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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.



Cambridge
June 8,
1896.

Dear Prof. Coult,

The package
arrived on Saturday
evening and I will
return it by mail
tomorrow morning
as soon as the
rain lets up.

The species is
Parphyra lacinata
Ag. which is eaten

carefully in Japan and
dried and sold in
bales.

I cut off a small
strip of the piece to
examine in consequence
of a peculiar appearance.
On the large piece
were some flattened
dish-like spots which
looked like the fruit
of an *Grisea* and
I thought that pos-
sibly there was a
mixture of *Porphyra*
and *Grisea*. The

spots, however, I
found on soaking
out were not conch-
tacles but merely
caused by air bubbles
in drying and the
whole mass is
really Porphyra.

Yours, truly,
W. G. Farlow,

Dr. N. L. Britton
with respect of
W. G. Harlow.