Object Information

Primary Maker: McLoughlin Brothers
Title: Chiromagica
Date: ca. 1870
Medium: Wood, paper, glass
Dimensions: Container (box): 2 × 10 3/4 × 10 3/4 in. (5.1 × 27.3 × 27.3 cm)
Credit Line: The Liman Collection
Object Number: 1992.12.1

Object Name: Board game
Classification: TOYS
Physical Description:
Board game with three paper discs (contained in wooden box with sliding lid; on cover, illustration with figure of wizard in red robe and peaked cap, pointing to central design, with books (some open, some closed), globe, rolled up papers, spyglass, and cat at his feet; central design consists of a circle hung behind wizard's head with pointing hand to right of circle, surrounded by billowing clouds; richly ornamented lithographed decoration on edge of box; one paper disc pasted to glass case inside box; circle cut out of center, with answers (such as "Davy, Faraday, Hoffman, Kolbe" or "$52.22") in circles bordering interior edge; text printed on lid: "CHIROMAGICA"; text printed on edge of lid: "MCLoughlin Bro'S., N.Y."; text printed on disc at center of board: "DIRECTIONS./In asking a question, place the Question Card so that it will fit exactly over this Disc, placing the ques-/tion asked at the top, so that the dot on the/edge will be directly opposite the dot on the/top of this Disc./when the hand will im-/mediately move in a quizzical manner./and in a few moments stop, and give the correct answer."; text printed on center of disc "A": "THIS CARD/WHEN USED MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE/No. 1/NUMBER AND COLOR OF THE
DIAL OR OUTER CIRCLE TO GIVE THE CORRECT ANSWER." questions on disc "A" include: "Name the five parts of the world."
"What is a Valley?"; "When was New York settled, and by whom?"

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