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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

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INCORPORATED 1874

June 7, 1961

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I forget that people not living in California have no idea what we mean by a Santa Ana. I didn't either until I had lived here for a while and I am still not sure just where the name comes from. A "Santa Ana" is a hot, dry wind from the inland area which seems to kick our usual sea breezes back to sea for a time. Whenever we get a very warm, dry spell (especially out of season) it is called by that name. I read somewhere that it is an anglicized version of an Indian name which meant dry, desert wind. Anyway, I sure spoke too soon. The warm spell led all of us to drag out the summer clothes and we have had cold and damp overcast weather ever since.

Hope you have a good time and a lot of success in Mexico. You may be interested to know that Mrs. Higgins and her nephew flew back to Augusta, Maine last week to attend the 75th anniversary of her graduation from Kent's Hill School (then known as Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College). She will only be 95 on Aug. 10th! Think you will live to celebrate your 75th graduation from college? I'm sure I won't.

Have fun, and I'll cross my fingers on the bibliography.

Yours,

Mildred Meeker

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April 7, 1961

Dear Mrs. Langman:

A penny is a penny, good or bad, and it is always nice to hear from them again. And I am always glad to help whenever I can.

The Meadows book "Baja California 1533-1950" is sub-titled "A biblio-history" and that is what it is. He discusses about 60 books on B.C., and with it gives a running history from discovery in 1533 to 1950. It is largely historical, a couple of naturalists, such as Xantus. The part you are interested in is on the last page and is in the part where he acknowledges help. I quote:

"My own library is rather extensive, but incomplete; how incomplete is extremely obvious when checked against an exhaustive bibliography prepared by my wife, Frances M. Meadows. From her file of reference cards this compilation has been evolved."

I would gather from this that the bibliography is on cards and has not been published. I have never heard of any bibliography on Baja by a Meadows. We try to keep up with Baja material, except the strictly historical, as much as possible.

Reid says to tell you the originals of the letters of Purpus are in the U.C. Herbarium at Berkeley.

I think Reid's book on Trees is a jewel. And some of the best gems are his humorous touches that are so like him. The "no money in botany", the references to tobacco(adv.) and his thanks to the editor (himself, of course), God and the Park Dept. I read proof on it with him and told him I had learned more about botany in that brief time than I had ever known before. It is written so that even dumb clucks (like me) can learn painlessly. It has rapidly become our "best-seller" and we have had many requests that he cover other areas of the park. He must be a very fine teacher.

Our Easter was in the 80's and we had the air-conditioner going in our house. Jealous? Of course I have to admit we were having a Santa Ana and two days later it was damp and cold but at least the weather really brot out the summer finery that day.

Come again, any time.

Yours,

*Wilfred Meader*

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Aug. 1, 1960

Dear Mrs. Langman:

No vacation as yet so you are getting (for me) a very prompt answer. My vacation comes the last week ~~and~~ in September and the first two in October. I prefer vacationing after the crowds leave and after the hot weather is over. *oops! sorry.*

The eccentric Mr. Orcutt paged CACTOGRAPHY as follows: 1(1-7) is printed 2 columns to a page and numbered by columns: 1-75; no. 2 & 3 (1912) each have p. 1-4; the 1926 issue is p. 1-8. Believe me, for him, this was doing well. I am surprised he didn't have more inconsistencies than that. He is the prime example of a librarian's headache. I would hate to have to cite him and would hate even more to have to look up a citation in his various dream children. He could think of more titles for the same material!

I am glad to hear you are approaching the end of the job. Must be a comforting thought, but prepare yourself to feel, even when you hold the completed volume in your hands, that you have missed something. I'm not an author but I understand that happens.

Good luck and if I can help in any way let me know.

Sincerely,

Mildred H. Meeder

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Jan.13,1960

Dear Miss Langman:

How nice to hear from you again and I gather you are still digging into Baja material. We bought that book you told me about: the one by a Los Angeles librarian on a Bibliography of Baja. I gather she is now compiling an addenda or new edition as several of our staff have received letters asking for any new papers they have done on Baja.

Mr. Orcutt and his West American Scientist are a real librarian's headache. He had a cute habit of starting a periodical, publishing a few (or only one) numbers, running out of money and stopping. Then he would start again under a slightly different title, stop that and pick up the original title. All the time the numbering might change, might go on or might backtrack. His publications are as eccentric as I understand he was, personally.

I believe we have as complete a set of West American Scientist as can be found. But even ours is not complete. In vol.21 the numbers are 165-176 but the whole of v.21 consists of v.2 of The Molluscan World. (Vol.20 of West American Scientist was v.1 of Molluscan World). Vol.22 consisted of nos.158-164. But we have only v.22,no.1 (no.158) and it is 8 columns of Price List of Shells; v.22,no.4 (no.161) consists of 2 unnumbered pages of Wanted and Offered. That is all we have in v.22.

Therefore, all of v.21 is concerned with mollusks and the only 2 numbers we have of v.22 are ads for shells for sale and all kinds of natural history items, including books and periodicals, wanted. But if you still want to look at these volumes (ours has v.20-22 bound in 1 vol.) I will be glad to send it on interlibrary loan to the University of Pa. library.

Mrs. Higgins is still working on her paper on botanical collectors of Baja. I believe it is getting near to publication shape. Our latest number of the Transactions is her paper on the type localities of S.D.County. At 93 years!

Sincerely,

*Mildred H. Meeder*

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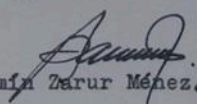
Estimada MRS. LANGMAN:

Recibí su atenta carta de fecha 10 de septiembre en la cual me solicita un ejemplar de mi tesis acerca de un estudio de la Laguna de Terminos.

Con mucho gusto le estoy enviando la mencionada tesis, esperando que le pueda ser util en el desarrollo de su trabajo; en ella he incluido la clasificación de algunas algas y 2 Fanerogamas Acuáticas, aunque en realidad no sea un trabajo específicamente de Botanica.

Le deseo mucho éxito en su estudio bibliográfico y me pongo a sus órdenes para cualquier otra cosa en -- que pueda ayudarla; nuestra Universidad de Guerrero está muy interesada en trabajar sobre temas Biológicos, con el Dr. Faustino Miranda llevo muy buena amistad y le -- estoy muy agradecido por sus enseñanzas.

Le envío un saludo cordial.

  
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Nov.11,1957

Dr. Ida K. Langman  
3509 Baring St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Langman:

Your message for me in your letter to Dr. Lindsay has been passed on to me. I want to tell you that I saw a review of the Lower California Bibliography by Miss Barret and in it the address of the publisher was given. So I purchased two copies (at \$24.00 each!!), one for the library and one for Dr. Lindsay. In case you are interested the publisher is Bennett & Marshall, 612 West 6th St., Los Angeles. The title is: Baja California, 1535-1956, and the author is Ellen C. Barrett. Our copies just arrived today and I have not had a chance to look it over. However, we make a point of acquiring almost anything on Baja, good or bad.

I have not yet heard from Jesus Martinez Portillo but perhaps he will get around to answering your letter some day.

I certainly do appreciate your kindness in following up our conversation that day and I hope your own work is progressing to your satisfaction. Maybe some day soon I will be buying a copy of that to add to our library.

Sincerely,  
*Mildred H. Meeder*  
(Mrs.) Mildred H. Meeder  
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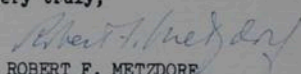
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