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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.

Thorton Heath

My dear Sir

April 27. 1841.

Many thanks to you for the Parcel
of dried Plants you sent me, I have
taken such as would be useful in
improving my herbarium and returned
you the remainder; occasionally you
may be able to supply me with two
or three of my desiderata, I shall be
much obliged to you to assist me when
you can, and as you may have put
aside my list of Desiderata, I will
add an other list on the back of this
paper - I found two plants I had not
before in the parcels you sent me
Medicago denticulatum & *Trifolium*
resupinatum, I think you said you
had some specimens of Jersey &
Guernsey plants, they would be
acceptable to me - W. C. A. Stevens
spent a morning with me last
week, in looking over my Herbarium.

found two new plants new to
Great Britain, the one a *Chenopodium*,
the other *Juncus* *regium*, the
last from the walls of Norwich.
Among the plants you sent me was
a *Scrophularia*, was it the *aqu-*
atica, or something new, there was
no name to it - & Mr. Stephens tells
me there is one lately discovered in
England, different from the species
in English Flora -

I have been fortunate to get two
fine specimens of *Opth. aranifera*
which I now send you - I hope you
will receive them safely - They are
from near Sittingborne in Kent -

I hope you are quite recovered
from your Influenza - Can you
run down for a day & have a
ramble round this country?

Yours truly W. Pectet

List of Mr Porter
Desiderata 1841 -

Chera gracilis
Avena alpina
Galium concinnum
—— *aristatum*
—— *verucosum*
Dipsacus fullonum
Ulmus carpiniifolia
Anthriscum serotinum
Saxifraga affinis -
—— *denudata*
—— *leptophylla*
Rosa bracteosa
Mentha gracilis
Vicia luteolata
Thymum barbatum
Hieracium pulmonarium
—— *molle*
Gnaphalium gallicum
Cinnearia palustris

over

Neottia gymmifera

Carex tenuella

— *aschulata*

— *secalina*

— *stictocarpa*

— *angustifolia*

— *punctata*

— *Baybaumii*

Salix luedd-

Atriplex erecta

Crepis pulchra -