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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.

Weymouth Mass
(Nov.) 1842

Dear Sir

There was some time ago in the
Newspaper a statement that a
Swedish of the name of Nutcrack,
of Brighton, had visited some young
plants from some friend in a
Museum in Egypt, and given
him by the name of Nutcrack.

Upon enquiring into the history
of this plant and this tree has
been a story of it before me to
you; since this Landmark appears
to have used the same name.

As there are many things
of this kind on record, but all
apocryphal I trust you will
excuse my taking the liberty of
enquiring whether you are really
as positive of certain evidence
that in the case in question
really came out of an Egyptian
Mummy. I mean such evidence
as leaves as much about the
circumstances

I am anxious to know whether this
is so partly because it is con-
nected with some very curious
prints of science, and partly be-
cause I hope to be one of the
Committee named by the Bri-
tish Association to enquire
into such matters.

With many apologies for in-
terfering upon your attention I have
the honor to be
Yours most obedt

J. L. D. D.