY" lithographed: on lid, bottom: "NEW CENTURY/Edition"; "PARKER/BROTHERS,/INCORPORATED/SALEM, MASS./U.S.A."