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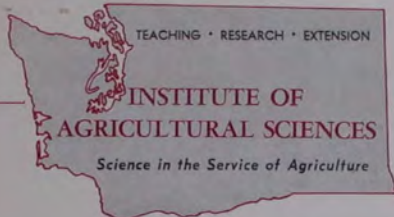
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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. 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.



STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

September 14, 1954

Dr. W. W. Ray, Mycologists
Department of Plant Pathology
Agricultural Experiment Station
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

I note with interest your report of Ustilago bullata on Hordeum pusillum in Lincoln, Nebraska, as reported in the August 15 issue of Plant Disease Reporter.

If you can supply them, I should be grateful to receive specimens of this smut on Hordeum pusillum and also some seeds of the latter. I have reason to suspect that this may be a new and as yet unidentified race of Ustilago bullata, but have lacked both fresh material (1951 is comparatively fresh) and also seed of the host plant.

Also, next season, if it is convenient for you to do so, I should appreciate it if you would collect for me enough of Ustilago bullata on Hordeum pusillum from Nebraska to be included in Century IV of the exsiccati series "Graminicolous Smuts of North America". I would need enough material to comprise at least two or three heads for each of 15 packets. I would appreciate similar collections of any other grass and cereal smuts you can obtain for me from Nebraska in sufficient quantities to be used in the exsiccati series. Full credit is always given on the packets for the collector and/or person making the determination.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Fischer

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Department Chairman

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