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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. Apr. 19-94.

Tokio, Japan.
March 22, 1894.

Sir,

I have the honor to send this letter to you. Some time ago I have heard from a man serving in the Botanic Garden of Imperial University of your country, that your government is in need of the dried specimens of Japanese plants. I now possess about 830 species of these plants, collected mostly in Shikoku, a southern part of Japan, and also in other localities. With the present letter the list of these specimens is sent to you. If your government want the plants I am glad

\$83 (including the cost of transportation). Three years ago Prof. G. L. Goodale, an eminent botanist in Harvard University, bought of me more than^a thousand species of the dried specimens of Japanese plants. If you please to take my plants let me hear your answer soon.

I am your obedient servant,
Kanō Watanabe.

My address is as follows:

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No. 28, Masagochō, Hongōku,
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