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1 Claim. (Cl. 47—62)

This invention relates to a variety of plum tree.
The object of the invention was to produce a
plum tree with a fruit of good keeping qualities,
late maturity, large size and improved flavour,
5 which would be suitable as a dessert plum.

The tree of the invention is the product of a
long history of cross breeding.

The variety is principally characterized by the
large size, deep rich red colour, late maturity and
10 good keeping and shipping qualities of the fruit.

The following more detailed description refers
to and the attached drawing shows the variety
as grown in the vicinity of Nelson, in the Province
of British Columbia, Canada.

15 The original drawing illustrates two typical
leaves, the stone and the fruit in natural size, and
the growth habit of the tree diagrammatically.

The variety forming the subject of this appli-
cation resembles the Japanese more closely than
20 the European varieties, though, as shown, it is
rather more upright in growth than the former.
As in the case of the Japanese plum its leaves are,
as shown, long and narrow, and their margins are
finely serrate. They are on the whole rather like
25 peach tree leaves. The variety flowers generally
earlier than the European varieties, about the
same time as the Japanese, and has a long grow-
ing season. Its flower buds tend to rise from aux-
iliary buds on young shoots or from very small
30 spurs, in contrast again to the European varieties
which produce rather long fruiting spurs.

The tree is annular in habit and is a heavy
bearer. Its fruit is late in maturity, October be-
35 ing its season in British Columbia. It has excel-
lent keeping qualities under home conditions

without refrigeration, and is of large size, being
about two inches or more in diameter and about
two inches long. Its shape is round to conic, as
shown, and it very often has unequal halves. It
has, as shown, a cavity of medium depth and a
5 stem about seven-eighths of an inch long which
separates readily. The suture varies from shal-
low to deep and distinct and the apex is generally
round but often pointed. As shown, the skin is
10 of a dark red and very attractive colour with
numerous conspicuous dots of ash colour and a
whitish heavy bloom. The skin is thin, medium
tender and rather sour but separates easily from
the flesh. In spite of the thinness of the skin,
15 however, the fruit has good shipping qualities.
The flesh is, as shown, of a yellow to deep orange
colour and is firm, jelly-like, juicy, and of a
sweet to neutral, pleasing flavour.

The variety is of the clingstone type, the stone
being flat, of oval shape and deeply ribbed and
20 measuring about three-quarters of an inch in
width and nine-sixteenths of an inch in length.

The scions or buds for reproducing the variety
should be taken from a fairly old tree, say about
25 ten years.

I claim:

The new variety of plum tree characterized by
the deep rich red colour, as shown and described,
and the late maturity and good keeping and ship-
ping qualities, as described, of its fruit.

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