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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>                   | Rockefeller Archive Center  |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>                | Loeb, Jacques   |
| <b>Title:</b>                        | Jacques Loeb papers, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research<br>Scientific Staff |
| <b>ID:</b>                           | FA176   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>             | 1908-1924   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>         | 0.57 Cubic Feet   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>         | 2 boxes including volume of Osterhout article; 9 volumes                            |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>         | Approximately 1 cubic foot.   |
| <b>Language of the<br/>Material:</b> | English   |

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## Biographical/Historical note

Jacques Loeb (1859-1924) physician and physiologist, Member of The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, director of Experimental Biology from 1910 until his death in 1924.

Member and Honorary Member of numerous Societies.

| Biographical note |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 1859              | Born April 7, Mayen, Germany           |
| 1877-1880         | Graduate Askanisches Gymnasium, Berlin |
| 1884              | M.D. University of Strasbourg          |

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| 1885      | Staatsexamen   |
| 1885-1886 | Ph. D, Sc. D. University of Berlin   |
| 1886-1888 | Assistant in Physiology, University of Würzburg                                  |
| 1888-1890 | Assistant in Physiology, University of Strasbourg                                |
| 1889-1891 | Biological Station, Naples   |
| 1891-1892 | Associate in Biology, Bryn Mawr College  |
| 1892-1895 | Associate Professor in physiology and Experimental Biology University of Chicago |
| 1895-1900 | Associate Professor in physiology, University of Chicago                         |
| 1900-1902 | Professor in physiology, University of Chicago                                   |
| 1902-1910 | Professor of physiology, University of California                                |
| 1909      | Honorary D. Sc, Cambridge, Eng.; Honorary M.D., Geneva; Honorary Ph. D., Leipzig |
| 1910-     | Member, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York                     |
| 1924      | Died February 11, Bermuda  |

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## Scope and Contents note

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Administrative correspondence, biographical articles, photographs, bibliography, and collected reprints.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Medical sciences
- Medical research
- Physiology
- Life sciences
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Biology -- Research
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

## Collection Inventory

| Title/Description   | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Bibliography of the Published Writings of Jacques Loeb, compiled by Nina Kobelt. Typescript and printed copy, 1924 1926 | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Printed obituaries and biographical memoirs, 1924-1959  | box 1     | folder 2 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b>  |           |          |
| Includes Russian translation of W.J.V. Osterhout's memoir.  |           |          |
| Program for unveiling of memorial tablet, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, 1927 August 4        | box 1     | folder 3 |
| "Jacques Loeb Memorial Supplement" The Collecting Net, 1928 August 25   | box 1     | folder 3 |
| "Academic appointments held...", circa 1924   | box 1     | folder 4 |
| Photocopies of obituaries for Mrs. Loeb (d. 20 August 1951)   | box 1     | folder 4 |
| Portraits: by Louis Schmidt (multiple copies) no neg. in folder, 1923   | box 1     | folder 5 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b>  |           |          |
| Includes drawing from photograph.   |           |          |
| Portraits: Undated, standing, with hands in pockets. 2 copies, plus enlargement of head. No neg. in folder              | box 1     | folder 6 |
| Portraits: by Louis Schmidt. Multiple copies, no neg. in folder, circa 1923   | box 1     | folder 7 |
| Informal snapshots, many taken at Woods Hole, most undated  | box 1     | folder 8 |
| Miscellaneous photos, 1921  | box 1     | folder 9 |

## Scope and Contents note

Includes 2 photos of Leo Loeb, one dated 1921; print of Jacques Loeb Memorial Tablet [Woods Hole], 1928.

Correspondence, 1906 1909-1910

### Arrangement

Arranged in chronologically.

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| Loeb/Simon Flexner, 13 (?) Jun 1906, re possible position for Prof. H. Borrattass of Göttingen, a "first class man" in nerve physiology and pathology; Flexner/Loeb 27 Jul 1906, reply, 1906  | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Flexner/Loeb, 12 Oct 1909, re possibility of Loeb coming to the Rockefeller Institute; Loeb/Flexner, 14 Oct 1909, will seriously consider offer, 1909 October   | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re "call to Europe", 1909 November 3  | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Hermann M. Biggs/Flexner, re Loeb, 1909 November 18   | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Flexner/Theobald Smith, 20 Nov 1909, re Loeb; Smith/Flexner, 23 Nov 1909, reply, 1909 November  | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Flexner/Loeb, "delighted" Loeb will be able to come to New York for conference, 1909 November 28  | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Loeb/Flexner [Hotel Belmont, NY stationery], thanks for Flexner's kindness; requests Flexner obtain information about sources of material, from New York Aquarium or possibly "Morgan, Wilson, or Davenport." Flexner/Loeb, 22 Dec 1909, reply, 1909 December | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Loeb/Flexner, telegram: "letter received offer Generous shall probably accept letter follows", [1909] December 27   | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Loeb/Flexner, thanks for offer, would accept "at once if it was not for Budapest", 1909 December 29   | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Flexner/Loeb, writing on behalf of Executive Committee of the Rock. Inst, re appointment. Typed copy marked "Not sent", 1909 December 29  | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Loeb/Flexner, telegram: "Accept with thanks offer of headship of department of Experimental biology Rockefeller Institute", 1910 January 7  | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re possible visit to Plymouth, England to study methods of raising marine larvae, 1910 January 8  | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, returned from Pacific Grove where he has been working on tissue extracts; postscript re Budapest, 1910 January 18   | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, psychiatrist Adolph Meyer is "pleased" with Loeb's decision; has begun to raise fungi on cow dung "which I am sure can be had in the neighborhood of New York", 1910 January 19 (?)   | box 1 | folder 11 |

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| Flexner/Loeb, has received a note from Davenport re sea-urchins at Cold Spring Harbor, 1910 February 15   | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re Hardolph Wasteneys, 1910 February 23   | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, needs more space at Woods Hole; Loeb would like to work at the Fish Commission "if it were not that my friends at the MBL [Marine Biological Laboratory] might take offence at it..". Flexner/Loeb, 22 Mar 1910, reply, 1910 March 15 | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, enclosing list of apparatus. Flexner will "feel gratified to see, that I intend having 2 kymographs. I am not as bad as my reputation - I may even vivisect", 1910 March 28   | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, enclosing chemical list. "It is very important for any work to have the purest chemicals obtainable in the market", 1910 April 1  | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, Wasteneys will be arriving in New York to prepare Loeb's solutions and apparatus for Woods Hole, 1910 May 20  | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/[James] Norris, request for blood serum. "There is no slaughter house here or in the vicinity...", 1910 July 3   | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, possibility of invitation to Dr. [Otto] Warburg, who "has published a series of very brilliant papers concerning the oxydations in the animal cell...", 1911 April 19   | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re fellowship for Dr. Wolfgang Ewald, 1912 January 4  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Loeb/Jerome D. Greene, re possibility of grant to Professor Bechhold of Dr. Ehrlich's laboratory, to equip Department of Colloidal Chemistry; Greene/ Loeb, 29 Apr-1912, re Rock. Found, 1912 April 20  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Loeb/Greene, 3 May 1912, re foundation of an International Institute for the Investigation of the Effects of Alcohol; Greene/ Loeb, 7 May 1912, re Rock. Found, 1912 May  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Greene/Loeb, re Edward Forbes at Woods Hole, 1912 June 17   | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Loeb/Greene, report of work with Dr. Beutner, 1912 June 17 1912 June 23   | box 1 | folder 12 |
| "Report of the Department of Experimental Biology," typescript, circa July 1912   | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re Frank Bancroft's return to California, 1913 June 13  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Loeb/[Kornel] v. Körösy, re possibility of v. Körösy working with Loeb on tropisms, 1913 August 9   | box 1 | folder 12 |
| [Henry James Jr.] /Loeb, re room at Woods Hole for Dr. [Edward] Uhlenhut, 1914 June 8   | box 1 | folder 13 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re appointment of McKeen Cattell as summer assistant, 1915 May 18   | box 1 | folder 13 |



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| Loeb/James, quotes telegram L. sent to President [Woodrow] Wilson, 1915 June 9  | box 1 | folder 13 |
| Loeb/James, re work of Madame [Danchakoff], 1915 September 10   | box 1 | folder 13 |
| James/Loeb, requests scientific report "intelligible" to the Board of Trustees, 1915 September 15   | box 1 | folder 13 |
| James/Loeb, re [John] Northrop, 1915 October 25   | box 1 | folder 13 |
| James/Loeb, re appointment of Mary Andrews, 1916 February 19  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Loeb/Edric B. Smith, re death of frogs, 1916 July 18  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| James/Loeb, requests scientific report for Board of Trustees, 1916 September 12   | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Loeb/James, needs place to raise flies for feeding of frogs, 1916 October 21  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| James/Loeb, appointment of Dr. [Florence H]. Francis; re Dr. Raymond Pearl, 1916 November 11  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Loeb/James, comments on war, 1917 June 5  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| James/Loeb, re appointment of Dr. Carl B. Dermby, 1917 October 5  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Loeb/James, re Mr. [Moses] Kunitz, 1918 January 2   | box 1 | folder 15 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re American Journal of Physiology, 1919 March 26  | box 1 | folder 15 |
| Loeb/Flexner, 14 Apr 1919 re proposed budget, 1919-1920   | box 1 | folder 15 |
| Ph. Rummel/J.P. Warbasse, 8 Jun 1919 and 7 Nov 1919, re Loeb and Socialism, 1919  | box 1 | folder 15 |
| Loeb/Edric B. Smith, re Miss Helen McNaught, 1920 June 26   | box 1 | folder 16 |
| Loeb/Flexner, 1 and 11 Dec 1919, re B.M. Allen; Allen/Loeb, [1919] (copy) Loeb/Flexner, 25 Jan 1921, re change in division's name from "Experimental Biology" to "General Physiology", 1919 | box 1 | folder 16 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re Miss [Elizabeth] Brakeley and importance of maintaining good relations with chemical laboratory at Columbia [University], 1921 January 26                                  | box 1 | folder 16 |
| A.J. Gelarie/Loeb, letter of complaint, 1914 August 25  | box 1 | folder 16 |
| Loeb/James, (copy) re Gelarie, 1914 August 28   | box 1 | folder 16 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re letter from [Frank R.] Lillie, 1921 March 11   | box 1 | folder 16 |
| Smith/Loeb, re appointment of David Hitchcock, 1921 June 20   | box 1 | folder 16 |
| Loeb/Flexner, request for helper to prepare protein solutions, 1922 April 5   | box 1 | folder 17 |
| F. Foerster/Loeb, (translation and copy), re Loeb consent to give address at meeting of Bunsen Association in Leipsic, 1922 May 7   | box 1 | folder 17 |

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| Loeb/Flexner, decision not to go abroad because 1) wife's poor health and 2) Wilhelm Ostwald and [Walther] Nernst are other speakers on program and Loeb's attendance "would have pained the French and Belgian scientists", 1922 July 25   | box 1 | folder 17 |
| Loeb/Flexner, re 1) visit of Ivan P. Pavlov and son at Woods Hole; 2) discussion with Pavlov about P. Lasareff; 3) receipt of letter from Prof. O. Warburg re [Otto] Meyerhof and anti-Semitism; Flexner/Loeb, 5 Jul 1923, reply, 1923 June 28  | box 1 | folder 17 |
| P. Lasareff/Loeb, (copy), re proposed trip to American; paragraph on "big geophysical work on the investigation of the Kursk magnetic anomaly", 1923 May 15   | box 1 | folder 17 |
| Richard Lorenz/Loeb, (in German), re Loeb's theory and Lorenz's own work on strong electrolytes, 1923 June 20   | box 1 | folder 17 |
| Loeb/Flexner, recommends visits of P. Lasareff, Otto Warburg, and Richard Lorenz, 1923 July 6   | box 1 | folder 17 |
| B.A. Younker/Loeb, attorney on behalf of A.J. Gelarie, 1924 January 29  | box 1 | folder 17 |
| A. Einstein/Loeb, (copy and translation), re possibility of support from Rockefeller Institute for theoretical assistant for work on general relativity; pleased to hear of R.I. support of O. Warburg; brief comments on situation in Europe. [2 p. listing of Contents of Albert Einstein file, International Education Board Archives], 1923 December 28 | box 1 | folder 17 |
| Selected condolence letters   | box 1 | folder 18 |
| J. Stanley Gardiner, 1924 February 15   |       |           |
| [Adolph] Von Harnack, 1924 February 16  |       |           |
| Baron D.S. Kitasato, 1924 February 18   |       |           |
| E. Rutherford, 1924 February 18   |       |           |
| Otto Meyerhof, 1924 February 19   |       |           |
| A. Einstein, (copy), 1924 February 19   |       |           |
| Otto Meyerhof, (copy), 1924 February 20   |       |           |
| Leo Loeb, 1924 February 21  |       |           |
| Hardolph Wasteneys, 1924 February 22  |       |           |
| Rudolf Höber, 1924 February 23  |       |           |
| Hans H. Meyer, 1924 February 28   |       |           |
| M.F. Guyer, 1924 March 3  |       |           |
| Curt Herbst, 1924 March 3   |       |           |
| Et. Burnet, 1924 March 10   |       |           |
| F.G. Donnan, (copy), 1924 March 15  |       |           |

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| Svante Arrhenius, (copy), 1924 March 16  |       |           |
| O. Herzog, 1924 March 21   |       |           |
| I.P. Pavlov, 1924 March 31   |       |           |
| "Jacques Loeb" by John H. Northrop, carbon typescript, circa February 1924   | box 1 | folder 18 |
| Prof. Rona, (extract and copy), condolence letter, 1924 April 5  | box 1 | folder 19 |
| E.P. Lyon, (copy), condolence letter, 1924 April 20  | box 1 | folder 19 |
| Flexner/Mrs. Loeb, "Memorial Minute to Jacques Loeb", 1924 May 13  | box 1 | folder 19 |
| Frank R. Lillie/Flexner, re Loeb memorial tablet for Marine Biological, 1926 August 6  | box 1 | folder 19 |
| Laboratory, Woods Hole, photograph   | box 1 | folder 19 |
| Thos. C. Corner/Flexner, re portrait of Dr. Loeb, 1930 June 11   | box 1 | folder 19 |
| Robert F. Loeb/Herbert S. Gasser, telegram re death of Mrs. Jacques Loeb, 1951 August 20   | box 1 | folder 19 |
| File on Leo Loeb, 1906-1915  |       |           |
| Flexner/ L. Loeb, re L. Loeb's "conflict with Dr. Gaylord."; L., 1907 October 24   | box 1 | folder 20 |
| Loeb/Flexner, replies, 1907 October 25-26 1907 October 28  | box 1 | folder 20 |
| L. Loeb/Board of Trustees of the R.I.M.R., application for grant of \$600 "to carry out certain investigations in the growth of tissues and allied problems and in the coagulation of the blood"; Flexner/Loeb, 14 Jan 1908, reply, 1908 January 3 | box 1 | folder 20 |
| L. Loeb/L. Emmett Holt, report of scientific work, 1908 May 5  | box 1 | folder 20 |
| L. Loeb/Board of Scientific Directors of the R.I.M.R., report of scientific work; Flexner/Loeb, 1 Dec 1909, reply, 1909 November 29  | box 1 | folder 20 |
| Correspondence re reprints, 1909-1910  | box 1 | folder 20 |
| Isaac A. Abt/ Flexner, re director for reorganized Michael Reese Hospital and the Morris Institute for Medical Research; Flexner/ Abt, 21 Dec 1914, recommends Loeb, 1914 December 15  | box 1 | folder 20 |
| Flexner-L. Loeb correspondence., re temporary transfer of L. Loeb's work to Institute; 1 letter, J. Loeb/Flexner, ca Dec 1914, re L. Loeb and position at Michael Reese Hospital, 1914-1915  | box 1 | folder 20 |
| Short Register, Jacques Loeb Papers, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division  | box 1 | folder 21 |
| Jacques Loeb/William J. Crozier, marked "Confidential" re founding of a Journal of General Physiology, 1918 May 24   | box 1 | folder 22 |

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Also in folder: photocopy of letter and envelope from Mrs. Garn to Dr. Jules Hirsch.

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| Photocopy and clippings of articles in newspapers which appeared at the time of Dr. Loeb's death.  | box 2 | folder 1 |
| Magazine articles about Jacques Loeb   |       |          |
| Stockbridge, Frank. "Creating Life in the Laboratory" Cosmopolitan Magazine 774-781, 1912 May  | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Serviss, Garrett P. "Artificial Creation of Life" Cosmopolitan Magazine 459-468, 1905 September  | box 2 | folder 2 |
| De Kruif, Paul. "Jacques Loeb, the Mechanist" Harper Magazine 183-190 (2 cop), 1923 January  | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Obituary Prof. Jacques Loeb Nature v. 113, 574-576, 1924 April 19  | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Levene and Osterhout. Jacques Loeb, the Man and Jacques Loeb, the scientist. Science 59 (1924) 427-430 (2 cop), 1924   | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Garrey, W.E. "Memorial to Jacques Loeb" Science 59 (1925) 198, 1925  | box 2 | folder 2 |
| "Honorary Degrees at Yale University" Science 57 (1923) 11, 1923   | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Osterhout, W.J.V. "Jacques Loeb, Biographical Sketch" Journal of General Physiology 8 (1928) ix-xcii, 1928   | box 2 | folder 2 |
| "Jacques Loeb" JGP 6 (1924) unpagged (2 cop), 1924   | box 2 | folder 2 |
| "Memorial to Jacques Loeb" by Levene, Osterhout, Flexner, Lillie. Proceeding of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine 21 (1924) i-xiv (2 copies), 1924 | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Williams, H.S. "Our Twelve Great Scientists. IX. Dr. Jacques Loeb" Technical World Magazine 761-765, 1915 January  | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Flexner, Simon, "Jacques Loeb and his Period" Science 66 (1927) 333-337, 1927  | box 2 | folder 3 |
| "Jacques Loeb" Medical News JAMA 82 (1924) 722, 563, 1924  | box 2 | folder 3 |
| "Obituary: Jacques Loeb" Medical Journal and Record 267, 1924 March  | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Herbst, Curt "Jacques Loeb; a short survey of his life-work" Die Naturwissenschaften the original in German with an English translation                            | box 2 | folder 3 |

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| Uhlenhuth, Eduard. "Jacques Loeb" The Nation 118 (1924) 229, 1924   | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Gussin, Arnold E.S.: "Jacques Loeb: The Man and His Tropism Theory of Animal Conduct", Journal of the History of Medicine oct 1963, photocopy, 1963 | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Collected reprints (v. 1-7)   | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Loeb, Jacques. Proteins and the theory of colloidal behavior. New York, McGraw-Hill (v. 8), 1924  | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Loeb, Jacques. Regeneration from a physico-chemical viewpoint. New York, McGraw-Hill (v. 9), 1924   | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Loeb, Jacques. The mechanistic conception of life. Edited and with introduction by Donald Fleming, Cambridge, Mass. Belknap Press (v. 10), 1964     | box 2 | folder 3 |