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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.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
DIVISION OF BOTANY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 23, 1898.

Dr. Francis Eschauzier,
Calle Real de Tlaxcala,
San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Dear Sir:--

One of our correspondents desires information about the flax industry in Mexico and states that he understands that it is cultivated and manufactured in San Luis Potosi. If the industry is carried on commercially there, will you kindly give me the address of the manufacturer.

Very truly yours,

Lyster H. Dewey.

Assistant Botanist.

In answer to the above I beg to inform you that no flax is grown in this part of Mexico. The only industry of that kind here, is the making of sacks & ropes with the fibre of an agave, called Lechugilla. The said fibre is called ixtle.

Very truly yours

Francis Eschauzier

L.P. B.

Dec 24/98