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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.

Morgantown, W. Va. June 27 1898.

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

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your circular of Apr. 25. I shall be glad to act as you have requested.

Of the plants listed, I have collected ^{about} eighty. Of this number there is only one (128) *Panax quinquefolium*, L. (Ginseng) which I have any knowledge of ever being collected. Of the questions you have asked, the only one I can answer is the first, regarding the occurrence of the plant.

It is very probable that I could gain a great deal of information in regard to the other five questions, by making inquiries of parties I meet while I am out collecting. That would delay, however, the sending in of the list.

With regard to sending you a set of the plants to accompany list. I have already sent you two packages of my plants. Dry them have been the most of these medicinal plants. I would,

however, be glad to send you a package containing simply the plants of your list. I could not do this, perhaps until the end of next season. Some of the plants could be collected from now on, but others could not be collected until next spring. I shall try ^{to} to send you a package of some of the plants this season provided, of course, they will be useful to you if sent at this season's end.

In your list, some of the genera are followed with the premark "(Species)". Do you wish here to be enumerated all plants in my region of the particular genera, or simply, those that are medicinal?

I shall defer sending you list marked as you desire until I hear from you.

Yours very truly

W. M. Pollock.

Will you kindly see that my name on your mailing list be changed from Buckhannon W. Va. to Morgantown, W. Va.