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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.

to Bessey

Newfield N. Jersey
Nov. 16. 1878

My Dear Sir

Yours favoring the 5th inst.
with accompanying spec.
was duly rec^d & should
have been answered at once
but has been neglected till now

- There is now I think with
what I had previously rec^d
from Mr. Holway a supply of
Puccinia notitangivis
The *Monerula actinca*
is very acceptable.

I am now about having
my microscope renovated
& improved so that I am
not in a condition to give
any satisfactory opinion
concerning the fungus on
Desmodium & *Scutellaria*
I should very much like

either or both of them for the
Exsicc. if you have them.
The material you are
sending can not be used
before another year at the
least as I have now ma-
terial for 4 Cents, ~~not~~ ^{on}
hand - So that you may
perhaps be able to get
more another season if
you have not a good
supply, I should like
a spec. of *Puccinia gram-*
inis var. *brevicarpa* if
you please some time
when convenient.

I see I shall have
to set to work in earnest
on the Exsiccati as the
material continues to
accumulate

I have rec^d some fine
things from Dr. Wood H. C.,
also from Ravenel & from
James Jackson & Everhart
West Chester Pa.

Dr. Harkness from Calu-
has also sent some interest-
ing fungi. He promises to
send me *Polyphorus volutus*
Pk., which he finds abund-
antly on *Pinus contorta*
in the Sierras. His spec-
imens are larger than Mr. Peck's
but evidently the same
thing. ~~though~~ ^{though} Crevillea has
published it in *Grevillea*
under another name "*P.*
obvolutus". He seems to
take special pains to ignore
Mr. Peck & in fact all
American though of course

in my Exercise where there
is a choice I shall not
follow his lead in that di-
rection.

Very truly Yours
J. B. Ellis