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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.

Newfield N. Jersey
Sept. 6. 1878

Prof. C. E. Bessey,
Dear Sir

I send you 2 cenz by
mail Cent. I N. Am. Fungi
The Spec. have all been
poisoned so that they will
keep I think for many
years. I hope to have Cent II
ready for delivery in the
course of three or four
months and Cent III (Uredin-
er by Prof. Harlow) in the course
of a year from this date
after which probably only
two cents will be issued
annually. I think after
some practice I can arrange
the Spec. so that they will lie
easier in the books

If convenient you can send me a P.O. Order payable to Prof. W. G. Harlow at Cambridge Mass. as I am indebted to him for many advances on the blank books.

I very much hope to receive from you some of the Iowa Fungi for the *Exc. Secati* - The Ascomycetous Fungi are of special interest to me but any will be acceptable. If you should collect any specimens for the work it would be better to send the spec. to me except a few which might be sent to Harlow for determination. Since the material if sent to him would have to be sent back to me again as the putting up of the spec.

in all the cents. will I suppose
devolve on me.

I hope you will be pleased
with the work. I shall do all
I can on my part to make
it valuable.

Very truly
Yours,

J. B. Ellis