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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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

BIONOMIC INVESTIGATIONS OF TROPICAL
AND SUBTROPICAL PLANTS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28th 1900.

Dear Mr Donnell Smith:

I have just asked Mr Maxon to send you
a sheet of a Guttiferous plant which I cannot place. There are only
male flowers and these have either 4 sepals, 4 petals or 2 sepals and
two petals. The stamens, of which I enclose a drawing, agree more or less
with those of a Calophyllum, and the leaves may belong to this genus.
But the plant would then be a new species.

I have an idea that I have seen the same thing somewhere else.
Do you know it, and if not, to which genus do you think it
should go?

Many thanks for your kindly informing me about Tetraphyllum.
It is likely that my specimens belong to the only species described, al.
though I cannot remember having seen such large leaves.

Hoping you are well and thanking you in advance, I beg to
remain

yours very truly

H. Pittier.