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Biography

Aristide Rieffel was a French philosopher, social scientist, journalist and inventor whose life spanned eighty-three years, four continents, and two marriages. Parisian born of Alsatian stock, Rieffel maintained a strong lifelong attachment to his native France and to Alsace. Though he lived the last twenty-five years of his life in America, he remained thoroughly French.

He was born Arthur Zacharin Rieffel on May 1, 1859. He received a strong Catholic upbringing and, though he often questioned church dogma, he remained deeply religious and spent much of his life pondering and writing on religious questions. Around age nine he received the nickname "Aristide" for his precociousness. As an adult he used Aristide as a pen name, and eventually as his legal name.

Young Aristide lived through the French defeat in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, the siege of Paris, and the subsequent uprising of the Paris Commune in 1871. The violence and human suffering of these events deeply impressed him, and he devoted most of his life's work to preventing war and violence. His pacifism brought him into close contact with Alfred Nobel and Frédéric Passy, with whom he worked for several years.

Aristide also was an inventor who developed a marine steam engine and a device for producing halogen for lighting. The latter invention made him a handsome profit, but mismanagement by his business partners cost him his fortune. He also was a traveler and spent time in Russia, North Africa, the Middle East, North America, and various European countries. His travels gave him a wide perspective on the human condition, and he used this perspective to frame concepts of human behavior and social organization that he believed would eliminate war and lead to harmony and social justice. His life's work was "Le Livre" or "The Book," a large work covering virtually every aspect of individual and societal behavior. He hoped that by pointing out humanity's problems and offering constructive solutions he would make the world a better place.

Ultimately Aristide's masterwork remained unfinished. However, enough of it exists to give the reader a clear idea of his thought, when combined with his other writings. His vision for a future society was complex, and involved non-competitive education, strong religious and moral upbringing, and the reform of virtually every governmental and societal institution, including marriage and the family. He never outlined how his ideas would be enforced. nevertheless, his writings provide an intriguing glimpse into the mind of a man tortured by human suffering and determined to put an end to it.

Aristide moved to Santa Barbara in 1930, and lived in a small house on De La Guerra Street. He often wrote letters to the editor of the *Santa Barbara News Press*, and was a familiar figure in the coffee houses and theaters downtown. He died on October 5, 1941 following an injury and a prolonged illness.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Aristide Rieffel Collection contains the collected papers of Aristide Rieffel, as well as papers of his second wife Jeanne and his children, Odile, Marc, and Mireille. Almost all of the material is in French. The bulk of the collection consists of the correspondence and writings of Aristide. He was a meticulous note taker and he saved manuscript drafts, notes jotted to himself on scraps of paper, newspaper clippings, and correspondence.

Whenever possible, the original arrangement of materials has been retained. In many cases explanatory notes accompany individual series. Aristide's correspondence includes outgoing as well as incoming letters. Of particular note are letters from Emile Zola, Frédéric Passy, and Alfred Nobel. His works include published articles, unpublished plays, poems, and a novel, as well as a vast array of writings on social, religious, and political issues of his time. These works are almost exclusively written in his own hand, as he disdained the use of a typewriter. His financial and legal papers include court proceedings, bank records, and legal documents pertaining to his marriages and divorce.

In alphabetical listings, the French particles *le*, *la*, *les*, and *à* have been ignored. Thus, *Les resultats de la guerre* comes after *Origines de la violence*.

The Rieffel family commonly used abbreviations in reference to each other. These include:

AR= Aristide Rieffel

JAR= Jeanne Rieffel

MAR= Marc-Aurele Rieffel

MIR= Mireille Rieffel

Arrangement

The collection contains four series:

Series I: Correspondence (Boxes 1-21). Arranged by the following subseries: Aristide Rieffel to Family; General Correspondence; Correspondence with Named Individuals; Business and Professional Correspondence; Correspondence of Other Family Members (Jeanne Rieffel, Marc-Aurele Rieffel, Mireille Rieffel, Odile Rieffel, Family Letters).

Series II: Works (Boxes 2-46). Arranged by the following subseries: Biographie; Articles by Aristide Rieffel; Literary and Artistic Works; Le Livre; Peace, War and the State; Religion and Morality; Science and Medicine; Social Questions; Spiritisme.

Series III: Legal and Financial Papers (Box 47). Includes records of legal proceedings and financial arrangements concerning Rieffel's many inventions.

Series IV: Additions (Boxes 48-54). Arranged by the following subseries: Documents and Published Articles; Pages de copie-lettres; Marc-Aurele Rieffel's Biography of Aristide Rieffel.

Indexing Terms

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

Rieffel, Aristide

Pacifism.

Peace.

Politics and war.

Violence.

Related Material

The Hoover Institute on War and Peace at Stanford University holds 36 ms boxes of papers related to Aristide Rieffel, which were donated by Mireille Rieffel. A collection-level record in the RILIN online database provides a brief description of contents. The papers focus on issues of war and peace, international relations, temperance, and government, and consist mainly of Rieffel's published and unpublished articles. There is a small amount of correspondence, as well as several publications by other writers. See the [guide](#) for a detailed listing.

Separations

In addition to manuscript materials, the collection includes a number of monographs and serials collected by Aristide. Nearly all are in French, date from the late nineteenth to early twentieth century, and deal with the same sorts of issues as the manuscripts. In addition there are a few European and North African travel guides. The printed works have been cataloged individually and, like the manuscripts, are housed in the Department of Special Collections. For access, search the UCSB Pegasus online catalog under the keyword Rieffel.

Series I: **Correspondence**

Aristide Rieffel to Family

Scope and Content Note

Aristide Rieffel was a prolific letter writer. From his early youth until his death he wrote daily to many people, though in his later years he increasingly wrote to his two adult children. These family letters give details on AR's life as well as insights into his thinking on larger issues.

Box 1: 1-2

Box 1: 3

To Jeanne Rieffel, 1901

To Jeanne Rieffel, 1900-1901

To Marc Aurele

Scope and Content Note

AR's letters to MAR contained a great deal of discussion of events in the family, large and small. However, AR also lectured his son on issues ranging from philosophy and religion to marriage and business. These letters, written over a seventeen year time span, offer a good insight into the development of AR's thought in his later years.

Box 2: 1-2

Box 2: 3

Box 2: 4-5

Box 2: 6

Box 3: 1

Box 3: 2

Box 3: 3

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Box 3: 5

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1924-1926

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1932-1933

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1938

To various family members, 1936-38

General Correspondence

Scope and Content Note

Contains some family correspondence but mostly letters to and from friends and associates. The folders are in roughly chronological order and are organized in the same way that Aristide Rieffel left them. This subseries provides a good overview of events in AR's life that shaped or influenced his writings.

Box 5: 5	1895-1896. Divorce (AR did not divorce his first wife until 1900, but these letters show he was carefully planning his divorce five years earlier)
Box 5: 6	1898-1902. Pages de copie-lettres (hand copies of AR's outgoing letters)
Box 5: 7	1901-1902. Marriage (letters from friends and family concerning AR's second marriage)
Box 5: 8	1905-1907. Peace movement (letters from pacifists concerning world peace)
Box 6: 1	1914, Summer-Fall
Box 6: 2	1914-1915 (includes letters from Abbé Pichot and Charles Richet)
Box 6: 3	ca. 1914-1918 (undated letters referring to WWI)
Box 6: 4	1918-1924 (correspondence related to WWI and the problems of peace)
Box 6: 5	1920-1939 (includes correspondence with Courrier des Etats-Unis)
Box 6: 6	1921 Winter-Spring
Box 6: 7	1922
Box 6: 8-10	1923 (concerning Mireille in Paris - extensive correspondence with family and friends about Mireille's behavior in Paris and AR's subsequent recall of his daughter)
Box 7: 1	1925 (A remettre)
Box 7: 2	1926
Box 7: 3	1928-29 (concerning AR's move to Claremont)
Box 7: 4-5	1928-29 (Claremont)
Box 7: 6	1929-30 (miscellany)
Box 7: 7	1930 (Santa Barbara miscellany)
Box 7: 8	ca. 1933 (letters to unknown woman)
Box 7: 9-10	1939
Box 7: 11	1930s (correspondence with various American colleagues)
Box 8: 1	1930s (letters received)
Box 8: 2-3	1940
Box 8: 4	1941
Box 8: 5	1941, October
Box 8: 6	1941 (includes AR's last letter to his son, October 5 1941)
Box 8: 7	Alsace (various correspondents)
Box 8: 8	Letters to write (various dates)
Box 8: 9	Unsent letters (various dates and correspondents)

Correspondence with Named Individuals

Box 9: 1	Eugene Billard and Hogdson Pratt, 1891-1894
Box 9: 2	Gabriel Bonno (Professor of French language, Santa Barbara State College)
Box 9: 3	1933-1934
Box 9: 4	1934-1936
Box 9: 5	1936
Box 9: 5	Marcel Cocteau, 1900-1905 (AR's notary)
Box 9: 6	M. Cottard, 1887-1888
Box 9: 7-8	Jeanne Cune (letters to/from Jeanne before their marriage)
Box 9: 9	Frederick W. Ganzert, 1934-1935 (Professor of French language, Utah State University)
Box 9: 10	Christine Gulitzen, 1933 (French Instructor at Claremont College)
Box 9: 11	Dr. Jules Hericourt (AR's close friend and the author of several books on medicine)
	1907-1908

Box 10: 1-2	1907-1908
Box 10: 3	ca. 1929
Box 10: 4-6	Lydia Kiriakov, 1881-1885
Box 10: 7	Dr. Maurice Legrain, 1929-1930
Box 11: 1	Baronne de Lourmel, 1901
Box 11: 2-5	Alice Millard, 1920 (includes one letter written in 1901)
Box 11: 6	Alfred Nobel, Emile Zola, and Charles Richet, 1894-1898 Abbé Pichot (AR's schoolmate and close friend)
Box 11: 7-8	1895-1897
Box 12: 1-2	1895-1897
Box 12: 3	1896-1902, 1911
Box 12: 4	Charles Richet, Jules Hericourt, and others, 1900-1902
Box 12: 5	Roger Rieffel, 1904-1905 (AR's son by first marriage)
Box 12: 6	Herbert Spencer, 1886
Box 12: 7	Abbé Charles Tisserand & Georges Herman, 1873-1875
Box 12: 8	Julia F. Woods, 1929-1934 (Françoise)

Business and Professional Correspondence

Scope and Content Note

Contains AR's letters to and from publishers, business associates, banks, and others.

Although not complete, this subseries give a good representative picture of AR's financial standing and his style of dealing with publishers.

Box 13: 1	1902-1914. Correspondence with publishers
Box 13: 2	1904-1905. Crédit Lyonnais
Box 13: 3-4	1907-1912. Financial correspondence
Box 13: 5	1914-1916. Banque Commerciale Italienne
Box 13: 6	1919-1921. Courrier des Etats-Unis
Box 13: 7	1920-1921. Journals

Correspondence of Other Family Members

Scope and Content Note

Contains some letters to and from AR, but mostly personal, general, and business correspondence of JAR, MAR, and MIR.

Jeanne Rieffel (JAR; AR's second wife, born Jeanne Cune)

General

Box 14: 1	1900-1903
Box 14: 2-3	1904-1905
Box 14: 4	1910-1911
	General (includes some family)
Box 14: 5	1910-1911, 1922-1924
Box 14: 6	1929
Box 14: 7	1930 (incoming only)
Box 14: 8	Financial papers, 1901-1905
Box 14: 9	Charlotte Cune, 1901-1905
Box 15: 1-5	Ecole de Rome, 1910-1914

Ecoles

Box 15: 6	1915-1916 (Bryn Mawr, New York City)
Box 15: 7	1917-1925 (application slips from students)

Family

Box 16: 1	1901-1904
Box 16: 2	1910-1911
Box 16: 3	1913 (from Frontone)
Box 16: 4	1914
Box 16: 5	1916-1922

Box 17: 1-2	1929-1930
Box 17: 3	Last letters and papers, 1942 MAR
Box 17: 4	1924-1927
Box 17: 5	1927-1930
Box 17: 6	Sealed correspondence (personal letters wrapped and sealed by JAR before her death in 1942)
Box 17: 7-8	Miscellany, 1920-1930s
Box 18: 1	Miscellany, 1920-1930s Marc-Aurele Rieffel (MAR) General
Box 18: 2	1928-1929
Box 18: 3	1928-1930 AR
Box 18: 4-7	1924-1930 (outgoing)
Box 18: 8	1928 (outgoing; AR labeled this packet "lettres du gosse et de Mireille en 1928") Family
Box 19: 1	1914-1920
Box 19: 2	1921 Friends
Box 19: 3	1922-1923
Box 19: 4	1929
Box 19: 5	Poupon's conférences (three conference papers delivered by MAR and labeled by AR. "Poupon" was one of his affectionate nicknames for Marc) Mireille Rieffel (MIR) General
Box 19: 6	1923-1932
Box 19: 7	1930 To MAR
Box 19: 8	1924-1927
Box 19: 9	1929-1943
Box 19: 10	1931-1942
Box 20: 1-2	1931-1942 Odile Rieffel
Box 20: 3	Correspondence and papers, 1911-1912
Box 20: 4	Concerning Odile Rieffel's death, 1912 Family Letters
Box 20: 5	1915 (letters among all the family members)
Box 21: 1-3	1921-1923
Box 21: 4	Family to AR in Rosemont, PA, 1915
Box 21: 5	Family to AR in Amagansett, NY, 1917

Series II: **Works****Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically. Most items are holographic manuscript drafts, as AR rarely used a typewriter. There are several offprints and clippings of published articles. Many others may have been published, but in most cases there is no clear evidence of publication. For related items at the Hoover Institute, see Appendix A.

Biographie**Scope and Content Note**

Rieffel kept autobiographical materials from a very young age, convinced that his life story would someday be important. This subseries contains writings that he himself considered biographical. The subseries is broken up into two sections: one of early, dated writings and a second of later, undated writings. All the pieces are handwritten drafts.

Dated Writings

Box 22: 1-3	ca. 1875. Premières notes biographiques
Box 22: 4	1878-1879. Notes biographiques
Box 22: 5-6	1880. Notes journalières
Box 22: 7	1881-1884. Pensées et notes diverse
Box 23: 1-5	1883. Notes biographiques
Box 23: 6-7	1884-1885. Notes biographiques
Box 24: 1-5	1884-1885. Notes biographiques
Box 24: 6	1886. L'enfant
Box 24: 7	ca. 1886. Notes journalières
Box 24: 8	1888-1889. Biographie

Undated Writings

Box 25: 1	Enfance surtout
Box 25: 2	L'expiation
Box 25: 3	Idéale fiancée
Box 25: 4	Mémé
Box 25: 5	Les mères immorales
Box 25: 6	Vie et mort de Georges X
Box 25: 7	Miscellany

Articles by Aristide Rieffel**Scope and Content Note**

These are divided into two sections. The first consists of articles AR considered important that were rejected by editors. Rieffel kept the original manuscripts and rejection letters in the original envelopes and attached great significance to these pieces. The second section consists of published articles, organized by title of newspaper.

Unpublished Articles

Box 25: 8	<i>Appel aux pacifistes américains, 1914</i>
Box 25: 9	<i>Le chômage de dimanche, 1905</i>
Box 25: 10	<i>Pierre Loti, 1905</i>

Published Articles in Newspapers

Box 26: 1	<i>Le Clairon, 1881</i>
Box 26: 2	<i>Feuilleton du Boul' Mich', 1879</i>
Box 26: 3	<i>La France Nouvelle, 1880</i>
Box 26: 3	<i>Le Moniteur Universel, 1881</i>
Box 26: 4	<i>Le Gaulois, 1880-1881</i>
Box 26: 5	<i>L'Indépendance Belge, ca. 1896</i>

Literary and Artistic Works**Scope and Content Note**

Rieffel wrote a great deal of fiction during his younger years. This subseries is organized chronologically and consists of many short stories, some plays and literary analyses, and one novel. An additional section contains undated pieces, including AR's writings on art and its relation to larger social and political issues.

Box 26: 6	1874-1876. Pensées
Box 26: 7	1876. Comédie en trois actes
Box 26: 8	1877. Comédie et mélange
Box 26: 9	1877-1878. Resumés et appréciations
Box 26: 10	1879. Eté
Box 27: 1-3	1879-1880. Premières oeuvres littéraires
Box 27: 4	1879-1880. <i>Emmeline</i>
Box 27: 5	ca. 1879-1883. Imagination et poèmes
	ca. 1880
Box 27: 6	<i>Antoinette Bournon</i>

Box 27: 7-10	Béquets
Box 28: 1	Emilie
Box 28: 2	L'épouse du mathématicien
Box 28: 3	La Garina.
Box 28: 4	Gochoum et Lisbeth
Box 28: 5	Le gros lot
Box 28: 6	Ineffacable, espérance
Box 28: 7	Le Klepthe
Box 28: 8	Louissette
Box 28: 9	Mère et fils
Box 28: 10	Mourir à vingt ans!
Box 28: 11	Un peu de liberté
Box 28: 13	Vision, Ludiwig, les accordés du village
Box 28: 12	Various works
Box 28: 14	1885. Crime d'amour (drame)
Box 28: 15-17	1885. Jeanne Keun: roman (a novel written fifteen years before he met his second wife, Jeanne Cune)
	Undated Works
Box 28: 18	Critique: Loti, Zola
Box 28: 19	Désert et assonance
Box 28: 20	L'école buissonnière
Box 28: 21	Effets de la violence sur l'art
Box 28: 22	Les fontaines Wallace
Box 28: 23	Jean et Marie
Box 28: 24	Ma voisine fantaisie
Box 28: 25	Molière au champs-élysées
Box 28: 26	Le petit roman
Box 29: 1	Subjectif et objectif en littérature, art, etc.
Box 29: 2	La Tsaprazia. Drame en un acte
Box 29: 3	Une honnête femme (four short stories)
Box 29: 4	La vie de la langue
Box 29: 5	Writings on art

Le Livre

Scope and Content Note

Notes and chapters of AR's lifetime project, a book that would expose the underlying problems causing violence and conflict in human society and offer remedies for them. All writings in this subseries remain organized as he left them, in roughly chronological order. The book remained unfinished and unpublished at Rieffel's death.

Box 29: 6-8	1880-1902
Box 30: 1-2	1898
Box 30: 3-4	1898-1901
Box 30: 5-7	ca. 1900. Pour le livre
Box 31: 1	ca. 1900. Pour le livre
Box 31: 2-4	1901 and before (Ante 1901)
Box 31: 5-7	1901. Printemps-été
Box 31: 8	1905. Success
Box 31: 9	1905-1907
Box 32: 1	1907-1908. Hiver (sociologie, état, etc.)
Box 32: 2	1909-1911
Box 32: 3	A lire: contre l'oligarchie financière
Box 32: 4	Notes à recopier
Box 32: 5	Notes relative à la combativité, cruauté
Box 32: 6	Travail avant 1914. Précieux

Peace, War, and the State**Scope and Content Note**

Rieffel devoted much of his writing to analyzing the causes of war and ways to prevent it. This led to studies of the nature of the state and of societal organization. This subseries is divided into sections on the general nature of war, the state, military service and militarism in a specifically French context, pacifism and neutrality, international relations, and colonialism. Most of the writings are undated.

War

Box 32: 7-8
 Box 33: 1
 Box 33: 2
 Box 33: 3-4
 Box 33: 5
 Box 33: 6
 Box 33: 7
 Box 33: 8
 Box 33: 9
 Box 33: 10
 Box 33: 11-12

Early writings on war and the state, 1879-1880**La guerre, restera-t-elle toujours?****L'égalité et la paix****La lutte, est-elle la loi de la vie?****Lutte nuisible****Mémoire contre le militarisme au Pape****Militarisation de Rome****Origine de la violence****Qui triomphe à la guerre****Les résultats de la guerre****Supérieurs sans outillages sont détruits par des inférieurs (Commentary on the Balkan Wars, 1912)**

Box 34: 1
 Box 34: 2
 Box 34: 3-7

Supérieurs sans outillages sont détruits par des inférieurs**La vie en commune: guerre****État****Military Service and Militarism**

Box 34: 8
 Box 34: 9
 Box 34: 10
 Box 34: 11
 Box 34: 12
 Box 34: 13
 Box 34: 14
 Box 34: 15
 Box 34: 16
 Box 34: 17
 Box 35: 1
 Box 35: 2-7
 Box 35: 8
 Box 36: 1
 Box 36: 2
 Box 36: 3
 Box 36: 4
 Box 36: 5
 Box 36: 6
 Box 36: 7
 Box 36: 8

Armée nationale**Boulangisme****Dégénérescence de la France par service militaire****Les deux types de société****Duel****Les erreurs de la carte d'état-major****La gloire de la France****La guerre sociale****Jablochkoff****Ouvriers, méfiez-vous!****Patrie, 1905****Patrie****Patrie, guerre (diverse writings)****La philosophie de l'affaire Dreyfus****A propos des anarchistes****Protectionisme****Recette pour devenir empereur****La république et l'armée de Condé****Service militaire****La suppression des Juifs, 1904****Vote proportionnel****Pacifism and Neutrality**

Box 36: 9
 Box 36: 10
 Box 36: 11
 Box 36: 12
 Box 36: 13
 Box 36: 14
 Box 36: 15
 Box 36: 16
 Box 37: 1

Appel d'un internationaliste aux pacifistes américains**Ce que l'honneur national commande aux Italiens****Le désarmement des enfants (another copy is in the Social Questions subseries)****Fraternité franco-allemande****La neutralité****La neutralité de la Suisse, 1914****Le premier devoir du citoyen suisse, 1914****La prétendue ingratitude des Italiens****Les trois pacifismes****International Relations**

Box 37: 2-11	Alsace
Box 38: 1	Cause de la famine en Russie, 1892
Box 38: 2	Conduite de l'Angleterre et de la Russie envers la France
Box 38: 3	Les fautes du gouvernement anglais
Box 38: 4	Langue internationale
Box 38: 5	Richesses des nations
Box 38: 6	Sébastopol et ses environs
Box 38: 7-8	Writings on international relations
Box 38: 9	Miscellany
	Colonialism
Box 38: 10	Algérie: civilisation, ca. 1912
Box 38: 11	Algérie: la démoralisation coloniale, ca. 1912
Box 38: 12-13	Tripoli
Box 38: 14	Tunisie

Religion and Morality

Scope and Content Note

The ways in which religion shapes morality was a crucial subject to AR. This subseries contains the plan, preface, and conclusion for a book on religion, providing an overview of his religious views. The rest of the subseries is organized alphabetically by title, since few of the works are dated. AR went through a spurt of religious writings in the years 1908-1911, but religion occupied his mind throughout his life.

Book by AR

Box 39: 1	Plan
Box 39: 2	Préface et conclusion
	Alphabetical files
Box 39: 3-4	Bible, évangile, 1909-1911
Box 39: 5	Bouddhisme
Box 39: 6	Canonisation laïque
Box 39: 7	Catholicism in the US and in Europe, ca. 1920
Box 39: 8	Christianisme
Box 39: 9	A classer (includes "nationalisme de Jésus et des Juifs")
Box 40: 1	Documents sur la religion chrétienne
Box 40: 2	Education chrétienne
Box 40: 3	Effets de la religion sur la morale
Box 40: 4-5	L'Eglise et la loi d'évolution, 1888
Box 40: 6	Enquête sur l'état actuel de la morale
Box 40: 7-10	Evangile
Box 40: 11	Génèse de la religion
Box 40: 12	Histoire de Jésus
Box 41: 1-2	Morale
Box 41: 3	Morale de l'évangile
Box 41: 4	La moralité de la bible, hiver 1909-1910
Box 41: 5-6	Moralité et immoralité
Box 41: 7	Notes, ca. 1901
Box 42: 1	Pourquoi et comment on admire l'évangile et Jésus
Box 42: 2	Pourquoi le christianisme à réussi
Box 42: 3	Résurrection
Box 42: 4	Sa personne

Science and Medicine

Scope and Content Note

AR had a particular interest in questions of medical science, but he wrote on a variety of scientific subjects. Since much of the work is undated, this subseries is organized in alphabetical order.

Box 43: 1	Algébriste et savant
Box 43: 2-3	Artiste et savant
Box 43: 4	Critique de Novikov's <i>Critique du Darwinisme Sociale</i>
Box 43: 5	Le douleur des autres
Box 43: 6	Génie folle
Box 43: 7	L'hiver en Egypte, 1904
Box 43: 8	L'homme des symboles
Box 43: 9	L'Italie, le froid, hygiène
Box 43: 10	Les médecins
Box 43: 11	Poison pulmonaire, ca. 1885
Box 43: 12	Pourquoi les Chinois, moins que nous, ont réussi en science
Box 43: 13-14	A propos des frontières de la maladie
Box 44: 1	La psychologie de l'ennui
Box 44: 2	Quinine
Box 44: 3	<i>Reliquiae</i> par Jacques Passy (commentaire par Aristide Rieffel)
Box 44: 4	Résumé de l'évolution animale.
Box 44: 5	Révue bibliographique (Les frontières de la maladie par J. Héricourt, 1906)
Box 44: 6	Science, art, moral, ca. 1905
Box 44: 7	Le sucre
Box 44: 8	Le traitement du choléra par le salol

Social Questions

Scope and Content Note

This subseries is organized into sections on crime, education, labor issues, and a general category covering broad issues of social organization and legislation.

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Box 44: 12	La police à Paris
Box 44: 13	La peine de mort

Education

Box 44: 14	Danger social et enseignement
Box 44: 15-16	La démoralisation en Amérique des enfants des immigrants
Box 44: 17	Le désarmement des enfants (second copy in the series War, Peace, and the State)
Box 45: 1	Education et à classer
Box 45: 2	L'enseignement classique est toujours nuisible

Labor

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Box 45: 4	Le chômage du dimanche
Box 45: 5	Succès
Box 45: 6	La vanité des grèves
Box 45: 7	Vanité des unions par coercition

Social Organization and Legislation

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Box 45: 10	Disparition de la bourgeoisie
Box 45: 11	Divorce
Box 45: 12	Empêchements au progrès social
Box 45: 13	Father's Day, 1937
Box 45: 14	Il est absurde de s'assurer
Box 45: 15	Inégalité des hommes
Box 45: 16	Iniquité du mariage légal
Box 45: 17	Juifs français

Box 45: 18	Liberté de la presse
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Spiritisme

Scope and Content Note

The pseudo-science of spiritism enjoyed a brief popularity in Europe at the turn of the twentieth century. Several of AR's friends as well as a number of prominent people became believers. AR investigated the phenomenon and denounced it as not only a hoax, but a danger to social order.

Box 46: 5	<i>Annales des sciences psychiques, 1905-1906</i>
Box 46: 6	Comment on fonde une religion, ca. 1905
Box 46: 7-8	Coupures, etc., 1905
Box 46: 9	La religion nouvelle, danger social du spiritisme
Box 46: 10	<i>Révue de spiritisme, Luce e Ombra, 1905-1906</i>

Series III: Legal and Financial Papers

Scope and Content Note

Legal documents AR felt were important enough to save, including records of legal proceedings against him in 1880. Also, papers that detail financial arrangements concerning his many inventions.

Box 47: 1	1879. Bills and court papers (stemming from legal action taken against AR by the owner of a furniture shop)
Box 47: 2	1880-1895. Experiments (records of AR's work on various inventions, which were the foundation of what wealth he did achieve)
Box 47: 3	1894-1904. Personal or special (labeled by Mireille Rieffel)
Box 47: 4	1896. Testament d'Adelaïde Rieffel (AR's mother)
Box 47: 5	1896-1902. Financial records
Box 47: 6	1901-1902. Inventions (marine motor; halogen production machine)
Box 47: 7	1901-1902. Crédit Lyonnais
Box 47: 8	1901-1905. Travel records
Box 47: 9	1903-1906. Crédit Lyonnais
Box 47: 10	1905-1906. Travel receipts: Egypte, Algérie, France
Box 47: 11	1931. Miscellaneous legal and financial papers, Santa Barbara
Box 47: 12	Family Legal Papers
Box 47: 13	Medical Prescriptions
Box 47: 14	Old Accounts

Series IV: **Additional Material****Scope and Content Note**

Includes three discrete sets of material. The first subseries contains various documents and copies of published articles by Rieffel that were added to the collection during 1996. The second series contains copies of Aristide's outgoing correspondence and some articles in book form. The third subseries contains notes, sources, and chapter drafts of Marc-Aurele Rieffel's unfinished biography of his father. The organization remains as he left it.

Documents and Published Articles

Box 48: 1	Catéchisme du Diocèse de Paris
Box 48: 2	Daily notes, 1900-1903
Box 48: 3	Daily notes, 1911-1914
Box 48: 4	<i>Le Clairon</i>, 1881
Box 48: 5	<i>Santa Barbara News Press</i>, 1937
Box 48: 6	<i>L'Independant</i>, 1939-1941
Box 48: 7	Published articles, miscellany
Box 48: 8	List of published articles
Box 48: 9	Photographs, 1938 (Aristide Rieffel)
Box 48: 10	Funeral oration, 10-October 1941

Pages de copie-lettres

Box 49: 1	1909-1917
Box 49: 2	1917-1918
Box 49: 3	1918-1920
Box 50: 1	1920-1921
Box 50: 2	1921-1924
Box 50: 3	1924-1929
Box 51: 1	1925-1926

Marc-Aurele Rieffel's Biography of AR

Box 52: 1	Chapter I: Childhood, 1859-1870
Box 52: 2	Chapter II: Youth, 1870-1876
Box 52: 3	Chapter III: Early Manhood, 1876-1885
Box 52: 4	Chapter IV: Near East, 1885
Box 52: 5	Chapter V: Provence, 1886 and After
Box 52: 6	Chapter VI: Côte d'Azur, 1887 and After
Box 52: 7	Chapter VIII: Nobel
Box 52: 8	Chapter IX: Search for Peace
Box 52: 9	Chapter X: Dreyfus
Box 52: 10	Chapter XI: Passy/Hague
Box 53: 1	Chapter XI: Passy/Hague
Box 53: 2	Chapter XII: Inventor, Divorce, 1896-1900
Box 53: 3	Chapter XIII: Remarriage, 1901
Box 53: 4	Chapter XIV: Egypt
Box 53: 5	Chapter XV: Character and Philosophy
Box 53: 6	Chapter XVI: Middle Years, 1901-1915
Box 53: 7	Unpublished articles
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Box 53: 11	Photocopies of articles not yet in book
Box 53: 12	Extra photocopies of articles
Box 53: 13	Notes: bibliothèque nationale

	Correspondence
Box 54: 1	M. Agobert
Box 54: 2	N. Lonchyna
Box 54: 3	R. Seckel
Box 54: 4	C. Belegaud
	Drafts
Box 54: 5	Chapter XII
Box 54: 6	Chapter XIII
Box 54: 7	Chapter XV
Box 54: 8	Chapter XVI
Box 54: 9	Chapter XVII
Box 54: 10	Notes, 1928-1941
Box 54: 11	"When Enough Is Enough" (drama based on AR's life)
Box 54: 12	Miscellany