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Title

A Good Thing in Certain Cases

Medium

Pen and ink on paper

Date

1900

Catalogue Number

2020.1.2

Credit Line

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Web Description

Rose O'Neill achieved perhaps greater recognition than any female illustrator in the early twentieth century. Entirely self-taught, she began a professional career as an illustrator while still a teenager. She moved to New York City from her family home in Omaha, Nebraska, to work with major publishers, such as Cosmopolitan and Life. Her work among the predominantly male staff at Puck, the leading satirical magazine, was unprecedented at the time. She gained prominence as a cartoonist and for her work in advertising, book illustration, and fine art. O'Neill was also the creator of the wildly popular Kewpie comics, and later the iconic Kewpie doll.