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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.

Ans. Nov. 11.

Southern Hotel,
San Antonio, Texas.
Nov. 4th 1896.

Dear Mr. Coville:

Can you not expend \$50. or \$100.
of your divisional appropriation for a fine
set of the plants of southern Mexico?
You certainly need such a set in your
herbarium, unless you already have one,
and I do not think you have, or it would
not be so difficult to name Mexican
plants. Dr. Rose could only give genera
of some 30 species I collected in Veracruz,
but he certainly could have named them
specifically if he had had a set of
the Mexican flora at his command.

I shall be collecting in the
state of Tabasco, near Frontera, from
January or Feb. to July. I shall collect
plants, as well as insects. Great care
will be taken to make only first class
herbarium specimens. They will be

collected in press (not in vasculum), the
dry ^s will be changed 3 or 4 times
daily for several days; and the plants
will be kept always in the same sheets
of paper. The specimens will be full
herbarium size. I will guarantee
them to be satisfactory. I will send
you two sets of all the species
collected at 10 cents per specimen. At
this rate 250 spp. will be \$50; or,
500 spp. will be \$100. I shall be
very glad if you can give me an
order.

Yours sincerely

C. H. Tyler Townsend

P. S. - Won't the National Museum buy
plants also?

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