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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.

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from Bancroft

Dear Professor Lames

Very many thanks for your letter
the material of Sanguinaria - it all arrived in
excellent condition; the rhizomes have been planted
in the School Garden & in Miss Dickson's garden;
Some of the flower buds have been embedded & have
cut very well indeed. We are both most
grateful to you for all the trouble you have
taken.

Thank you also very much for looking
after my small manuscript. I feel that if it
is to go into a specifically botanical journal, its
title ought to be "A puzzling discovery of a
capsule of Martynia proboscidea". When I wrote
just "A puzzling discovery," I had in mind
"The Scientific American" or "The Scientific Monthly"
as a place of publication; but something
more botanical would be better for my D.Sc. list;
a good deal of the stuff I have written lately is
in farming & estate journals, & will, I know, be

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Considered too Semi-popular to be mentioned, in spite of the work it has entailed!

The School of Rural Economy is in rather a turmoil - The last Government wanted us to re-organise as a post-graduate School; but the Socialists received such a crushing blow yesterday that we may continue intact! I devoutly hope we shall, for Agriculture & Biology & Soil Science need encouragement in England as never before. One of the Nationalist Policies is, fortinably, the encouragement of Agriculture, so we hope for an influx of Students soon; we had only 11 at the beginning of this term!

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bancroft.