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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.

Monsieur

Monsieur le Docteur Mérot

17^{bis} rue des Saints-Pères.

18 juin 1839

~~à l'Université des Sciences
20 mai
fl. violet et en jaune~~

Monsieur,

Je prend la liberté de vous adresser un échantillon
du *Polygonum bistorta*. La dont la localité vous
paraîtra peut-être avoir q. q. mérite pour la Flore des
environs de Paris, puis que je l'ai trouvée à moins de 9
lieues de la Capitale, & que, jusqu'à présent, il ne paraît pas
qu'on l'ait observée plus près que Villers-Cotterets & Compiègne.

Cette plante croît en assez grande quantité dans un pré
bas & humide de la Brie dont la nature du terrain vous
est connue, & la localité spéciale est : dans le pré de
Combreux, près Fournan, Seine & Marne.

Vous savez sans doute que le *Barbthausia setosa* a été
trouvée l'année dernière dans les environs de la forêt d'
Armainvillien; M^r de Lessieu en a un échantillon.

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