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About the Institute

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

- p. 44 "ut recte Petrus Castellus in *Wodecaponio Chalcaturo* dub. 3. pag 31 & 32"
- p. 45 "cursemus igitur cum eruditissimo Botanico, & Spagirico, nec non Hippocratico Medico Petro Castello, cum quo familiariter de hac re loquuti sumus"
- p. 48 "immo etiam maximè Perihultis, & excellens Dominus Petrus Castellus Medicus Romanus Spagiriæ artis Peritissimus ... etque amicus meus singularis."
- p. 69. speaks of "*Baculum Cannella*". which he can show "ad me accedentibus, vel ad præclarissimum, eruditissimum, Virum P. Castell. cui dono dedimus huiusmodi baculos aliquot ..."
- p. 87. "De *Ricino Americano*" Nihil dixere Girasole, ob id *Caesalpinus Heliotropium Dioscoridis* esse censuit."
- p. 30. "De *Hyincca Canadana*". "vix sine ratione Excellens Dominus Petrus Castellus Botanicus indignis dicebat posse appellari *Spherachantem*".
- p. 6 "De *Acacia*" "Hinc dixit Petrus Castellus i^{loc. seminis}ta degustato hanc arborem appellari posse *Allium*, vel *Moli Arborcum*".
- p. 29 speaks of medicinal extracts from "*Acacia Aegyptia*". e.g. "*Quinta Essentia Aldina*", and "*Liquor Herculeum meum*". "Hinc est ut multi præclarissimi Romani Medici, ob clara experimenta ... liquorem meum ita commendent, & inter hos Honoris gratia mihi referendus erit Illustr. & Excell. D. P. Castellus Medicus Romanus, qui aliquoties suis regi nostra præscabit medicamenta."

Audax verenda vacua natura sequi,
Sublimis ista raminae, melius quoque
Tractare potuit, rerum ~~et~~ abstrusas nimis
Fruere causas, & cum quis oit rigor
Lectis, ab Indorum ultimis, plantariis,
Ludente Genio, talis est lusus tibi.
Non laborem vincere, & ludere tamen
Sic lucubrare & ludere ex aequo potes,
Romana pubes debet hoc opus tibi,
Opus licetum Herodotus Farnesius,
Magnis Patronis artium, augustum genus,
Austriadum ab ipsa stirpe quo clarat nimis,
Non poterat illo melius auspiciis legi,
Ut nulla melior esse Lucubatio:
Sic nil Patrono melius et scripto nihil.

Then Typographus lectori "Si haec placebunt, si
benigne excipis, auctorem ipsam recognosces
(Tironis enim non sunt primitiae) Emittere prope
altiora & tuo digna nomina.

Utrum p. 31. "Inceptor vixit quondam in aula" Inico Arato
Carb. Arpinus = N. Solorem dentium "Ego vero vana
Curandi rationem in meis epistolis exponam."

Exactissima descriptio rariorum quorundam Plantarum
Que continentur Romæ in Hortis Farnesianis:
Johis Aldino Cicerate auctore Illustr^{mi} et
Rever^{mi} Principis et Cardinalis Odoardi
Farnesii medico, chimico, et eiusdem Horti
præfecto.

= Dedicatio h. H. Cardinali "Vale felix ex Museo
Hermeticiæque officina ædificia tuarum Romanarum
Anno Salutis 1623. Kal. Martii".

Illustris. & Reverendis. Dominationis Tue, ac
Serenissime Familiae

Servus Humillimus

Johis Aldini

Ubi "ad auctorem eruditissimum, Jacobus Corn.
Lummenæus a marca relig. sacerdos benedict.
Belga"

"Podalirius quæ scribit Heros abita,
Et vulgat Orbi nomina omni^{para} Psyche,
Tunc, cum profundo pectore, imbueret sophos,
Rerumq. ab usu cætus haud scivit nihil,
Vindex malorum voculi, & repti ætheris
Suspensa nimium fusta defendit reus.

Cretus petra molire Castello - Petrus