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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.

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Report List with this.

Disposal Herb. & Wb.

Olympia Wash., Sept. 30-1899.

Mr. Frederick V. Coville,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I feel very thankful for your letter of September 16th naming the botanical specimens sent to you.

Enclosed are additional specimens of Sweetgale, as you requested. I have also enclosed other plants whose names I am unable to make out from the books on botany I have. If it is not asking too much I would be pleased to have you name them.

No. 1. grows on wood on bark laying on the ground.

No. 2. grows under water, being peculiar

Yours respectfully, F. J. X. Miller.

- No. 4. grows around the roots of trees in swamps.
- No. 5. Of this plant I have but two specimens,
which I found among ^{wild} hay grown on swamps.
- No. 6. is a milkweed, which has become a nuisance to farmers by taking all their upland meadows and pastures. As we have more or less of it in all our upland hay I would like to know its feeding value.
- No. 7. is a low evergreen ^{upland} shrub, of which but few are found here.
- No. 8. This plant grows entirely under water in the lakes.
- No. 9. is a moss, which, so far as I know, grows only on encumps. When it is a foot or two in depth the expense in removing it makes them unavailable to the agriculturist.