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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.

Davenport March 1st 1880

Prof C. E. Bessey

Dear Sir:

I have just finished packing your box which will go to Express Office the ~~1st~~ opportunity. I do not think there is any branch of American Express in our town, but I have been hoping for some time that there might be a competing line to reduce charges. In the enclosed bill I specify 500 sh. but they will come fully up to 600. You will understand that, when specimens are scant, it is for lack of material, when sufficient I have tried to make full complete specimens. I have tucked in to fill up the box some loose odds & ends, cones, woods &c &c that may do for the museum. The parcels are of course scattered, but generally the localities come near together.

I expect to get off on my Eastern trip in about 2 weeks & in the mean time have plenty of overhauling to do.

I am in hope you will write up that botanical matter satisfactorily. You will see that Nabnam declines in Riley's favor. I am not quite sure that that is the best thing, but perhaps politic. Hoping to hear that the plants reach you safely & are satisfactory I am
Yours truly C. E. Parry