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My new variety was discovered by me as a sport-
ing branch growing from a plant of the variety
Hahn's Self-branching Ivy and has been repro-
duced by means of cuttings for several years.

5 The accompanying illustration shows a month-
old specimen of this variety in a pot, a three-
month specimen in which the self-branching
habit is very noticeable and a third plant which
is about five months old and shows the pendulous
10 habit of this variety which prevails after it has
reached the height of eight or ten inches.

The most outstanding characteristic of this new
variety is its compactness of growth, its natural
growth being much more compact and dense than
15 that of any other known ivy of the large-leaf
class.

The variety is a very rapid grower and is freely
self-branching. Without trimming or cutting it
produces a large number of side shoots or
20 branches and this tends to make a dense growth.
The variety is able to produce salable plants in a
much shorter time than any other varieties of ivy
now on the market.

Most of the leaves of this variety are somewhat
25 hastate in shape, with three lobes—a long center
lobe sloping down to the side lobes with a very
slight indentation, and with a rounded base.
However, sometimes the variety has some leaves
that are somewhat heartshaped and without lobes
30 or indentations: The leaves vary in size accord-

ing to growing conditions. The usual size is $2\frac{1}{4}$
to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by $1\frac{3}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in
width from lobe to lobe. The color of the leaves
is ordinarily darker than most ivy varieties but
varies according to the stage of growth or the kind
5 and quantity of plant food used. The surface of
the leaves is somewhat waxy and their veining is
prominent. The matured leaves are leathery and
of excellent substance.

The nodes are very short, allowing the leaves
10 to be set close together on the stems and to over-
lap one another. Because of the short petioles or
leaf stems, the leaves are set close to the main
stem. Both of these features increase the com-
pactness of growth of the variety. 15

This variety has an upright habit of growth
until it has attained a height of four or five
inches, then it develops a pendulous habit of
growth and can be grown to an indefinite length.

Having thus disclosed my discovery, I claim: 20

A new and distinct variety of ivy plant char-
acterized particularly by its intense compactness
and density of growth; its close-set, overlapping
leaves of distinctive shape as described; its habit
25 of growing first upright and later pendulous; and
its rapidity of growth and freedom of self-branch-
ing which enable it to produce salable plants in
an unusually short time.

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