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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.

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Flett, J.B.

Quimette Bldg, Tacoma, Wash. Dec. 4, '99.
Hon. Fredrick V. Coville,

Dear Sir:

I sent by mailed last Saturday a package of some one hundred and thirty alpine plants collected in the Olympic mts and Mt Rainier which I trust may prove interesting. The material is meager & in many cases and poor, but it is the best I have on hand. Many of these were collected where no botanist had ever been. No pack-horses could penetrate the region. Hence my supply of paper had to be very limited as every thing had to be carried on our backs.

I do not expect number for number in return. I sent many of these to show what grew in the places represented.

I am still wrestling with those collected while with the survey party this summer. I have a friend at Cambridge, Mass. who is helping me

Yours respectfully,
J.B. Flett.