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Descriptive Summary

Title: Script and production research materials for Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet,

Date (inclusive): 1881-1940

Collection number: 7

Extent: 2 boxes (1.0 lin. ft.) 1 v. ; 34 cm.

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Abstract: The collection includes the script, photographs, and research materials gathered to support production of the 1940 Warner Bros. motion picture, Dr. Ehrlich's magic bullet, which focused on Paul Ehrlich's work to develop effective chemical cures for diphtheria and syphilis. A bound oversize album contains many illustrations to guide studio set designers, props, art and costume departments, etc. Articles, many of which have been excerpted and translated from the original German, include biographies, some of Ehrlich's publications, and commentaries on his syphilis treatment.

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Language of Material: Collection materials in English, German, French

Access

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Acquisition Information

The collection was a gift from Dr. Elmer Belt to the UCLA Biomedical Library.

Scope and Content

The collection is organized into the following series:

Series 1. The Motion Picture, 1939-1940. 1 album and 6 folders
Series 2. The Man., 1911-1939. 13 folders
Series 3. The Science., 1881-1937. 22 folders

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Belt, Elmer, 1893-1980
Arsphenamine.
Diphtheria -- drug therapy
Ehrlich, Paul, 1854-1915
Motion pictures - production and direction -- Archival resources
Syphilis - drug therapy

Series 1. The Motion Picture, 1939-1940

Physical Description: 1 album and 6 folders
Production album.
Physical Description: 11.5 x 14 x 3”, buckram and leather bound
Scope and Content Note
materials gathered by the studio’s Research Department, led by Herman Lissauer, to support the movie production; most of the content is pictorial, appropriate for Ehrlich’s time; some of the sections are named: the cast, Koch’s laboratories, Ehrlich’s laboratories and study, hospitals and laboratories, general props, medical props, cafes, courtroom, chemical factory, home interiors, makeup stills, production stills, etc.; also included is a listing of sources consulted for Ehrlich’s biography and his work, and references for art and costume research, plus a selected list of his publications
Note
the volume in its present form was probably bound on the order of Dr. Elmer Belt

Box 1, Folder 1

Dr. Ehrlich’s Magic Bullet script. 13 October 1939
Physical Description: 140 p., 8.75 x 11.5”, buckram and leather bound
Scope and Content Note
typed script, with "10/13/39 FINAL" on the first page; interspersed throughout are script pages typed on blue paper, with various later dates indicated

Box 1, Folder 2

Program for Press preview showing of Dr. Ehrlich’s Magic Bullet. 01 February 1940
Physical Description: 6 x 8.5”, 4 p.
Scope and Content Note
fold-out pamphlet providing: Cast of Characters; Credits; The Story; Production Notes
Note
the screening took place at the Warner Brothers Hollywood Theatre

Box 1, Folder 3

Physical Description: 1 p.
Scope and Content Note
an editorial from "Minnesota Medicine", 23:433-434
Note
Dr. Tuchy gives a favorable review of the movie and urges attendance

Box 1, Folder 4

Paul Ehrlich’s study in Frankfurt.
Physical Description: 8 x 10” photographs
Scope and Content Note
four photographs of the study: 1-2. taken at the same time, one with Dr. Ehrlich, the other with Ehrlich and his secretary, Martha Marquardt; 3. photo taken some later time, with an older Dr. Ehrlich; 4. pencil sketch for the movie set design, based on the original photographs

Box 1, Folder 5

Edward G. Robinson as Paul Ehrlich.
Physical Description: 8x10” photographs
Scope and Content Note
eight composite photos: six showing Robinson in different costumes and depicting different ages, each with an insert of the original Ehrlich photograph upon which the pose is based; two show multiple shots, again pairing Ehrlich with the comparable Robinson impersonation

Box 1, Folder 6

Portraits of Paul Ehrlich.
Scope and Content Note
two portraits at different ages, one sitting, one standing
Series 2. The Man. 1911-1939

Physical Description: 13 folders
Arrangement
roughly chronological

Box 1, Folder 7
"Paul Ehrlich, the Man and the Scientist; recollections of the years 1902-1915, with an introduction by Dr. Richard Koch", by Martha Marquardt. 1924
Physical Description: 79 p. (79 sheets); paper cover
Scope and Content Note
title page dedication reads: "Paul Ehrlich, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, March 14, 1924"; Martha Marquardt was Ehrlich's secretary for 13 years, and her goal was not to write "...of the great scholar, but of the simple, unassuming man."
Note
typed translation of the German original which was published by Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt Stuttgart, 1924; no indication of the translator; "Belt Collection" is typed on the paper cover

Box 1, Folder 8
Materials furnished by the Ehrlich Family. 5 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translated excerpts from three Ehrlich letters: 1. to Prof. Salomonsen, Kopenhagen, Nov. 27, 1899; 2. to Dr. Christian Herter, Jul. 10, 1909; 3. to Prof. Christian Herter, New York, Feb. 24, 1910

Box 1, Folder 9
Notes and excerpts from Hedwig Ehrlich's diary. 17 October 1939
Physical Description: 8 p.
Scope and Content Note
92 separate translated events, most between two to six typed lines long; very few items are dated

Box 1, Folder 10
"Personal impressions of Dr. Paul Ehrlich and his work", by B. C. Corbus. 1911
Physical Description: 3 p.
Scope and Content Note
photocopy of article in American Journal of Clinical Medicine, v. 18, 1911
Note
Dr. Corbus, a Chicago physician, visited Ehrlich in Frankfurt to learn about Salvarsan's use in syphilis

Box 1, Folder 11
"Paul Ehrlich's last illness and death". 31 August 1915
Scope and Content Note
typed translation, photocopy of the original newspaper article, and reprint of the "Letter from Frankfurt a.M." published in Münchener medizinische Wochenschrift

Box 1, Folder 12
"Paul Ehrlich - in memoriam", by Carl Ludwig Schleich. undated
Scope and Content Note
two slightly different typed translations and a photocopy of the original article
Note
p. 1409-1419, headed "Rundschau"; no other identification

Box 1, Folder 13
"Recollections of Paul Ehrlich", by Martha Schiff.
Physical Description: 11 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed rough translation of an article printed in Deutsche Revue
Box 1, Folder 14  "Paul Ehrlich: persönliche Erinnerungen an ihn von einem seiner Freunde".
Physical Description: 2 p.
Scope and Content Note
photocopy from unidentified printed source, signed H. [perhaps Dr. Christian Herter ?];
the short biographical description includes portraits of Ehrlich's mother, father, and
Ehrlich as young man

Box 1, Folder 15  "Paul Ehrlich, 1854-1915", by G.H.F. Nuttall. 1924
Physical Description: 7 p.
Scope and Content Note
biographical note, with portrait and transcription of an Ehrlich letter to Nuttall, published
in Parasitology, 16(2): 224-229, 1924

Box 1, Folder 16  "Paul Ehrlich, 1854-1915", by Robert Muir. 1915
Physical Description: 11 p.
Scope and Content Note
photocopy of a review of Ehrlich's life and work from Journal of Pathology and
Bacteriology, 20(2): 350-360

Box 1, Folder 17  "Paul Ehrlich", by Alfred Lichtwitz. 1915
Physical Description: 4 p.
Scope and Content Note
photocopy of obituary from the Deutsche Monatsschrift für Zahnheilkunde, 33: 433-436

Box 1, Folder 18  "Paul Ehrlich". 28 August 1915
Physical Description: 3 p.
Scope and Content Note
photocopy of an editorial and a death notice from the Journal of the American Medical
Association, 65(9): 803-804, 814

Box 1, Folder 19  Encyclopedia entries for Ehrlich.
Scope and Content Note
two short biographies from unidentified German sources

Series 3. The Science. 1881-1937
Physical Description: 22 folders
Arrangement
roughly chronological

Box 1, Folder 20  "On methylene blue and its utilization in clinical-bacterioscopic work", by P.
Ehrlich. 1881
Physical Description: 7 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translation of an article from the Zeitung für klinische Medizin, v. 2.

Box 1, Folder 21  "The organism's need for oxygen: a study in the analysis of dyes", by P. Ehrlich. 1885
Physical Description: 17 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translation headed "Gist", possibly excerpted from the 167 p. volume Das
Sauerstoff-Bedarfness des Organismus. Eine farbenanalytische Studie; Berlin, 1885
Box 1, Folder 22  
“The reaction of methylene blue on living nerve substance”, by P. Ehrlich. 28 January 1886

Physical Description: 1 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translation of one paragraph excerpted from an article in Deutsche medizinische Wochenschrift.

Box 1, Folder 23  
Three articles by Max Gruber on Ehrlich's antibodies. 1901-1902

Physical Description: 9 p., 2 p., 14 p.
Scope and Content Note

Box 1, Folder 24  
"Paul Ehrlich discusses his syphilis specific". 1910

Physical Description: 9 p.
Scope and Content Note
photographs of typed translation of an article from the Frankfurter Zeitung lent by Walter Bertheim

Box 1, Folder 25  
Speech by Dr. Ehrlich presented at the 82nd meeting of the “Deutsche Naturforscher und Ärzte”, Königsberg. 20 September 1910

Physical Description: 17 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translation, taken from the publication of the Proceedings in "Deutsche medizinische Wochenschrift", v.36, n.41, 13 Oct 1910

Box 1, Folder 26  
"The treatment of syphilis with the Ehrlich specific 606". 13 October 1910

Scope and Content Note
photocopy of 10 pages of Proceedings of the 82nd meeting of "Deutsche Naturforscher und Ärzte", Königsberg, 20 Sep. 1910, under the above title; typed translations of three speeches (all with notation "gist"): 1) by Dr. Ehrlich (3 p. - full translation of same speech in Box 1, Folder 26); 2) by Dr. A. Neisser (2 p.); 3) by Dr. Alt (6 p.)

Box 1, Folder 27  
The Salvarsan trial at Frankfurt. 07 June 1914-10 June 1914

Scope and Content Note
nine typed translations from German newspapers Frankfurt, Berlin, Munich) regarding the libel trial of Karl Wassmann, who, among other charges, accused the doctors of the City Hospital, including Ehrlich, of using prostitutes as experimental guinea pigs to undergo toxic Salvarsan treatments

Box 1, Folder 28  
"Le Professeur Ehrlich a l'Hôpital Broca". 07 February 1914

Scope and Content Note
photocopy of account in Presse Médicale (no. 11) of remarks by Paris doctors and Ehrlich's comments regarding treatment of syphilis with Salvarsan
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<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>Wassermann provided both a review of Ehrlich's life and a review of his scientific accomplishments</td>
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<th><strong>&quot;Paul Ehrlich&quot;, by Albert Neisser. 1915-1916</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>Dr. Neisser provides a lengthy review of Ehrlich's scientific work, plus a list of biographical highlights and a three-page bibliography of Ehrlich's fundamental publications</td>
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Box 2, Folder 6


Physical Description: 40 p.
Scope and Content Note
a partial translation, especially of pages 61-89, under the title "A vanishing disease"

Note
the text covers a short history of syphilis in the world, a short biography of Ehrlich, and a more detailed description of his work leading to Salvarsan and the subsequent decline in the prevalence of syphilis

Box 2, Folder 7

"Salvarsan -- twenty years after", by Richard Koch. 23 September 1930

Physical Description: 14 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translation of an article from the "Frankfurter Zeitung"

Box 2, Folder 8

"Men who conquered death: the fate of famous researchers in their battle with microbes. Preparation 606 -- Salvarsan." 27 August 1927

Physical Description: 11 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translation of an article in "Die Berliner Nachtausgabe", section 3

Box 2, Folder 9

The work of the State Institute for Experimental Therapy and of the George Speyer House, Frankfurt am Main. 1924

Physical Description: 44 typed pages
Scope and Content Note
photographs of a typed translation of the German original, published by Gustav Fischer, Jena

Note
originally published as no. 16 of the series: "Arbeiten aus dem Staatsinstitut für Experimentelle Therapie und dem Georg Speyer-Hause zu Frankfurt a. M."

Box 2, Folder 10

"History of the side-chain theory of Paul Ehrlich", by Bruno Heymann. 1 July 1928

Physical Description: 9 p.
Scope and Content Note
typed translation of excerpts from Klinische Wochenschrift

Box 2, Folder 11

"Paul Ehrlich: a man of genius, and an inspiration to humanitarians", by Herman Goodman. 1937

Scope and Content Note

Note
Dr. Goodman reviews Ehrlich's scientific accomplishments