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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.

Letter in response to inquiry
about type of *Festuca shortii*.

Feb 17, 1904.
115-119 WEST 68TH STREET.

Dear Sir:-

I regret to state that
I have not succeeded in
finding either of the plants
referred to in your letter of
Nov. 30. This does not neces-
sarily mean that they are
not in the herbarium, nor
that they cannot be found
later. Most of the wood col-
lections are still in the new-
paper folds in which he left
them; two or three species
are a page, not fastened,
and unclassified. One must
go through all the bundles
to find any species. I hope
that I can next summer
put them in order, but in
the meantime I cannot
assist you.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Rusby,
RUSBY