Handpainted lead glaze earthenware plate
Talavera de la Reina, Spain, early 20th century
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Exhibit on display at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology
Resetting the Table: Food and Our Changing Tastes

Resetting the Table explores food choices and eating habits in the United States, including the sometimes hidden but always important ways in which our tables are shaped by cultural, historical, political, and technological influences. As visitors make their way through the exhibition, they encounter a life-sized diorama of an early twentieth-century kitchen designed to show what happens before any food is consumed—the tools, traditions, and skilled work of food preparation that have always put food on the table.

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