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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.

Sep - 23. 1891

WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
—AND TELEGRAPH—

Dear Mr. Alexander

I have very great
pleasure in forwarding this
volume for your kind acceptance
my pleasure is enhanced by
your being a member of my
old valued friend William
Whatcomb's

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
J. C. Mansel-Pleydell

J. C. Mansel-Pleydell

J. C. MANSEL-PLEYDELL

year 1931

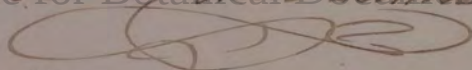
Dr William F. Archer.

A. S. M.

Al saludarlo efusivamente, pongo a
sus ordenes el obsequio de un par de las
grasosas frutas, producto de los mejores
árboles del riachuelo "Jirado" afluen-
te al río Munquidó y este al río Atrato

Deseoso de que su permanencia
sea larga en nuestra querida region.
Me suscribo Amante a la agricultura
y atento Seguro Sdr.

Mané de la Cruz Guimaraes



La ciudad Abril 8. / 31.

Quibdó, Chocó
Colombia

Dr. William A. Fisher.
V. S. M.

Bethlehem Pa. March 31/91

Gen. W Austin

Dear Sir

If you think it well
to constitute me an honorary member
of your Society, I cannot object, but
I do decline any tall honors which
may demand work or responsibility.
Have passed my three score & ten &
am not in sound health - must have
rest - think my allotted life's work
has been accomplished.

Enclosed find a Card taken
a few years since - the only ones at
disposal. Wishing you success in your
researches I am Dear Sir,
Very Respectfully
Francis Wolfe

Photo and copy.
act. in resp. files
at HPA

of this plant are small, smooth
with edges entire - they resemble
very much the leaves of the
ordinary field daisy.

I have half a dozen growing
in my garden. They have not
flowered this year yet.

If you can't get away
from your base I shall
be glad to send you a specimen
for growing, or if for pressing
when it blooms. If, however,
you wish to see them in their
natural state you should
go to the Standing Stones (large
circle) when about 300 yds
along the road to the west, on
left hand going west, you
will find them in considerable

SCHOOLHOUSE,
DEERNESSE,
ORKNEY.

30 June 1916

D^r R. Bankart
Dear Sir

I am very glad
to learn that some one
on the Great Fleet is
taking an interest in Orkney
botany. I hope the interest
spreads, for then excursions
of much value could be
organised.

The leaves you sent
do not resemble those of
Primula Scuticaria. The leaves

abundance. If, however, you consider
you would find any difficulty Mr Scott,
teacher, Stromness, would show you
where they grow. Or if you are in
Stromness at any time Dr Grant
would show you where they grow.

Perhaps you could give me the favour
of a visit. I am clear after 4pm every
day and after 2pm on Saturday and
Sunday. Then I could show you
my *Primula Scotica* and a few rarer
plants in my neighbourhood. I have
specimens of all the Orkney plants pressed
so that you can see any plant in its
fruit. I am
You will come and see my *P. Scotica*

I am

Yours very truly

M. Spence

June 2, 1955

Dr. John W. Baxter
Department of Botany
and Plant Pathology
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dear Dr. Baxter:

The rust on Aesculus was collected just a short time before I left Lincoln on a trip. I turned it over to our store room attendant to wrap and mail. Apparently he did a good job inasmuch as it arrived in Ames in good condition.

There are a few trees on the west side of our Ag Campus that have been rusted every year I have been observing them. The lowest limbs are all about 15 feet above the ground, so these specimens were collected on sprouts, some of which were badly curled from 2-4-D treatment. Infection was lighter than usual this year.

A couple of years ago I tried infecting species of Boutelouia, but had no positive takes. Since then I have wanted to try the rust on other grasses, but have not found time. I'm glad that you have been successful and that I could help a little in your effort.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Ray
W. W. Ray,
Chairman

WWR: jm

February 5, 1962

Dr. Harold C. Bold
Department of Botany
The University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Dr. Bold:

It was nice to hear from you and to know that everything in Texas is not always perfect. We have certainly had our fill of cold weather, but we do expect winters such as this has been.

As to Mr. Pandeya, I recommend that you forget about him. He had a time getting through his master's work here, and we would not keep him on for the Ph.D. I have advised him to go back to India, but some of these people never seem to give up hope of continuing the good life here.

My best personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

W. W. Ray
W. W. Ray
Chairman

WWR:cg

To Agnes Chase, 17.II.1926

from Frau Haspel, announcing
death of Prof Haspel

Elbersee 17 Februar, 26

HITCHCOCK A.

BASE LIBRARY,
Smithsonian Institution

Meine liebe Freundin!

Ich bin ganz unglücklich, mein lieber
guter Mann ist heute nacht um
2 Uhr verschieden. Er war 14 Tage
krank, Lungenentzündung, Myo-
carditis u. Apoplexie. Er litt an-
fangs an Atemnot, dann gesellte
sich ein furchtbar quälender Dia-
gustus hinzu. Er war so unendlich
lieb u. gut u. geduldig, hoffte lange
auf Genesung. Ich kann mir nicht vor-
stellen, wie ich weiter leben soll ohne
meinen Mann u. ich mache mir nun
grosse Vorwürfe, dass ich ihm so viel
über das Leben hier vorgeklagt habe,
was seinem kranken Herzen gewiss

auch geschadet hat. Auch meine
Tochter ist tröstlos, wir weinen
den ganzen Tag u. seuffzen, wenn nur
der gute Vater noch lebte! Wie gern
wollte ich von jetzt ^{an} auch in Altsee
heiter u. zufrieden leben, mit ihm,
wenn er mir zurückgegeben werden
könnte! Der Schrecken über diesen
Verlust ist uns in alle Glieder gefahren,
wir sind wie gelähmt. Ich las
ihm etwas aus der Zeitung vor,
er war bei voller Besinnung,
der Arzt hatte mich versichert,
es bestehe keine Gefahr, er hörte
ruhig zu, plötzlich 2-3 rasch hinter=
einander folgende Athemzüge u.
es war vorbei, alles vorbei!

Der letzter ausführlicher, interessan=
ter Brief hatte ihm ~~er~~ grasse Freude
beritet u. er sprach während seiner

Krankheit öfters davon, er wolle ihn
gleich nach seiner Genesung beant-
worten. Herzlichen Dank für Brief
samt Inhalt. Während seiner gan-
zen Krankheit gab's keinen Sonnen-
tag, heute, da er tod ist, sieht
man die Sonne, aber zum erstenmal
macht sie mich noch trauriger.
Liebste Freundin, für dieses Leid gibt
es wohl keinen Trost als die Zeit u.
da bin ich schon zu alt dazu.
Ich hoffe u. bitte, dass Sie mir Ihre
Freundschaft u. Liebe erhalten,
ich werde wohl auch bald
meinem lieben Manne folgen,
aber seit ich dem Tod in's Innere
gesehen, graut mir recht vor
ihm, welche Entsetzen, wenn sie
den Lieben, Guten forttragen werden

u. ich ihn nie nie mehr werde sehen
nie mehr seine liebe Stimme werde
hören können. Ich hatte mich so sehr
gefreut eine Leittang mit ihm im son-
nigen Süden verleben zu können, hat-
te gehofft, dass die Sonne unsere Lei-
den heilen werde wie eins am u.
traurig wird nun für mich das
Frühjahr, der Sommer werden.

Bitte, teilen sie traurige Nachricht
auch Herrn Hitchcock u. allen Ver-
ehren meines lieben Mannes mit.
Wenn ich nicht meinen Kindern einen
neuen Schmerz damit bereiten wür-
de, möchte ich mir sofort das Leben,
das von nun an ganz wertlos für mich ist,
nehmen.

1000 herzliche Grüsse sendet Ihre
unglückliche Freundin
Betty Plackel

Translation of letter from Mrs. Hackel to Mrs. Agnes Chase

Attersee, 17 February 1926

My dear friend:

I am desperate; my dear beloved husband has passed away this morning at 2 o'clock a.m. He had been ill for two weeks with pneumonia, myocarditis and apoplexy. At the beginning he suffered from shortness of breath which later was accompanied by an agonizing singultus. He was so indefatigably dear, good and patient and, for quite a while, he hoped to recover. I cannot imagine how I can continue living without him and now I reproach myself with complaining so often about my life here which might have hurt his ill heart even more. My daughter is inconsolable too; we cry together all day long and sigh, "If the dear father were only still alive." How I would like to live in happiness and content together with him from now on, even here in Attersee, if he could only be returned to me! The shock of this loss has practically paralyzed us. I read to him from the newspaper; he listened completely conscious and the doctor told me that there was no danger, when suddenly 2 or 3 spasmic respirations ended his life forever. Everything was over!

Your last interesting and detailed letter made him very happy and he mentioned it often during his illness. He planned to answer your letter right after his recovery. Thank you very much for your letter and its contents. There was never any sunshine during the period of his illness, but today, after his passing, one can see the sun again. But for the first time in my life the sunshine makes me sader.

My dearest friend, I think there is no consolation for this grief other than time, but I am too old for that. I hope for and beg you to continue giving me your friendship and your love until I die too. I think I will follow my beloved husband soon, but since I have come face to face with death I am frightened. What a terror when they will carry my beloved one away and I will never see him again, never hear his warm voice again. I was looking forward to spending some time together with him in the sunny South and hoped that the sun would cure us of our sufferings. How lonely and sad springtime and summer will be for me.

Please pass this sad news on to Mr. Hitchcock and all other admirers of my husband. If it were not for the fact that I would provide my children with another grief, I would commit suicide right away since my life from now on is valueless.

A thousand kind regards sent to you by your unhappy friend,

Betty Hackel

CERRARDS CROSS
STATIONS, AND SLOUGH.
TELEPHONE 10 FULMER.

WEXHAM PLACE,
STOKE POSES,
BUCKS.

To Frederick Coville Esq

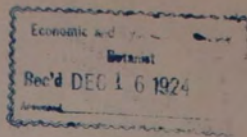
Dear Sir

I am greatly
obliged to you for your
letter of Oct 30th & for the
two publications.

I found these most
extraordinarily interesting.

I have raised thousands of
Rhododendron seedlings &
am devoted to the genus.

I shall be deeply grateful



if you will send me any
further information you, &
the results of your experiments
during the last year.

Are there any tests you
would like me to carry out
to see if I get a different
result on this side of the
Atlantic? I take the
liberty of sending you a small
book of mine. As a sort of
guide to the genus

with many thanks
very truly yours
E. H. Wilding

Dec 2/24

Smith. Vol. 1 No. 1

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Gen. 1895

Geneva April 7th 1895

3 Corn de St Pierre

Ans. May 6th

Dear M^r Carille

you will find here enclosed
an exact transcription of Ortega's
description of *Senecio glauca*
together with ~~the~~ tracing of
its corresponding plate

I am glad to hear that my
specimen of *Tetradymia* has
answered your purpose and
has been placed in the national
herbarium.

Allow me, at the same time,
to ask you if it would still
be possible for me to get

from the U.S. Department
of Agriculture the following
numbers of the Contributions
to the National Herbarium:
1^{ly} number 1 of vol. 1, which
is unfortunately missing in my
library.

2^{ly} ^(but this is less important) Numbers 2 and 3 of same
vol. 1 which I already possess
but which I have by mistake
had bound with other botanical
works.

Lastly would you kindly
let me know if vol. 1st
of that publication ends with
number 8 and vol. 2 with

numb 3 ?

Hoping you will excuse
my troubling you with all
this, I remain, dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely

C. de Candolle



AMES, IOWA

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY

April 23, 1958

Dr. John F. Davidson
Botony Dept.
Bessey Hall
University of Nebr.
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Dr. Davidson:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Michael Chilton who has applied for a graduate assistantship in your department.

Mr. Chilton has been an assistant in our elementary botony laboratory during this past year and has done an excellant job. In fact he has done quite a lot of outside preparation to prepare himself more adequately for the position.

Mike was, until this last year, quite undecided as to a major. He had been enrolled as a general science student and I am sure would have had far better grades if he could have made up his mind earlier. His reason for not choosing botony earlier was based on the assumption that he could not qualify for graduate school. We tell all of our undergraduates that their first four years should be considered as preprofessional.

Mike does have one fault. He has a lot of ability but will always undersell himself unless he is stimulated. He has a wonderful personality and I am sure you will find him very acceptable.

If there are any more questions concerning Mr. Chilton please feel free to call on me.

Yours, truly

Paul F. Romberg

Paul F. Romberg
Associate Professor of Botony

PFR:bpr

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

of Science and Technology



AMES, IOWA

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

March 24, 1960

Dr. John Davidson
Botany Department
Bessey Hall
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Davidson:

Mr. Roger Albertson has asked me to write in support of his application for an assistantship in taxonomy at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Albertson has distinguished himself as an undergraduate in our department as quite a botanical artist. In fact, I am afraid that at times too much of his study time was used in getting out material for Better Homes and Gardens, Iowa State publications and other related publications so that his grade point has tended to suffer. While he is not the brightest senior, I believe that his intense interest may compensate for this, at least for a Masters Degree. He loves field work and has spent two summers as a Ranger Naturalist in the Mt. Rainier Park system.

Roger is married and has one child. His pre-college background is pretty much rural and his family has always encouraged his college work. His military service was finished prior to his entrance here at Iowa State. If there is any further information you would like, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Paul F. Romberg
Associate Professor
Botany & Plant Pathology

from Bessey

A. S. WELCH,
PRESIDENT.

C. E. BESSEY,
PROFESSOR OF BOTANY.

Iowa Agricultural College.

Ames, Sept 28th 1878

J. B. Ellis
Westfield N. J.

My dear sir,

I enclose a postal
order for the amount (\$1.00) due
on Cent. I. N. A. Thunberg, and have
had it made payable to Dr. Harkness
as you directed.

I am glad you can make
use of some of our Iowa Thunberg,
and in a short time I will make
up a package for you -

As botanical coin is always at
par with me, and as I know that

the continuation of the publica-
-tion of *Agallia* & *Parallaria* & which
money - I think you may as well
look upon my *Levin* species as
received as donated to the cause
of science.

November 17, 1954

Dr. Ralph Emerson
Department of Botany
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Emerson:

I should have let you know before now
that the cultures arrived safely. Many
thanks for them and for the specific
directions for handling these fungi. We have
observed the flagellated spores and gametes,
and I believe that we can use this fungus
in our elementary botany labs and in my
mycology class.

One of my students has made the prescribed
media and is taking on the job of keeping the
cultures going.

We are pleased to have this interesting
organism.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Ray
W. W. Ray
Chairman

WWR/mc



BOTANISCHES INSTITUT IN KIEL.

Postkarte.



Josef Engel
Friedrich v. Schlegel
in Dahlem
bei Berlin.

Fret lt. Avers. No. 21.
Kgl. Pr. Botan. Garten.



Convolvulus Soldanella L.
In einem Dünenal von Langeoog ges. von J. Reinke, Sept. 1907.

REINKE

Kiel, 25.5.08.

Dem Herrn Herrn Kolleg,
ich würde mich die negativen
Aufgaben, die ich Ihnen
von dem hiesigen Wirt
übertragen habe.

Stille. Ich bin sehr zufrieden mit dem Aufg.
Ich habe mich nicht zu ergeben. Mit freundlichen
Grüßen. Ich bin sehr zufrieden.

Reinke

Botanischer Garten Kiel



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EXPERIMENT STATION
C. F. WHEELER, CONSULTING BOTANIST.

Agricultural College, P. O.,

Ingham Co., Mich., Nov. 23 1901

OFFICE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.,
EXPRESS OR FREIGHT ADDRESS, LANSING, MICH.

Dear Dr. G.

The *Scirpus* from union
own Coll. by Mr. A. B. Searles
is *S. Olneyi* Gray - no doubt of it.

Yours truly
H. A. Muhl

EXPERIMENT STATION.

C. F. WHEELER, CONSULTING BOTANIST.

Agricultural College P. O.,

Ingham Co., Mich. Oct. 2

1887

Office of Western Union Telegraph Co.
(Express or Freight Address, Lansing, Mich.)

J. D. Griffiths

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of Sept 21 I
enclose herewith the names of plants sent for determination.

Junci.

Juncus Torreyi Cordell, 904-944-

J. Mertensianus Eng. Myer, 5448.

Luzula *Spadicosa* Melanocarpa Myer, 532.

L. *Comosa* Myer, 546.

Cyperus

Cyperus aristatus Britt. 870-918.

C. *anthorrhizos* Michx. 902.

Scirpus microcarpus Beal, 271-473.

S. *Pungens* Vahl - 700. 686-743-291-910-673.

S. *Calupestis* Britt. 69-719-703-162.

S. *Nevedensis* Wats. 289-710.

S. *Lacustris* *accidentalis* Wats. 742-

Caricis.

Carex athrota Chry. 718-853.

C. *maricida* Britt. 22-492-491 in water

C. *maricida* *altima* Bailey - 941, 146.

C. *maricida* *schilis* Bailey - 648, 259-321.

C. *Vulpenoides* Michx. 938.

C. *tinella* Schk. 539-547.

Carex festiva Dur 655-628-325.
C. *Raynoldsii* 503
Small form.

2-X-1901

Agricultural College P. O.,

Ingham Co., Mich.

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Office of Western Union Telegraph Co.
(Express or Freight Address, Lansing, Mich.)

- Carex Douglasii* Boott 117-391-665-700.
C. lanuginosa Michx.
C. unguiculata Ma 13-65-387-682.
C. aurea Nutt. 222.
C. utriculata Boott. 849-778.
C. aristata R. Br. 338-751.
C. Gayana Desv. 691.
C. Ulbrascensis Desv. 272-485-683. 287. ^{He has this named *fundula* C. *maritima* Desv. also.}

I return no. 532-683 as you request.

The Plants are full of interest, showing in some cases great variation on account of environment.

Very truly
 C. F. Wheeler.

P.S. Your second pkg is just received. I regret that the spec. are not numbered. There are ^{two} new ones i.e. not in former pkg - new sp. not in other pkg.

68th *Carex Kellagii* { S. Wats in Kew under your spec.
 not long named
 81st *C. stipata* Nutt. with shaggy head.

There are three *C. Douglasii* and one *C. Ulbrascensis* besides the sp. named above. Thank you for the labels.

Very truly
 C. F. Wheeler.