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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.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 6th 1894

My dear Mr. Dewey,

I have yrs. of the 3d & the specimens of
Salsola Kali Tragus came to-day.

Our collections made at Erie, Pa.,
in '64 by Judge Clinton, in '68 & '69 by Dr.
Garber, & later, by Guttenberg contain a
goodly number of maritime species, like
Cakile Americana, Lathyrus maritimus,
Utricularia cespitosa & Euphorbia
polygonifolia, relics of the Champlain
Epoch, & found also on the borders of the
other Great Lakes, but no Salsola. Our
S. Kali (typical) comes from the coast
of N. Jersey & the plant of Prof. Burgess
was most likely that.

Yours truly,

Thos. C. Foster