



Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
5th Floor, Hunt Library
Carnegie Mellon University
4909 Frew Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890
Contact: Archives
Telephone: 412-268-2434
Email: huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu
Web site: www.huntbotanical.org

The Hunt Institute is committed to making its collections accessible for research. We are pleased to offer this digitized version of an item from our Archives.

Usage guidelines

We have provided this low-resolution, digitized version for research purposes. To inquire about publishing any images from this item, please contact the Institute.

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.

ans. Dec. 28.

Ernst, A.

Caracas Nov. 8/1896

Mr. Frederick V. Coville

Dear Sir:

Washington.

In answer to your letter of October 13th, I beg leave to inform you that I have sent to your address, by Messrs. Bouillon, Plin & Dulac, 135 Front Street, New York, a little box containing the Monadelphicea Brasiliensis x by Cavanilles, a work which I am disposed to sell for \$20. You know it is already rare, and especially some copies are so. I hope therefore you will have no objection to this price, and I take the liberty to include, for brevity's sake, my receipt in duplicate, in which I have left space for you adding ^{the date and} the name of the party the money is to be paid by. Please send this amount to the mentioned New York firm, who will transmit it to me.

I have ~~to~~ to thank you for your kind intervention in the sale of Cavanilles' Icones plantarum, which were bought by Prof. Conzatti, Maca author of Rincaepolis, as mentioned already there.

I should like to sell Laqueus, Wortia Schomburgkiana, Vol. 4^o, colored plate, bound & in good state, as like was Trinicias, Species Brasiliensis Vol. 4^o, bound & in perfect condition. The first I could give for \$100, the second for \$50. Let me know, whether there is any probability of your buying any of them, or of any one else doing it.

Your letter of May 9th did not reach me, that is to say, it very probably arrived here, but was ^{all the} doubt lost by my son who returning from the post-office lost letters & papers which had arrived for me. All steps of recovering them even of no avail,

and the worst is, that I do not even know what has been lost, as shall perhaps never know it exactly.

I shall try to answer you as fully as possible, and hope to do so before the end of this month, so that at all events you shall have my letter early in December. -

I have for some time expected a letter from Mr. Dodge, and should like to know what has become of him. I suppose he is absent from Washington, for he was generally very prompt in answering my letters. Should you see him, please remember me to him.

I wish to sell the botanic works, mentioned above, as I am, for the moment in rather difficult pecuniary circumstances, as the general situation of this country is far from being encouraging for the immediate future. - Excuse therefore any troubling you with these matters.

Yours very truly

A. Ernst