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Summary Information

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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

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

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

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- Medical sciences
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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
Scope and Contents note		
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
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Informal snapshots, many taken at Woods Hole, most undated	box 1	folder 8
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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.

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
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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
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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

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
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A.J. Gelarie/Loeb, letter of complaint, 1914 August 25	box 1	folder 16
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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
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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

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
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M.F. Guyer, 1924 March 3		
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Svante Arrhenius, (copy), 1924 March 16		
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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
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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		
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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
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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
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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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Addition. Gift of Priscilla Crozier Garn. Transmitted to Archives via Mrs. Sonya W. Mirsky, 25 March 1986.

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

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
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Loeb, Jacques. Proteins and the theory of colloidal behavior. New York, McGraw-Hill (v. 8), 1924	box 2	folder 3
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