Primary Maker: McLoughlin Brothers
Title: The Improved Game of Fish Pond
Date: ca. 1890
Medium: Wood, cardboard, metal, paper
Dimensions: Container (box): 2 3/8 × 18 1/2 × 12 5/8 in. (6 × 47 × 32.1 cm)
Credit Line: The Liman Collection
Object Number: 1992.12.7

Object Name: Table game
Classification: TOYS
Physical Description: Wooden box covered in dark blue paper, with illustration on cover consisting of group of 3 men, 1 woman, and 2 children in sailing boat with white sail on wavy sea, holding fishing lines, with fish leaping out of sea, other boats to each side, and view of far shore; bottom of box decorated with scene of pond containing lily pads, frogs, and other reptiles, with 54 slits cut out in rows; 34 cardboard fish of various colors, with metal grommets to be caught by, and with their names printed on one side ("BASS", "SHAD") and numbers on the other; 4 wooden poles with string threaded through holes at end, with metal hooks at end of line; instructions printed on inside of cover.

Markings: Lithographed: on cover: "THE/IMPROVED/GAME/OF/FISH/POND" printed: on inside of cover: "NEW AND IMPROVED/FISH POND GAME/FROM 2 TO 6 PERSONS CAN PLAY/IMPLEMENTS: The Fish Pond, Six
Poles, and Fifty-Four Fish./Numbered in Multiples of 3, as-3, 6, 9, 12, & c./THE Box/is a fish pond. The fish are put into the holes or slits./and appear with their noses just out of the the water. This is/called stocking the pond...
[continued instructions for game]"
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