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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.

Cawlindey
April 1,
1897.

Dear Prof. Bessey,

I have this
winter been busy
trying to set the
herbarium to rights
and have come across
a specimen you
sent several years
ago which I did
not recognize at the
time. I enclose a
piece which you

will recognize.

On reexamining
today, I see that
the specimen is a
mixture of two
species Sphaerosporium
lignatile Schw. and
Rhinotrichum Curtisii
Berk. The Sphaeros-
porium I find occa-
sionally here but,
in your specimen,
it is to some extent
masked by the presence
of the Rhinotrichum
and I did not
at first recognize

What it was,

Yours, truly,
W. G. Farlow,