

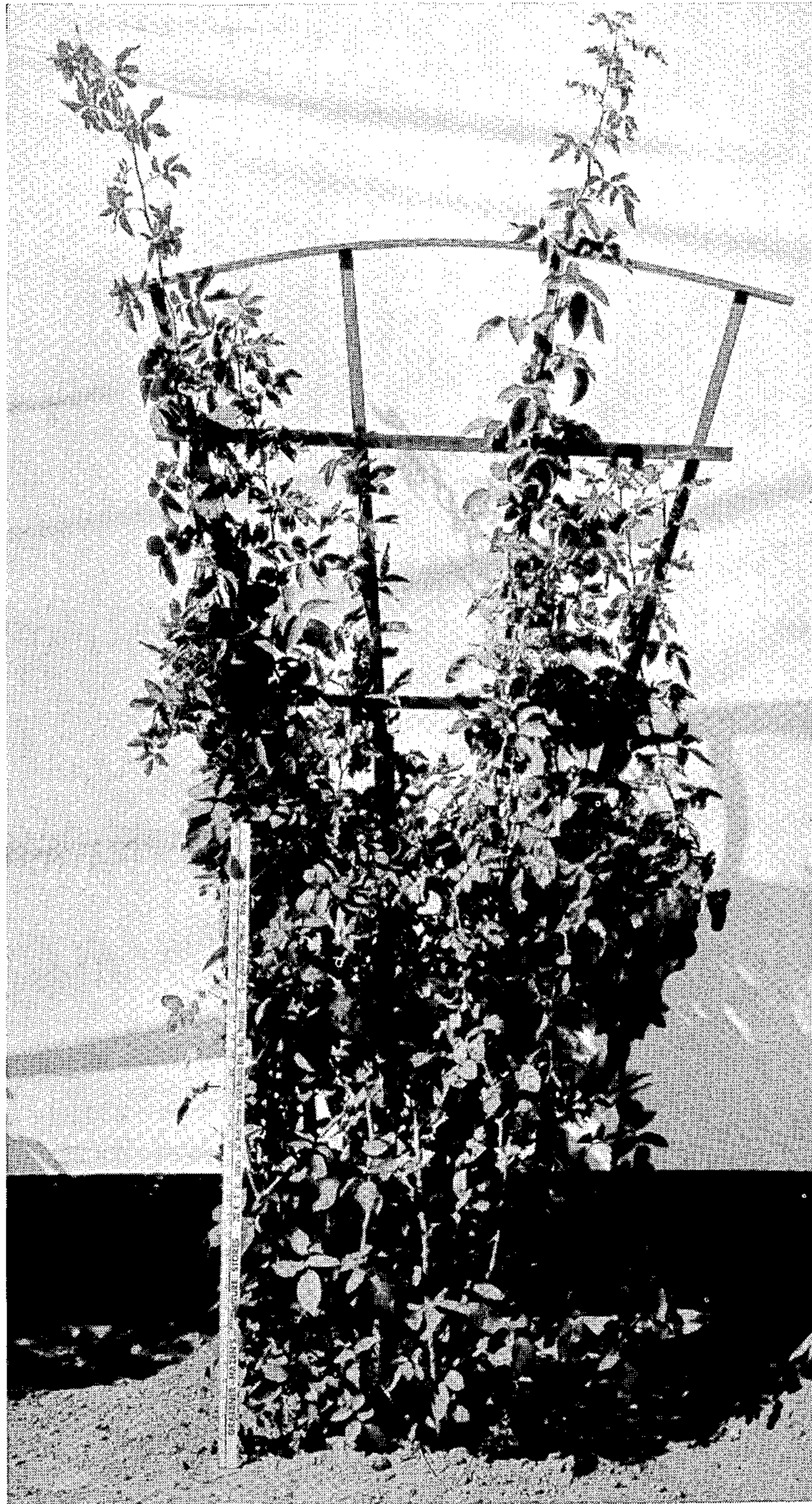
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The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the climbing hybrid tea class, originating as a bud sport of the variety "Nocturne" (Plant Patent No. 713), and dominantly distinguished therefrom by its climbing habit of growth. The new variety was discovered by me in a cultivated nursery row of "Nocturne" plants growing in the fields of the assignee hereof, at Ontario, California.

The parent variety is a bush rose of the hybrid tea class, and is primarily notable for the slender form of its buds, the attractive color and lasting quality of its flowers, the resistance of its foliage to Orange Rose rust, and its habit of producing more than one bloom per stem in the early part of its blooming season, but only a single bloom per stem during the latter part of the blooming season. However, this bush parent, so far as I am aware, has never exhibited a climbing habit, and its growth has been that of the average strong bush rose, and usually attains a height of only 3½ to 4½ feet.

The new variety is substantially identical with its parent, except that it definitely is a climber, as evidenced by its strong canes which attain a height at maturity of 8 to 12 feet or more, and in addition, it is characterized by its habit of producing many more flowers in the spring than can usually be found at any one time on the bush variety "Nocturne," with an intermittent flowering habit during the remainder of the growing season.

Other differences of relatively lesser importance may be noted in respect to the new variety, such as:

(1) Its flowers will average slightly larger in size than those of the parent, that is, from 3¼ to 5 inches in diameter;

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(2) Its petals may range slightly greater in number, such as from 20 to 30 petals, plus 3 to 8 petaloids;

(3) Its foliage usually has the compound form of 3 to 5 leaflets; and

(4) Its habit of growth is little branched.

In view of the similarities in general characteristics between the new variety and its parent, it is unnecessary to describe the new variety in detail since, except for the aforementioned distinctions, it substantially conforms to the detailed description contained in the above-noted patent, to which reference may be readily had.

Asexual reproduction of the new variety by budding at Ontario, California, shows that the foregoing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

The accompanying drawing shows a specimen plant of the new variety in association with a marked scale having the form of a yard-stick, and illustrates the typical climbing habit of growth of the new variety.

I claim:

A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the climbing hybrid tea class, characterized by being substantially identical with its parent "Nocturne" (Plant Patent No. 713), but essentially distinguished therefrom by its climbing habit of growth, by its habit of producing many more flowers in the spring than can usually be found at any one time on the bush parent, and by its intermittent flowering habit during the remainder of the growing season, substantially as shown and described herein.

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