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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.

From Merrill

by Merrill, E.D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
BUREAU OF SCIENCE.
MANILA.

BOTANIST.

April 10, 1908.

Dr. E. Hackel,

Attisee,

Ober Osterreich.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 25th giving me identifications of the grasses that were sent you previous to my departure from Manila and a diagnosis of the new species and varieties.

These have been copied and will be published in a future number of the Philippine Journal of Science. Are you quite sure regarding the identity of *Panicum oryzoides* Sw.? I have no doubt that my Balabac plant No. 5387 is identical with *P. latifolium* of the flora of ^{British} ~~India~~ India, but while I was at Kew I found specimens there that you had named *P. Ridleyi*. While I was working up my paper on Philippine grasses I suspected the Balabac plant to be identical with the latter, but could find no published description of it. In the hope that Mr. Hitchcock had opportunity of examining the type of *P. oryzoides* while he was in Europe, I have sent him a specimen of the Balabac plant asking his opinion of it.

On my return I find that extensive collections have been made during my absence, including a considerable number

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of grasses. A set of the latter has been selected for you and will be forwarded at some future date as soon as I can clear up the accumulated work. I think, however, that there are comparatively few interesting species in the lot, except possibly among the bamboos.

Very truly yours,

Elmer D. Merrill

Botanist.

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