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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.

Dear madam

The little animals reached me
alive so that I had a good opportunity
of observing their habits. It is the
Podura aquatica of Linnæus &c

sometimes seen floating on the surface
of the water in ditches in such
multitudes as to form large black
masses, which on being disturbed skip
about, but assemble again as soon
as they are left to themselves.

Believe me Dear Madame
yours truly

J. Curtis

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