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[54] **STRAWBERRY PLANT**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct variety of strawberry plant is characterized by being a continuously bearing and very productive variety with the particularity of having a rigid floral stem.

2 Drawing Figures

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This invention relates to a distinctly new strawberry variety obtained by natural cross-breeding of seedlings carried out in 1972 at Soings en Sologne in France. Asexual reproduction from the original mother plant was carried out by splitting of the roots, division of the meristem and in vitro micropropagation.

The physiological characteristics are as follows: The seasonal blooming is fairly early. The season of maturity is fairly early. The remontance is continuous. Sensitivity to bruises is fairly sensitive. The firmness of the pulp is medium. The taste of the fruit is normal.

The recommended type of culture is plain field and amateur gardens.

The variety is characterized by its uninterrupted production and abundance of fruit, and by the rigidity of the floral stem.

In the accompanying drawing:

FIG. **1** shows the fruit including the characteristic shape of the fruit; and

FIG. **2** is a view showing the strawberry plants in cultivation.

The characteristics of the strawberry plant in accordance with the present invention are summarized on the following table:

MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS	DESCRIPTION
GROWTH OF THE PLANT	More or less spread out
Leaf: a) Stem	
Angle of Leaf Stem to Main Stem	90° - 120°
Shape at the Base	V-shaped
Pilosity of the Upper Face	Medium
Color	Dark Green
Brilliance	Brillant
General Shape (terminal foliage)	Spoon-Shaped
Ratio between Length/Width	1.05 to 1.20
Pilosity	Medium
Position of Hair	Perpendicular
FLOWERS	
No. of Petals: Elder Flowers	5 to 9
No. of Petals: Younger Flowers	More than 6
Ratio of Length/Width of	As Wide as Long

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MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS	DESCRIPTION
Petals	
Angle at the Stem of Petals	Obtuse
Position of Hair on the Peduncle	Perpendicular
Relative Position of Flowers/ Foliage	Same Level as the Leaves
Ratio of Length of Sepalules (s)/Sepals (S)	s = S
Ratio of Length of Sepals (S)/Petals (P)	S > P
Stamens	Present
FRUIT	
Size	Medium
Length of Peduncle	Medium
Shape of the Elder Fruit and the Younger Fruit	Similar
Shape of the Young Fruit	Round
Ratio of Width (l)/ Height (H) (Young Fruit)	l > H
Size of First Ripening Fruit	Medium
Position of the Achenes	Slightly Bulging
Zone of Achenes	Weak or None
Overall Color	Homogeneous
Color of the Pulp	Vivid Red
Color of Skin	Medium Red (HCC 820)
Brilliance	Brilliant
Position of the Calyx and the Calicle	One Leaning, the Other One Upright or Down
STOLONS (Well Developed)	
Number	About 20/year
Color at Insolation	Purple
Color of Those Facing the Ground or under the Foliage	Purple
Size	Large
Position of hair	Perpendicular
PHYSIOLOGIC CHARACTERISTICS	
Blooming Season	Fairly Early
Maturity Season	Fairly Early
Remontance	Continuously Remontant
Sensitivity to Bruises	Fairly Sensitive
Firmness of the Pulp	Medium
Taste of the Fruit	Normal

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of strawberry plant substantially as herein shown and described, characterized by the fact that it is a continuously bearing (practically uninterrupted over six months with significant production on the annual stolons) and very productive variety with the peculiarity of having a rigid floral stem.

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FIG. 1

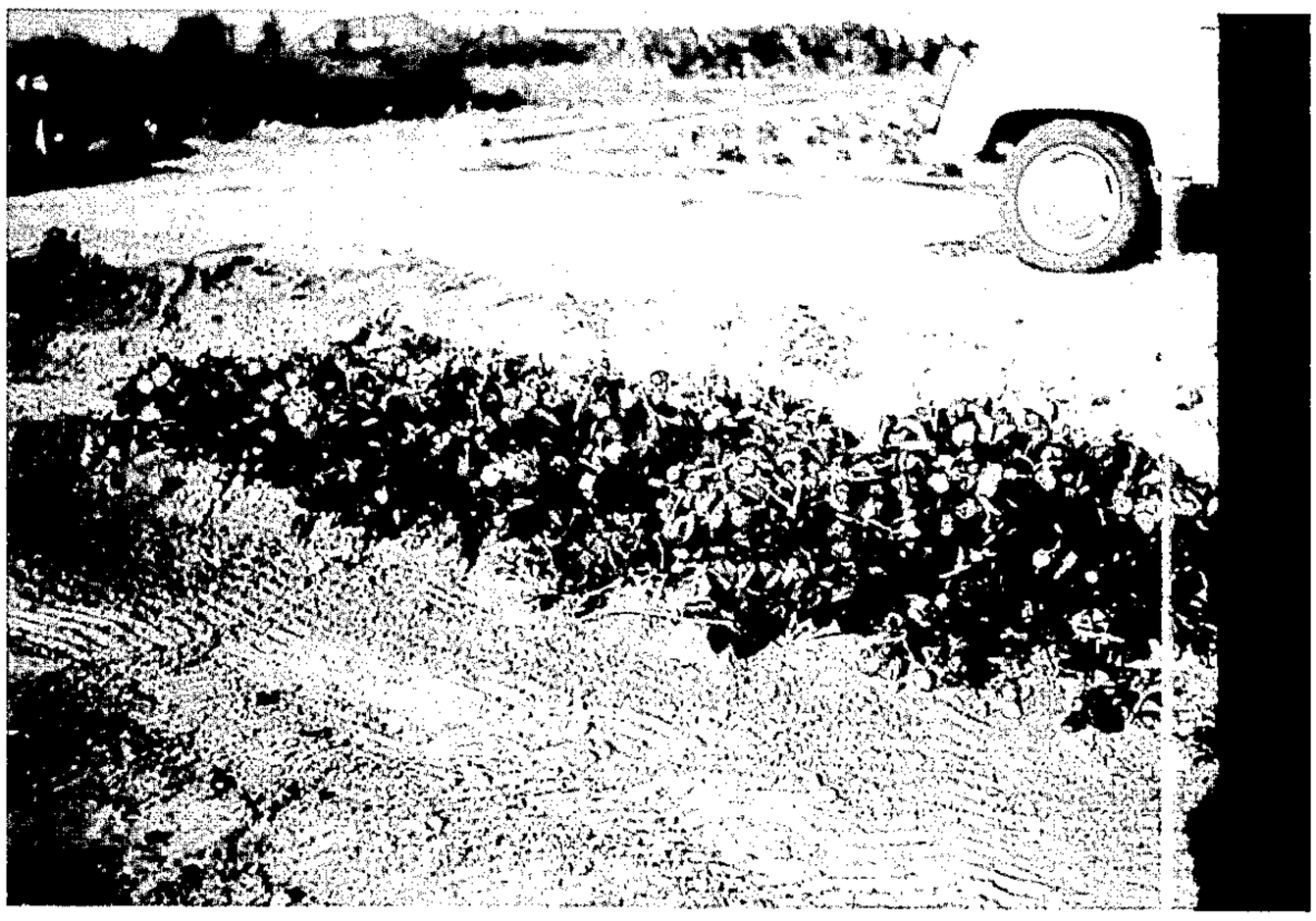

FIG. 2