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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.

Cambridge, Mass.,

Dec 22nd 1897

Frederick V. Colville, Esq., Botanist.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Dec. 20th received.

I beg to acknowledge your favor of
ten copies of Circular No 13, and
hope that the possibility of sending
a larger number may be realized.

With the exception of the use of the
name "Death Cup", for Amanita
Phalloides, a name which has always
seemed to me misleading, I find only
heartly commendation for the Bulletin.
We are always at great pains to show
that the solera in Amanita is

Cambridge, Mass.,

rarely in any-way like a cup - except,
to be sure, when left behind in the
ground, and seen there in situ. The
name is surely not at all descriptive
of the common forms in which
the volva appears as an appendage to
a bulbous base.

I am glad to learn that I
may receive slides. I send a
revised list of those I should like.
Will you inform me to whom I am
to make out my cheque? or will
they come C.O.D.?

Yours very truly
Hollis Webster