

**Isaac Arthur Abt (1867-1955) Papers, 1881-1966**

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**Biography**

Isaac Arthur Abt, pediatrician and Northwestern University Medical School professor, was born in Wilmington, Illinois (50 miles southwest of Chicago) on December 18, 1867. He was the son of Levi Abt and Henrietta Hart Abt who also had three other sons including Isaac's twin, Jacob, and three daughters (one died at an early age from typhoid). Levi Abt had, at the age of 19, emigrated from Germany after the unrest of 1848. He engaged in various commercial activities in Illinois and finally settled in Wheeling where he owned a general store and served as postmaster. Here, about 1865, Levi married Henrietta Hart who had also emigrated from Germany shortly after 1848. Two sons, Solomon and Herman, were born before the family moved to Wilmington. In 1875 the Abts moved to Chicago, and Levi joined his brothers-in-law in establishing the firm of Hart, Abt, and Marx, manufacturers of men's clothing. The Abts' daughters Carrie and Hattie were born in Chicago.

Isaac attended public schools in Chicago and graduated from West Division High School. About this time the brothers-in-law decided to separate and two new firms were established: L. Abt and Sons and Hart, Schaffner, and Marx.

During his after-school hours Isaac had worked at Matt Borland's drug store on the west side. He quickly became involved in making herbal tinctures, Seidlitz powders, cathartic pills, and other popular items, and this experience combined with his interest in the medical activities of his father's mother and his Aunt Rosie pointed young Isaac toward a medical career. After a year at the University of Chicago preparatory school he entered the 3-year pre-medical program at Johns Hopkins University in the Fall of 1886. While in Baltimore he boarded with a Mrs. Warfield, an aunt of the Duchess of Windsor.

At Johns Hopkins Isaac was greatly influenced by the outstanding pathologist, William Henry Welch. Welch's desire for accuracy and the understanding of causes was evident throughout Abt's long career. Among Abt's classmates at Johns Hopkins were Fielding Garrison, Ross Harrison, Lessing Rosenthal, and Albert Loeb. Abt continued his medical education during his vacations from Hopkins working with Edmund Andrews, Sr., Moses Gunn, and Charles Parks. In the fall of 1889 he entered the Chicago Medical College's two-year course. During medical school he worked at a variety of jobs in the College's dispensary, primarily as drug clerk. Abt graduated in 1891 in a class that included Joseph Bolivar Delee, Arthur Edwards, and Robert Preble. He took his internship at Michael Reese Hospital, 1891-1892. Then Abt took the usual "grand tour" of Europe for his postgraduate training, leaving in the fall of 1892 and returning in January 1894. He studied under Widerhofer at Vienna and also spent time in Berlin and London.

Abt's first office in Chicago was located near 35th St. and Indiana Ave. He began his practice in internal medicine but soon started to devote more and more time to pediatrics, becoming one of the earliest specialists in the field. Abt realized the importance of teaching for the clinician and maintained an active academic affiliation throughout his career. From 1894 to 1897 he was assistant in pediatrics and instructor in physiology, histology, and physiology of the nervous system at the Chicago Medical College (Northwestern University Medical School). He also served for a time as a district county physician and medical inspector for the Chicago Health Department. In 1896 Cook County Hospital for the first time offered competitive Civil Service examinations for appointments to its staff. Abt studied for

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a solid week in a hotel room and passed the examinations with the highest grade. As a result he was appointed the first attending physician in pediatrics at the Hospital.

In 1897 Abt became Professor of Diseases of Children at Northwestern University's Woman's Medical College, a position he held until 1901 when Francis X. Walls was named to succeed Marcus P. Hatfield as Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics of the Northwestern University Medical School. Abt then moved to Rush Medical College as Associate Professor of Children's Diseases. In 1909 he was invited back to Northwestern as Professor of Pediatrics and Chairman of the Department. He remained at Northwestern until his retirement in 1939. He was accorded emeritus status in 1940.

Abt was especially interested in the quality of nutrition and hospital facilities for children. He was a founder and the first president of the Chicago Milk Commission (which later developed into the Infant Welfare Society). Abt also served as the first president of the Children's Hospital Society of Chicago. His most important work in support of pediatric hospital facilities began in 1910 when Edward Morris, of the meat-packing family, called on him with a proposal for a children's hospital. This hospital, to be named after Edward's mother, Sarah, was to be the finest in Chicago.

Late in the summer of 1910 Abt and his wife sailed to Europe to visit the newest and best children's hospitals. The plans Abt developed were drawn up by Schmidt, Gardner, and Erickson and the Sarah Morris Children's Hospital (in conjunction with Michael Reese Hospital) was dedicated in 1912. The Sarah Morris Hospital was acknowledged to be one of the finest in the country, comparable to the Harriet Lane Home at Johns Hopkins, which had been planned by Clemens von Pirquet somewhat earlier.

While medical practice and teaching absorbed much of his time, Isaac Abt also wrote extensively for both scientific and lay audiences. Many of his articles dealt with nutrition. He also wrote on such subjects as floating kidneys, the relationship between speech and intelligence, the classification of gastrointestinal diseases, and the status of the kindergarten. Abt wrote chapters for a number of books (including three for Brenneman's *System of Pediatrics*). Abt's comprehensive knowledge of the rapidly expanding literature of pediatrics was in good part the result of his service as Editor of the *Year Book of Pediatrics* from 1902 to 1940. He was one of the founders of the *American Journal of the Diseases of Children*. Books by Abt included *The Baby's Food*, published in 1917, and his autobiographical *Baby Doctor*, published in 1944. His major work, the 8-volume *System of Pediatrics*, was published in 1923-1926. This became a classic in its field. In the midst of his scientific and popular writings Abt found time to produce a variety of papers on historical topics (medical encyclopedists, biographical sketches, and the development of pediatrics in a number of cities and regions).

Abt was in great demand as a speaker before both scientific and lay groups. Many of his addresses were later printed although some exist only in note or manuscript form. Abt had an inventive and pioneering mind. With Edward Lasker he developed an electric breast pump that became highly successful. He was the first physician in Chicago to administer diphtheria antitoxin, and he was the first American pediatrician to use protein milk in the treatment of diarrhea. Abt pioneered in the early work on incubators for premature infants.

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Abt was an active and productive member of numerous organizations. He was Chairman of the American Medical Association's Section on Pediatrics in 1911, and served as the Section's representative in the House of Delegates from 1918 to 1935. In 1925 he presented an informative and detailed report before the House on the methods of sale and promotion of infant foods that has served as a standard ever since. He also was a member of a joint committee of the AMA and the National Education Association. He was Chairman of the Committee on Medical Care for Children at President Hoover's White House Conference in 1930.

Abt was President of the American Association for Teachers of the Diseases of Children in 1922, American Pediatric Society in 1926, Chicago Medical Society in 1927, and the Institute of Medicine of Chicago in 1933. He was a founder and first president (1931) of the American Academy of Pediatrics. In addition, Abt received many honors. The one that affected him most deeply was bestowed in 1928 during a trip to Europe. This was an honorary membership in the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kinderheilkunde. Abt had been made a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor in 1927. The same year he was elected an honorary member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honorary society. In 1931 Northwestern University awarded him a Doctor of Science degree. The American Pediatric Society presented him with a loving cup, and the American Academy of Pediatrics also gave him an award.

In 1897 Abt married Lina Rosenberg, a graduate nurse at Michael Reese Hospital. The elder of their two sons, Arthur Frederick, born on September 7, 1898, also became a pediatrician. The younger son, Lawrence Edward, was born two years later. Isaac Arthur Abt died in Chicago on November 22, 1955, exactly 33 years after the death of his father.

Isaac Arthur Abt became one of the most prominent pediatricians in the United States and for many years enjoyed an international reputation as well. The standards he set in his clinical practice became a model for the field that he did so much to develop and improve. His publications informed and encouraged both the lay public and his scientific colleagues. His teaching raised the quality of pediatric practice and profoundly affected his many students and residents, among whom were Clifford Grulee, Julius Hess, and Joseph Brenneman.

**Description of the Papers, Boxes 1-10**

**NOTE: Biographical Material can be found in Boxes 1, 9, 10, 12, and 13.**

The Isaac Arthur Abt Papers are arranged in six main categories: biographical material; class and teaching notes; publications; addresses; clinics; and material by or related to I. A. Abt's elder son, Arthur Frederick.

The biographical material includes "Recollections of an Old Pediatrician" (41 pages, much of it in outline form) which deals with Abt's life up through his visit to Europe in 1928. These recollections formed the basis for Abt's popular autobiography, *Baby Doctor*, published in 1944. The biographical category also contains clippings; programs; certificates, commendations, and appreciations; biographical sketches and obituaries (one by his son, Arthur); and a folder of correspondence, mostly to Abt. These

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letters include one (typed, Feb. 8, 1952) from Bela Schick who signed it and wrote a brief postscript, and 11 from Fielding Garrison (1917-18, 1926-27).

The class and lecture notes include those taken by Abt while at Johns Hopkins (1888-89), lecture notes for courses he taught, and grades he gave while teaching.

The publications, which comprise the largest section of the Papers, include drafts of his articles (1908?-1948), a few editorials and obituaries (of colleagues), some ads and reviews of books Abt wrote, and a substantial number of notes and partial drafts for his writings on the history of pediatrics. Other material related to his writings is also included in this collection, as are a few reprints.

The addresses include dated typescripts from 1917 to 1944, and two large folders of undated items. Also in this category is a large number of notes for speeches Abt gave and discussions he participated in at both scientific and lay meetings.

The clinics category is comprised primarily of typed protocols for Sarah Morris Hospital (1915-1917), with some protocols, notes, and other materials from the Pediatric Clinics at Northwestern, Children's Memorial Hospital, Michael Reese, and St. Luke's. The sources of some of this material are not identified. Dated items range from 1909 to 1934.

The Arthur F. Abt biographical material includes one folder of correspondence and miscellaneous, and two folders of reprints.

**Provenance:** These materials were donated to the University Archives in three accessions by Mrs. Arthur F. Abt of Baltimore and Mr. Arthur Abt of Northbrook, Illinois, between 1973 and 1975.

**Restrictions:** None.

**Processor:** William K. Beatty September, 1977

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**Addition, Boxes: 10-12**

This addition to the Isaac Arthur Abt Papers is arranged in seven main categories: biographical materials, correspondence, clippings, materials relating to Abt's 85th birthday celebration, honors, obituaries, and publications.

The biographical material includes personal notes (one, not to Abt, written and signed by Abraham Jacobi); professional and membership cards; notes and cards from Abt's student days in Vienna (1892-93); programs of meetings in which Abt took part; his filled-out application for membership in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps (September 8, 1918); and "'The Debutante", yearbook from Johns Hopkins University, for Abt's graduating class of 1889.

The correspondence (mostly letters to Abt with a few drafts and copies of replies) includes a personal folder (arranged chronologically by day) and letters and telegrams written for his 70th, 75th, 80th, and 86th birthdays. The personal material contains a postcard (May 29, 1907) of Vienna from Joseph B. De Lee; three handwritten letters from Fielding H. Garrison: August 9, 1917 (thanking Abt for his excellent picture, mentioning his specific needs of pictures for the history of pediatrics Garrison was then writing, and commenting on the likelihood of seeing overseas duty in the war); August 17, 1932 acknowledging Abt's approval of Garrison's recent tribute to Steinschneider and commenting at some length on Steinschneider's personality and philosophy. Garrison "understands" that most of Steinschneider's correspondence is to be given to the Morningside Seminary; and December 19, 1932 briefly thanking Abt for letter and kind invitation which he must decline. Also here is a handwritten letter (May 25, 1935) from Bela Schick reporting the possibilities of putting together a Festschrift for Knoepfmdacher or, more likely, an honorary membership in an important pediatric society. Schick earnestly requests Abt's advice. This folder includes two letters from Northwestern University President Walter Dill Scott (April 29, 1931) inviting Abt to receive an honorary degree (Doctor of Science) from Northwestern and taking delight in Abt's acceptance (May 5, 1931). Finally there are letters from Charles Huggins (October 23, 1944) thanking Abt, his patient, for the beautiful wristwatch; from Ross Harrison (April 20, 1954) inviting Abt to their 65th reunion at Johns Hopkins, with handwritten postscript; and from Abraham Jacobi (undated, handwritten on letterhead of The Blackstone Chicago) thanking Abt for his hospitality.

The remaining correspondence consists of congratulatory letters and telegrams for various birthdays.

The clippings include items about Abt (interviews, events) and articles by Abt on public health and other medical matters. The Pure Milk Hearing clippings refer to Abt's testimony during a public meeting in Chicago set up to improve the quality of commercially produced milk. The Miriam Rubin Case folder contains two reprinted announcements (in a Wayne, Nebraska, paper) concerning Abt's consultation regarding this girl's treatment by a chiropractor in Waukegan, Illinois.

The 85th birthday celebration materials (Box 11) contain 2 albums of congratulatory letters and a folder of additional letters and the programs and publicity pertaining to the dinner and the movie ("Stars and Stripes Forever").

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The honors material includes letters and clippings about the presentations of the American Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award (1948) and France's Cross of the Legion of Honor (1927). Abt was elected president of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago for 1933 and there are a few items related to this.

Obituaries of Abt appeared in several newspapers. The major element in the publications section is concerned with Abt's autobiography, *Baby Doctor*, published in 1944. In addition to letters from friends, colleagues, "Abt babies", and the general public, there are many ads, flyers, and reviews.

**Provenance:** The materials in this addition were donated by Arthur Abt on March 12, 1979 (Accession #79-39).

**Restrictions:** None.

**Processor:** William K. Beatty, February 1981.

**Additions Boxes 13-14, 1 Package**

These materials are arranged in four main categories: biographical materials, correspondence, stock and other certificates, and publications.

The biographical materials include clippings and other items relating to Dr. Abt and other members of his family; the script of the American Medical Association's "Gold Medal Doctors" radio program (1948) featuring Dr. Abt; the ship's passage (in German, August 1, 1853) for Dr. Abt's father, Levi, from Bremen; a certificate of admission to high school, June 29, 1883; a few school and college papers; a guest book for the Abt house in Leland, Michigan (1922-1938); and 20 diary, note, and memoranda books. The latter provide information about meetings, trips, and other professional concerns, as well as a few personal and family matters. The notes on the Abt's various European trips include some information on visits to clinics, hospitals, and educational institutions. One memo book contains a collection of cigar bands. Here also is the minute book for the Peerless Literary Society (1881-1884) of which Abt was a founder and president.

The correspondence, arranged chronologically by date, includes letters and postcards, mostly from Dr. Abt to other members of his family. Some correspondence is from Abt's wife and a small amount from relatives and friends pertains mainly to Abt's autobiography, *Baby Doctor*. Of special interest are three letters (May 7, 1887-January 21, 1888) written home while Abt attended Johns Hopkins University. These mention the serious illness, probably diphtheria, of Abt's youngest sister, May, and gifts of money and clothes. In the January 21, 1888 letter, Abt referred to the difficulties that his father and older brothers, Solomon and Herman, were having with their clothing business. Abt offered to withdraw from school to help the family.

The stock and other certificates are of no monetary value and serve only to illustrate some of Dr. Abt's less fortunate investments.

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The publications include a paperback Portuguese translation (1946) of *Baby Doctor* and a bound volume of *The Literary Star*, a monthly 8-page tabloid issued from February 15, 1885 through January 15, 1886, by the "Editors and Proprietors": Isaac A. Abt, Leo A. Loeb, and Simon B. Eisendrath.

The package contains the Peerless Society minute book and *The Literary Star* volume.

**Provenance:** These materials were donated by Arthur Abt of Northbrook, Illinois, early in 1981 as Accession #81-57.

**Restrictions:** None.

**Processor:** William K. Beatty, March/April, 1981.

**Additions, Box 15**

This addition to the Isaac Abt Papers consists of one box of articles by Abt, spanning the years 1896 to 1944. Articles include offprints from medical journals, and works excised from popular magazines such as *Parents* magazine. Some articles, published in foreign journals, have been translated into the appropriate language (Italian, Spanish and German). Articles are arranged chronologically by publication date.

Also included in this addition are bibliographic materials (a partial list of Abt's articles and a series of note cards with publication information) and a heavily annotated, printed booklet titled *Syllabus of a System of Pediatrics*, which might be a collateral publication related to Abt's eight-volume *A System of Pediatrics* (1921-1927).

Drafts of some of these articles may be found in Box 3, folders 1-5. Additional articles by Abt are contained in Box 9.

**Provenance:** These records were transferred to the University Archives by Chris Simoni of the Northwestern University School of Law Library on January 4, 2000, as Accession No. 00-8.

**Restrictions:** None

**Separations:** One cubic foot of duplicates was discarded. One-third cubic foot of unrelated materials was dispersed into the appropriate areas of the University Archives' General Files.

**Processor:** Peter Gunther, February 2000

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**SEPARATIONS**

The following items have been separated from the Isaac Abt Papers, foldered in one oversized jacket and shelved in the University Archives, Room 111B, S, O:

- Three certificates (one from the Chicago Medical Society, 1943; two from the Cook County, Illinois Board of Commissioners, 1904, 1906)
- One diploma (Lena Rosenberg's diploma from the Michael Reese Training School for Nurses, 1894,
- One drawing of Abt by Ben Cohen, 1944?,
- One drawing for Abt's 1922 holiday card by Tom Jones (mounted).

The following artifacts have been separated from the Papers, boxed and removed to the University Archives Artifacts Collection:

- One wallet,
- One Chicago Department of Health badge and case,
- Four badges from the American Medical Association conventions of 1921, 1929, 1933, 1934,
- One badge from the Colorado State Medical Society,
- Four engraving plates (one halftone portrait of Abt, one bookplate printing block, two business card printing blocks).

The following audio-visual materials have been separated from the Papers and added to the University Archives Photograph Collection or Audio Collection:

- Sixty-eight photographs, Eight oversized photographs, One photo negative, Six phonograph records.

One badge from the Chicago Medical Society has been transferred to the Chicago Historical Society. One framed motto has been discarded.

Kevin Leonard

July 10, 1981

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	3	Correspondence	1893-1953
	4	Programs	
	5	Clippings	
	6	Certificates	
	----	Notebook, General Biology, Johns Hopkins, Fall, 1888	
	Red Box	Appreciation to I. A. Abt on his 80th birthday, from the Chicago Pediatric Society	1947
		<b>Class and Lecture Notes</b>	
2	1	Notes, Johns Hopkins,	Spring, 1889
	2	1928 Trip - Notes, et al., 1	1928
	3	1928 Trip - Notes, et al., 2	1928
	4	Lecture Notes - Northwestern Univ. Med. School	1896-97
	5	Grades	
	6	Lecture Notes - Misc.	
		<b>Publications</b>	
3	1	Articles, drafts	1908?-1929
	2	Articles, drafts	1930-1932
	3	Articles, drafts	1933-1948
	4	Articles, drafts	Undated
	5	Articles, drafts	Misc. pages
	6	Obituaries (of colleagues)	1935, 1939
	7	Editorials, Queries, & Responses	1931, 1935, 1949
	8	Book Reviews	1927-1934
	9	Ads and Reviews of Books by Abt	1917-1944
	10	Reading Notes	
		<b>Publications</b>	
4	1	<i>The Baby's Food</i>	
	2	<i>Health Education</i>	
		<b><i>History of Pediatrics</i></b>	
	3	-Prelim. Outline & Notes	
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4	7	Draft to c. 1900	
	8	- Modern	
	9	- Chapter 1	
	10	- Chapter 1, partial	
	11	- Misc. pages	
	12	- Austria & Germany	
	13	- California	
5	1	- England	
	2	- Europe & Asia	
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	4	- Illinois	
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	6	- Italy	
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<b>Publications, continued</b>			
6	1	<i>Modern Pediatrics</i>	
	2	- notes	
	3	"Nutritional Disturbances of Infancy" (Chapt. in vol. 3 of Abt's <i>System of Pediatrics</i> )	
	4	<i>Pediatrics of My Time</i> (Outline & notes)	
	5	Books - Misc.	
	6	Addresses	1917-1930
	7	Addresses	1931-1937
	8	Addresses	1938-1944
7	1	Addresses	n.d.
	2	Addresses	n.d.
	3	Speech Notes	
	4	Discussions	
	5	Clinics	1891-1896
8	1	Pediatric Case Teaching, vol. 1	Sept. 15, 1909
	2	Pediatric Case Teaching, vol. 2	1909?
	3	Sarah Morris Hospital	1915
	4	Sarah Morris Hospital	Feb.-Mar., 1916
	5	Sarah Morris Hospital	Apr., 1916
	6	Sarah Morris Hospital	May-Oct., 1916
	7	Sarah Morris Hospital	Jan., 1917
	8	Sarah Morris Hospital	Feb.-Apr., 1917
	9	Unidentified	1919, 1922
	10	Children's Memorial Hospital,	1933-34
	11	Northwestern University Pediatric Clinic	
	12	Clinics: Michael Reese	
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	2	Miscellaneous	
	vol.	<i>Medicine in Ancient Egypt</i> , 1914. By Bayard Holmes, with substantive inscription by Holmes to Abt	1922
	3	Arthur F. Abt Biographical Material	
	4	Correspondence & Misc.	
9	5	Reprints	1920-1936
	6	Reprints	1937-1966
10	1	Biographical Material	
	2	Correspondence - Personal	Jan (?) 1892 - May 1954
	3	Correspondence - 70th Birthday	December 18, 1937
	4	Correspondence - 75th Birthday	December 18, 1942
	5	Correspondence - 80th Birthday	December 18, 1947
	6	Correspondence - 86th Birthday	December 18, 1953
	7	Clippings - about Dr. Abt	
	8	Clippings - by Dr. Abt	
	9	Clippings - Pure Milk Hearing	August 1, 1912
	10	Clippings - Miriam Rubin Case	1921
11	Albums	85th Birthday Celebration, Maroon Album – letters Green Album – letters	December 8, 1952
	1	Letters and programs	
12	1	American Medical Association Distinguished Service Award	1948
	2	Institute of Medicine of Chicago	1932-1933
	3	Legion of Honor	1927
	4	Obituary Notices	November 23-25, 1955
	5	Publications - <i>Baby Doctor</i> corresp., ads, and reviews	1944-1945, 1948
	6	Publications - <i>System of Pediatrics</i>	1921-1927
	7	- Miscellaneous	1904, 1927, 1951
13	1	Biographical Material - Clippings and Papers	
	2	Certificate, Admission to High School	June 29, 1883
	3	School and College Papers	1887-1888
	4	Guest Book (Leland, Michigan) "Call List and Record" (Cigar Bands); "Joke Scrap Book"	July 2, 1922-Sept 6, 1938

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	8	Scrapbooks, European Trip	June 30-August 18, 1914
14	1	Correspondence -- Letters	1887-1956
	2	Post Cards	June 1904-March 1911
14	3	Post Cards	July 1929-September 3, 1930
	4	Post Cards	May 19, 1931-Aug 9, 1932
	5	Post Cards	Sept 4, 1940-Oct 12, 1953
	6	Stock Certificates	
	7	Publication - <i>O Romance da Pediatria</i> , Portuguese translation of <i>Baby Doctor</i>	1946
Pkg	1	Peerless Literary Society, Secretary's Book	Dec 31, 1881-Sept 6, 1884
Pkg	2	<i>The Literary Star</i> (bound vol.) Vol. 1, No. 1-Vol. 1, No. 12	Feb 15, 1885, Jan 15, 1886.
15	1	Articles and Reprints	1896-1909
	2	Articles and Reprints	1910-1919
	3	Articles and Reprints	1920-1929
	4	Articles and Reprints	1930-1937
	5	Articles and Reprints	1940-1944, n.d.
	6	Bibliographic material	n.d.
	7	<i>Syllabus of a System of Pediatrics</i>	n.d.