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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.

Department of Botany

Thos. Muhl,

Botanist

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Board of Agriculture.

Germanstown, Pa. May 18 1882

Dear Dr. Worsman.

With this I finish B.

Looking over for omissions in C.

I note that "Corn" has no notice, not even under the head of Agriculture. Perhaps it may yet come under "Maize" which the English call it, (Corn being somewhat of a generic term with them for all sorts of grain), but I suppose this will come under R. H. W. C. C.

While looking this up under the general head of Agriculture, I note they almost wholly ignore grass. This is of such immense importance to Americans that I think it deserves a full chapter. There is no one better fitted for such a chapter than F. Samson Scribner now of Ford College, author of the "Useful and Commercial plants of Maine."

In the knowledge of all that concerning
grasses he is one of the three ~~best~~
leading authorities of the United
States, — Thurber, Vasey, Scribner.
The two former are rather advanced
in years, ^{for hard work} Scribner is young and
looks forward in letting his great
abilities be known. He ought
to have been made Professor of
Natural History on the death of
Prof. Budd, in Iowa College.

Very truly yours

Thomas Meehan