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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.

STATION & TELEGRAPH,  
CLAPHAM,  
YORK.

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INGLEBOROUGH,  
YORKSHIRE,  
VIA LANCASTER.

Dear little Nephew your Uncle is overjoyed with  
the Crocuses, though very sad that he couldn't get  
back in time to put Nellie on the back at Har-  
rogate. The crows shall be capped in red lead,  
& most faithfully guarded. - Do let your wan-  
derings bring you along our way in the end:  
we are astonishingly vivid & flowersome: & my  
Thymphaea as a dream. Your Cook is nearing  
the end of its preparation: will you approve  
this dedication "Ove, Crocorum Communium, Rex,  
Imperator, Patricius, Augustus."? - Tell me  
did you spit on my first article about hy-  
prins, I wonder? I've now seen all the impor-  
tant crows in situ. - except spectabilis & minimus  
and those of vulpescens & villarsa. Species ad-  
miranda non a me vide. Behone, behone, all my  
white Sniticks have gone to the better world  
where they belong: otherwise the collected stuff  
is all astounding, alike in quantity & health.

Y Uncle