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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.

Wood's Hall, Aug. 21.

Dear Prof. Bessey,

Your letter
and specimen were duly
received. The Peronospora on
^{Euphorbia}
~~Eupatorium~~ seems to me to be
P. obducens Schroeter. When found
on the cotyledons it is apt to be
very obducens but on the leaves
with us as in your specimen
it is scattered.

I am very glad to hear
that the other Peronospora
was found on a plant which you
have been able to recognize with
certainty. I do not believe
at all that species of Peronospora

are limited to plants of one
natural order. I think we ought
to be guided in the first place
by the morphological character
and do not believe in separating
forms which can only be
distinguished by their
parasitism on different hosts.
I have just found *P. gangliiformis*
on *Nahalium* and some more
P. on *Geranium* besides one or
two interesting *Uredinei* at
Wood's Hall.

Yours, truly

W. E. Yarrow

Do you have a *Puccinia*
on *Gnaphalium* sp. with you?