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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.

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Dalea mollis

Ans. M^{ch} 21.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 18th 1894.

Fr. V. Coville, Esq.

Chief Bot. U. S. Dep. of Agric.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Coville:

I thank you very much
for your kind lines addressed to me and
the 3 aquatics sent to me for my aquarium.
If you only can spare one or an other of
your coll. plants of the Death Valley exp.
I will be pleased, as I ask you only for a
souvenir. What is the botan. name of the
'Devil's plant' in our Southern States, of which the
papers have so much to say? Have you got seeds
of this poisonous plant? If I get someone to take
my place, I will visit you this winter. Hoping
you & family are well I am with many regards
to you and assistants Yours very sincerely
J. H. Wibbe.