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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.

On Ship
Off the Coast of
Brazil
19th Nov 1877.

Dear Mr. Ely,

I intended seeing you
when I was in Boston a
few weeks ago, previous to
my departure.

As the determination to go to
South America was very sud-
den and as I was much
pressured by business I failed
to get to your office before
you had gone out of town
and I sailed so soon after my
return to New York that I had
no time to write.

I now write to let you know
that previous to leaving New
York I executed my will and
in it have constituted you
my Executor.

The will is in a flat wa-
ter which I left in the
care of Mr. L. J. M. M.

if you think well to settle the other fifty dollars.

Kindly. Will you collect of Francis Guild a balance of about ten dollars which he owes me on account of grass sold in 1876. It is the amount due from one Mrs Freeman Fisher. The facts are these. In the winter of 1875 I had a lot of hay stored in Hildreth's barn on Common St.; my man (John Cahill) brought a message from "Big Jimmy" that he wanted a load of meadow hay; I replied that he could have it at market-price but that he must move it himself; that he did. Many months after I received a letter from that Mrs Fisher (unknown to my knowledge I never saw in my life) informing me that Jimmy had taken her hay (she claiming to add have hay in the barn) by mistake. I at once questioned my man (Cahill) and

of Albany and in event
of my decease he will de-
liver it to you.

At present the property to
be administered upon would
not be much but it
would be more than suf-
ficient for charges and ex-
penses. The period of my
absence is most uncertain
therefore I deemed best to
leave business matters in
that way. I am still a
citizen of Durham and I
have not found a resi-
dence elsewhere.

As to my property in
case of my decease I
refer you to my mother
for particulars.

Secondly. You remember
you have charge of a suit
of mine against Golden.
Can you arrange to have
it continued from term
to term until my return
I authorize you however

Murphy) both of whom said that Jimmy had
taken a load of my hay at direction. I replied
to Mrs Fisher note, stating the above facts, but
telling her that of course Jimmy would pay for
her hay if she could show he had taken it. I
thought best not to collect the bill of Jimmy
until the matter was settled and have
never received any thing from him. I heard
nothing further from Mrs Fisher and the
whole matter escaped my mind. But in
August last when Mr. Guild rendered his
account of sales of goods he charged me for
a lot of hay by Mrs Fisher who refused to
pay for it because she said I owed her for hay
taken by Jimmy. I at once wrote Mr. Guild
giving him a full account of the transaction
and directing him to collect the money.
He has not replied to my letter. The

Amount - is small but -
I do not like such a way
of proceeding and shall
use every effort to collect
the bill

Please give that your
attention; I am sorry to
trouble Mr. Guild whom
I greatly respect - but -
Mr. Fisher should be
furnished. My men
Cahill and Murphy are
the only witnesses. I give
you full authority in the
premises.

The objects of my journey
to Brazil are threefold
for health, science and
on business. I look for-
ward to it with much
pleasure but hope to
be again in Durham
restored both in health
and fortune.

Should you have seen

Don't forget to write me my
address is

Care of American Consul
Province of Para
Rio Amazonas
Brazil

Please remember me
kindly to friends in
Dearham

and believe me
Sincerely Yrs
Edw. S. Pennell

P.S. I have written
to Mr. Menend to
send you the volume
containing the will in
case of my decease