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**BOUGAINVILLEA PLANT**

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1 Claim. (Cl. 47—60)

This discovery relates to a bougainvillea plant of a new and distinct variety that I discovered in Los Angeles, California.

After the discovery of the original parent plant, cuttings were made, and three descendent generations of plants have now been propagated. Hundreds of cuttings have been made, and all of the descendents exhibit the characteristics of the parent plant, thereby showing that the strain is true. The parent plant and the land upon which it grows are owned by me.

The variety was discovered in 1950 as a sport of Bougainvillea Spectabilis v. San Diego Red (unpatented) and differs from that variety and from previously known varieties in that it is more maroon than they are. Whereas the bracts of previous bougainvilleas have generally been purple or a definite red color, the present variety is more to the maroon shade.

When the plant is grown in a greenhouse where it is in subdued light, the blooming period is from March to December, and when the plant is grown outdoors in full sun, its blooming period in Southern California, is from July to December or until the first frost.

The growth of the plant, as to form, size, etc., is similar to the parent plant, San Diego Red, and as mentioned, the unique characteristic of the plant is the color of its bracts. In the following, color references are to "Dictionary of Color" by Maerz and Paul:

Blooming period:

In greenhouse..... March to December.  
Outdoors, in full sun..... July to December, or  
until first frost.

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Bud:

In greenhouse..... 51K12.  
Outdoors, in full sun..... 53L7.

Mature bracts:

5 In greenhouse..... 51K12.  
Outdoors, in full sun..... 53L12.

Number of bracts..... 3.

Size of bracts..... Approximately 1¼  
inches wide, 1½  
inches long.

10 Shape of bracts..... Generally oval.

Blossoms:

15 Small and comparatively inconspicuous, faint pink  
color that shades to pale yellow in center of  
blossom.

Plant:

Leaves..... 24L5.

Stem..... 23L1.

20 If the plant is grown in a tub or other device so that  
it can readily be moved, the color of the bracts will change  
as indicated above when the plant is moved from one con-  
dition to another. The bracts exhibit a certain amount  
of iridescence, and in the drawing, an effort has been  
made to indicate this iridescence, and also to indicate the  
25 appearance of the bracts with a certain amount of light  
passing through them. The larger spray shows the ap-  
pearance of a plant that has been grown in full sun, while  
the smaller spray, at the bottom of the drawing, indi-  
cates the appearance of a plant that has been grown in the  
30 shade.

35 The plant has been asexually reproduced at Torrance,  
Los Angeles County, California, and elsewhere, by cutting  
a branch from the parent plant, placing the branch in a  
bed of sand to start the roots, and thereafter when the  
plant is more mature, transplanting it to a suitable place.

I claim:

40 A new and distinct variety of bougainvillea plant char-  
acterized as to novelty by the maroon color of its bracts  
and the changing of the color of those bracts when moved  
between sun and shade, substantially as shown and de-  
scribed.

No references cited.

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