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### Title

Gas

### Medium

Ink on paper

### Date

1905

### Catalogue Number

89.20.3

### Credit Line

Purchased with Museum funds, 1989

### Web Description

Captioned: Mrs. Gadder — "John you told me you were at home every night thinking of me, while I was in the mountains." Mr. Gadder — "Y-yes-P-Pet! Mrs. Gadder —

"Look at this gas bill. Only twenty-seven cents for the months of July and August!" Rose Cecil O'Neill was one of the few women to achieve extraordinary financial success and professional independence in early twentieth-century America through cartooning. Many of her cartoons were created for Puck, Judge, Life, and Harper's magazines and display her distinctively bold, yet fluid, Art Nouveau-inspired style. In 1909, O'Neill introduced readers of The Ladies' Home Journal to "The Kewpies," cherubic cartoon characters that soon became a national craze and spun off lucrative contracts for dolls and other merchandise, as well as a popular syndicated Sunday comic strip.