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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
Feb. 23, 1888

My Dear Sir

Your favor containing
check for \$1. for Cent. III.
is safely read^d for which
please accept my thanks.
It is also very gratify-
ing to me that you are
pleased with the work.
I mean to do the best I
can to get up a valuable
collection. I am glad
to hear that you will
probably be able to do
something at collecting
the coming season. You
spoke of a var. of *Puccinia*
graminis - perhaps you
will be able to get that
for me another season

also a good supply of *Puccinia*, *Solidaria* 52. And probably many other things you will meet with in your neighborhood.

The books for Cent. IV. are all finished & the material ready and in a few days I expect the printing will be done when I shall go on with Cent. IV. as fast as I can. Nos 1-33 in Cent. IV. will be *Hymenomyces* - among them *Polyporus volvatus* PK 34-57 *Sphaeronema* 58-83 *Dematiaceae*, *Mucodiales* &c. 84-400 *Discomycetes* embracing some very interesting species such as *Peziza gracilipes* ^{6h}

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Pez. incondita & P. myssaegena
nov. Spec. The last grows
from old droppings of Myssae
multiflora buried in the
mud under decaying logs.
— also 4 species of the
Friesian genus Om-
phophila

The material for Cent.
V. is also mostly ready.
This will be made up
principally of Sphaeriaceae
& Discomycetes. I hope to
have a copy of Cent. IV.
ready for you by the 1st
of May next — possibly
sooner.

It was through some
inadvertence that the
title page of Cent. III. does
not agree entirely with

The specc. I hardly know
how it was myself but
somewhere between Prof.
Farlow & myself it came
out as it is. It will be
well to add some explan-
atory note in the next Cent.
of *Medinea* which will
probably be Cent. VI.

The *Peronospora Halstedii*
was in rather scanty supply
& if you meet with it another
season I should like a good
supply so that I can send
out additional specc.
in another Cent.

You ask if I receive
sufficient pecuniary
encouragement to make
it certain that I shall fin-
ish my 10 Cents.

I find the expense is consid-
erable & much time is re-
quired but it is paying
me as well as I expected
so that I think there is no
doubt I shall be able
to finish my 10 Cents - if
I live - I am favorably
situated for such an
undertaking for this is
a wonderfully rich locality
for fungi - And living
here as I do my expenses
are small. Even as it
is however I could not do
it were it not for my
wife who helps me put

of the spec. and makes
the books - that is does
the binding - I had the
first 60 made in Boston
but besides the inconvenience
of having the work done at
a distance the cost was
too much. So as Mrs. E.
said she would undertake
to make as good a book
as the Boston binder I bought
in N. Y. paper board enough
for the 10 cents. Mrs. E. can
now make a better book
than at first having had
some practice.

Very truly Yours

J. B. Ellis

J. B. Ellis-desiderata-
var. of *Puccinia graminis*
Puccinia solida Sz
Peronospora Halstedii Praelm

If you should collect
anything for the N. A. F.
please try to get enough
for 40 or 45 copies

Please mention the fungi
to any in your correspondence
you think would like
a set

Ellis to Bessey 23 II - 1880