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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.

Stanford University, Calif
Feb. 26, 1897.

Mr. J. K. Rose,
Asst Curator U.S. Nat Museum
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:

I am planning a trip for the coming summer into the Olympic Mountains of Western and Northwestern Washington. My object in making the trip is for the sake of collecting the plants of that little known region. These mountains are very inaccessible and have been but little explored. I think that practically nothing is known about the flora of this region. I think, however, that I will be able to spend a successful summer in that locality. I will be greatly facilitated in my work by the Northwestern Lumber Co who own extensive holdings of forest lands in that locality. I also think that my training will enable me to do good work. My first trip ~~was~~ as a botanical collector was to Mexico in 1894. Since then I have

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spent the summers of 1895 and 1896 in the high Sierra Nevada Mts of Central California. on these trips I was employed by Prof. Wm. R. Dudley of the Botany Department of Leland Stanford Jr University and our chief object was the study of the forest and the collection of specimens.

It will be impossible for me to make this trip unless I receive aid from the sale of my specimens or otherwise. I should be very glad to make some arrangements with the National Museum by which I could deliver to them the whole or a part of my specimens and thereby make enough to guarantee the whole or a part of my expenses.

If I undertake the trip I shall devote my undivided attention to the collecting and will endeavor to collect as many and as good specimens as will be possible in such a wild locality. As to my ability to undertake the trip and my experience in collecting I take pleasure in referring you to Prof. Wm R Dudley, Stanford Univ. Cal. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am
Very Truly,

Frank H. Lamb

Stanford Univ. Cal.

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