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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

Cambridge, March 6.

Dear Prof. Beesey; I congratulate
you ~~you~~ the occupation of
your new laboratory. How did
it happen that the economical
legislature of Iowa allowed you
such a luxury?

Halsted's paper on ~~Chlorophyll~~ ^{Chlorophyll} is a great one.

The systematic part of it is to
be published by the Boston Nat.
Hist. Soc. They will print it
very soon. Halsted himself I
suppose is in Chicago but
I have not heard directly from
him for some time.

The Chytridiaceae were
originally an order of unicellular
parasites inhabiting water
plants, as Desmids, Conyzae
& Alex. Brann's memoir.

Ueber Chytridium first brought
them into notice. Hyphotrium
only differs apparently in
inhabiting land plants.

Entyloma is one of the
Ustilaginaceae and includes
most of the old Protonyces,
Phyodermis &c.

My work is now at
the press. I shall leave for Baltimore
in about three weeks I
hope, to remain until June.
During June, I hope to
finish up the third fascicle
of Ellis's Fungi. He tells me that
he has sold but few copies.

I hope when a while that
set is being issued to publish
a paper on N. a. Ustilaginiae.
I have a new and very interesting
Ustilagin from Florida.

Wishing you all
manner of luck in your
new laboratory, I am,

Yours, truly,
W. C. Harlow.

I send a few specimens
not of anything new but
mostly Eastern forms of
~~Ustilago~~ *Ustilago* ~~various~~ *various* ~~which~~
already sent me.

The lists enclosed are
of *Potentilla norvegica*. It
is the "*Urtica herbarum*"
of Alb. & Schmidt. The *Phacelia*
repandum of some.