Primary Maker: Milton Bradley
Title: Peter Coddle's Trip
Date: ca. 1905
Medium: Cardboard, paper
Dimensions: Container (box): 1 × 7 5/8 × 6 1/4 in. (2.5 × 19.4 × 15.9 cm)
Credit Line: The Liman Collection

Object Name: Table game
Classification: TOYS

Curatorial Remarks:
The game of “Peter Coddle” in all its various editions was the most popular reading game of the 1880s and 1890s. The game was based around the story of a country boy's misadventures in New York City. Parker Brothers and the other major game manufacturers produced many variations, all neatly packaged in attractive boxes that were usually much larger than their contents required.

Physical Description:
Cardboard box covered in red paper (with red tape at corners), with cover illustration of man with white hair and beard kneeling over track in front of moving trolley car; man dressed in brown jacket, white shirt, red tie, and yellow
pants, with straw hat, grasping green umbrella; blue carpetbag at bottom right corner; gold frame with green flowers; inside, 190 slips of orange, red, brown, gray, and yellow cardboard with short phrases printed on one side; orange booklet.

Markings: printed: sample phrases on cards: "A railway timetable."; "A cork-screw."; "Yankee Doodle."; "A string of onions." lithographed: on cover, top: "PETER/CODDLE'S/TRIP," lithographed: on cover, bottom right corner, on carpetbag: "P.C." lithographed: on cover, bottom: "MILTON/BRADLEY/CO./SPRINGFIELD. MASS." printed: on cover of booklet: "4119 B/PETER CODDLE./HOW TO DO IT./Let one of the company be leader, who shall divide the/cards equally among the other players./The leader begins to read the narrative aloud. As often/as he comes to a -, he must pause and one of the players in/turn must read from a card taken at random from his hand./The cards should be held face down till taken up to be read./PETER CODDLE'S NARRATIVE/SEEING you are bound to tease me, I may as well tell you/what sort of a time I had in New York... [narrative continues for 6 pages]"

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