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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.

1829.

Letter from Dr.
Fisher returning
Thanks for having
been selected as
Foreign
Corr. Memb.

St. Petersburg Febr 14/65 1865

Sir,

Continual illness, almost during the whole winter, has obliged me to differ till now, to return to the Medico-botanical Society my sincerest thanks for the honourable distinction conferred upon me; I beg You to express to the Society that I shall be really happy to find opportunities of contributing to promote the highly important aim of the Society.

I take the liberty of directing to You, though not knowing if the Society has a cultivation ground, a collection of seeds, by way of the excellent M. J. Smirnov. These seeds have been gathered mostly in the Russian Armenia and a part of Northern Persia, and the collection contains several species, bearing a particular interest by their employment; amongst others You will find there amongst a good number of plants, yielding a great quantity of rubber.

I hope to be able to direct to the Society, ere long, some
observations on medical and dietetical plants of this Empire.

I have the honour to remain with true respect

Sir,

Your most obed^t. humble serv^t
J. H. Franks