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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-  
ing its season in British Columbia. It has excel-  
35 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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