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My present invention relates to a new and im-  
provide variety of barberry plant which was dis-  
covered by me several years ago while planting  
a large number of *Berberis thunbergi*. Presum-  
ably it is a chance seedling produced from this  
variety. Its golden color attracted my attention  
and I watched it throughout several seasons. I  
noted also that the plant was very dwarf and com-  
pact in growth.

I then asexually propagated a number of plants  
from this plant and found the new plants to  
possess the same characteristics as the original.

The accompanying illustration shows a typical  
branch of my new variety of barberry plant in  
July, reproduced in as nearly the true colors as  
the artist could make them.

Following is a detailed description of my new  
variety of barberry plant, color plate references  
being in accord with Ridgway's Color Standards  
and Nomenclature.

### Description

Growth habit: Very dwarf, attaining a height of  
only 18 to 24 inches in more than ten years.

The breadth of the plant is about the same as  
the height and the growth is very compact.

Stems: Old wood, dark brown. New wood, same  
color as leaves but with brownish streaks.  
Slender but sturdy and stiff.

Thorns: Thin, sharp thorns about  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch long  
are arranged singly at the leaf axils along the  
length of the stem.

### Foliage:

**Color.**—General color effect is bright golden  
yellow. Ranges from Amber Yellow (Plate  
VI) to Cosse Green (Plate V), but is prin-  
cipally Picric Yellow (Plate IV), Light  
Greenish Yellow (Plate V), Greenish Yel-  
low (Plate V), and Green Yellow (Plate V).  
Leaves at base of stem are Pinard Yellow  
(Plate IV) to Amber Yellow (Plate VI) and  
leaves toward the tips of the young growth  
are marked with a reddish tinge. The  
under surface of the petals is Straw Yel-  
low (Plate XVI) to light Green-Yellow  
(Plate V). All colors are much brighter in  
the Spring at the beginning of the growing  
season.

**Arrangement.**—Very closely spaced. In  
groups of three or more.

**Form.**—Leaflets oval with long slender shank.

**Size.**—Rounded portion is  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch long  
with the addition of a shank about half  
this length. Width is about  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Flowers: Small flowers are borne singly and in  
groups of 2 or 3.

Fruit: Small red seed pods are produced but  
they are not fertile in any respect.

Having thus disclosed my discovery, I claim:

The new and distinct variety of barberry plant  
of general type of the *Berberis thunbergi* substan-  
tially as herein disclosed, characterized particu-  
larly by its dwarf growth; the bright golden color  
of its foliage; and the absence of fertility of its  
seed pods.

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