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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.

Referred to the Committee.
Dr. J. BERNARD BRINTON,
755 CORNING AVENUE,
PHILADELPHIA.

Feb'y 26th 1894

Hon. Asst. Secy. of Agriculture,
Washington D.C.



Dear Sir!

I have just learned that you are about to employ a special agent for the care of the presses in the Herbarium also to identify the various grasses & forage plants of the U. States in fact you want an "all round" agronomologist - In Prof F.

Lamson Scribner, now Director of the Agricultural Experiment Sta. at Knoxville, you will find in my opinion the best Grass expert in the United States - I have no knowledge of his desires in the matter but speaking from a purely scientific stand point, knowing that the Department wants the best man for the place I unhesitatingly say that Prof Scribner

is coincident among botanists the most
capable man to conduct the fruct. dept.
and to continue the very important valuable
work left by the late Dr. Vasey —

Very respectfully Yours &c
Isidore B. Smith