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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.



Mr. Lyster H. Dewey
Dept. Agriculture
Washington
D. C.

Providence, R. I. Jan. 25. 1896
contents noted.
Receipt acknowledged.
L. H. Dewey, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- I have just read
your article in Bot. Gazette for
Jan.. In 12 years collecting
in this vicinity I never saw
Lactuca Scariola until July 1894,
and then in the S. W. portion
of the city, on the shore of a pond
close to the N. Y. railroad. I
could find but 12 or 15 plants.

In 1895 the plants had
greatly increased (conservatively,
8 or 10 times as many) and I
found several plants $\frac{3}{4}$ of
a mile N. W. of there, not
far from same R. R.

This, in brief, is its whole
history, so far as I know,
in this region. Very truly
J. Franklin Collins
126 East Ave.