A QUESTION OF NOMENCLATURE.


I had occasion to examine a plant sent in for determination and in the National Herbarium found specimens of a similar plant filed away under three different genera. After looking into the matter I was able to settle the point by reference to literature and the specimens.

1. In 1915 Mrs. L. Bolus described a plant collected by the late Prof. Pearson as Sutera rigida L. Bolus (Ann. S.A. Mus., vol. 9, p. 267). She quoted Pearson, 3619 as one of the specimens of the species.

2. In 1922 (Hook. Ic. Pl., t. 3007), N. E. Brown described a new genus Antherothamnus and named the plants A. Pearsonii N. E. Br. Pearson, 3619 is one of the quoted specimens.

3. In 1928 (Sukkulentenforschung in Sudwest-Afrika, p. 29) K. Dinter mentions a plant Manuleopsis Karasmontana Dtr. MS. He also distributed specimens (Dinter, 5088) under that name.

Mrs. L. Bolus was good enough to lend me a sheet of Pearson 3619 and it was found to be the same plant as Dinter 5088. The species must then be:

Antherothamnus rigida (L. Bolus) N. E. Br. Sutera rigida L. Bolus; Manuleopsis Karasmontana Dinter nomen nudum.


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