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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.

Mon cher Albert, d'après les renseignements  
que j'ai eus, vous pouvez vous adresser à M. Florent Chatenay,  
propriétaire à Vitry (rue Andegot. 252). Il paraît qu'il est au courant  
des transactions botaniques; mais c'est à lui que le jardin des plantes  
s'adresse en pareil cas. D'ailleurs le jardinier qui, s'il y a lieu,  
dit, ne peut donner de plants d'actinofrutes, pour vous en faire des greffes.  
Si vous en avez pour les racines, vous en avez une seule et unique  
année, en vain qu'il n'est infirmes. S'immortaliser c'est d'être longtemps  
à attendre pour finir.

Je vous envoie les billets que vous avez, sachant bien qu'un  
jour la curiosité de voir le bête sera attirée dans nos laboratoires  
paragés et que vous serez bien traité comme aller.

Cordialement

A. D. Buisson

27 Janvier 1897.