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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.

The Germantown Nurseries,

Chew Street, below Gorgas,

Germantown, Philadelphia.

July 11th 1884

Dr. Charles M. Greene
Dear Sir,

My letter has become
"peaped", and I do not see your
note about "Apple", - and I have
not yet the new volume to see
what I wrote. But as I re-
member your point, it is that
there are other species of true
apples in the United States.
besides Ozma Coronaria - and
^{for} instance Ozma rivularis and
the improved Minnesota ones.
The last are all from the
Siberian species hybridized
with O. malus, and have
no relation to American
species. Ozma rivularis
is no more an "apple" than

is Oxus subtypha. I have
collected specimens myself
~~at~~ along the Columbia
River, at Victoria B.C.,
and specimens from the
Garden of Dr. Metropolski
at Sitka, who does manage
to make a fair preserve
from the fruit as he told me.
It is barely possible that
I ~~might~~^{should} have incidentally
mentioned Oxus rivularis
in some connection with
"apple"? — I cannot tell unless

I had my chapter before me, —
but it is certainly not
closely enough connected
with "apple" as he under-
stand it, to make any change
necessary. Sincerely yours

W. B. Peckham

Thaps amblyotis has been introduced
into the mixed bluffs, and
killed on the first frost!