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The Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew,  
presents his compliments to Prof. J. A. Henriques,  
and begs to inform him in reply to his letter  
dated Sept. 25, 1912, that the specimen of  
Pilea from St. Thomas has been further  
examined with the following results:

1) It is apparently not separable from  
Mann, 626, which is the type of P. ceratoneura,  
Wedd.; both specimens are female.

2) Mann, 2011, and Johnston, 66, from  
Cameroon Mountain, are both male and  
may represent a different species, but as  
there is no known male example of





P. ceratomea, it is not possible to decide the question.

The East African plant represented by Scott Elliot, 7661 and Nolbens, 1275 (both ♀) seems to be distinct and has evidently not been described. It is, however, extremely closely allied to P. macrodonta, Baker, from Madagascar and the Comoro Islands.

It should be mentioned that the specimens under discussion are mostly somewhat imperfect and by taking a broad view they might be considered as forms of one species.

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