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[54] FLORIBUNDA ROSE PLANT NAMED  
‘JACMENT’  
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[57] ABSTRACT  
A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the floribunda  
class having large flowers; a well-branched, upright growth  
habit; glossy, dark green, leathery foliage; resistance to  
powdery mildew and rust; and an old-fashioned open flower.

1 Drawing Sheet

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The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety  
of rose plant of the floribunda class which was originated by  
me crossing an unnamed seedling with the variety JACient,  
U.S. Plant Pat. No. 6,725.

The primary objective of this breeding was to produce a  
new rose variety having the attractive coral pink and white  
blend flower color and the bushy floribunda habit of the  
female parent combined with the dark green, leathery,  
disease resistant foliage and large flowers of the male parent.  
The objective was substantially achieved, along with other  
desirable improvements, as evidenced by the following  
unique combination of characteristics that are outstanding in  
the new variety and that distinguish it from its parents, as  
well as from all other varieties of which I am aware:

1. An old-fashioned appearance to the open flower;
2. Dark green, leathery foliage;
3. Resistance to powdery mildew and rust;
4. Upright, well branched floribunda habit of growth; and
5. Large flowers for a floribunda.

Asexual reproduction of this new variety by budding, as  
performed at Wasco, Calif., shows that the foregoing and all  
other characteristics and distinctions come true to form and  
are established and transmitted through succeeding propa-  
gations.

The accompanying illustration shows tpical specimens of  
the vegetative growth and flowers of this new variety in  
different stages of development, depicted in color as nearly  
true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color  
illustration of this character.

The following is a detailed description of my new rose  
cultivar with color descriptions using terminology in accor-  
dance with The Royal Horticultural Society (London)  
Colour Chart, except where ordinary dictionary significance  
of color is indicated.

Parentage:

Seed parent.—An unnamed seedling.

Pollen parent.—JACient.

Classification:

Botanical.—*Rosa hybrida*.

Commercial.—Floribunda.

FLOWER

Observations made from specimens grown in a garden  
environment at Somis, Calif., in March through September,  
1996.

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Blooming habit: Recurrent.  
Bud:

Size.—1½ inches long when the petals start to unfurl.

Form.—The bud form is long, pointed ovoid.

Color.—When sepals first divide, bud color is Yellow  
Orange Group 20D but, as sepals divide, color  
changes quickly with exposure to sunlight to Red  
Group 46B. When half blown, the flower center is  
Yellow Orange Group 20D with petal outer edges  
tipped in Red Group 46B; and the lower sides of the  
petals are Yellow Orange Group 20D.

Sepals.—Color: Green Group 138C, and often reddish  
brown where exposed to sun. Surface texture: Cov-  
ered in fine hairs. There are three normally to heavily  
appendaged sepals. There are two unappendaged  
sepals with hairy edges.

Receptacle.—Color: Green Group 137D. Shape: Fun-  
nel. Size: Medium (⅜ inch×⅜ inch). Surface  
Smooth.

Peduncle.—Length: Short (2 inches). Surface: Smooth.  
Color: Light green and can be bronzy. Strength: Stiff,  
erect.

Bloom:

Size.—Large. Average open size is 4 inches.

Borne.—Singly, several together, in flat clusters of 3 to  
5 flowers.

Stems.—Short. Average length is about 12 inches to 14  
inches.

Form.—When first open: High centered. Permanence:  
Flattens somewhat, outer petals curl back while inner  
petals can fold or recurve.

Petalage.—Number of petals under normal conditions:  
30 to 35.

Color.—The upper side of the petals is Yellow Orange  
Group 20D except on petal edges where it is Red  
Group 46B. The reverse side of the petals is Yellow  
Orange Group 20D. The base of each petal has a  
small yellow (Yellow Group 6B) half moon (¼  
inch×¼ inch) at the point of attachment. The major  
color on the upper side is Yellow Orange Group 20D.

Variegations.—None.

Discoloration.—The general tonality at the end of the  
first day: Little change. At the end of the third day:  
Petal edges have turned to Red Group 46D. By day  
five, much of the petal exposed to sunlight has turned  
color to Red group 46B. By day six, this color fades  
to Red Group 46C then 46D.

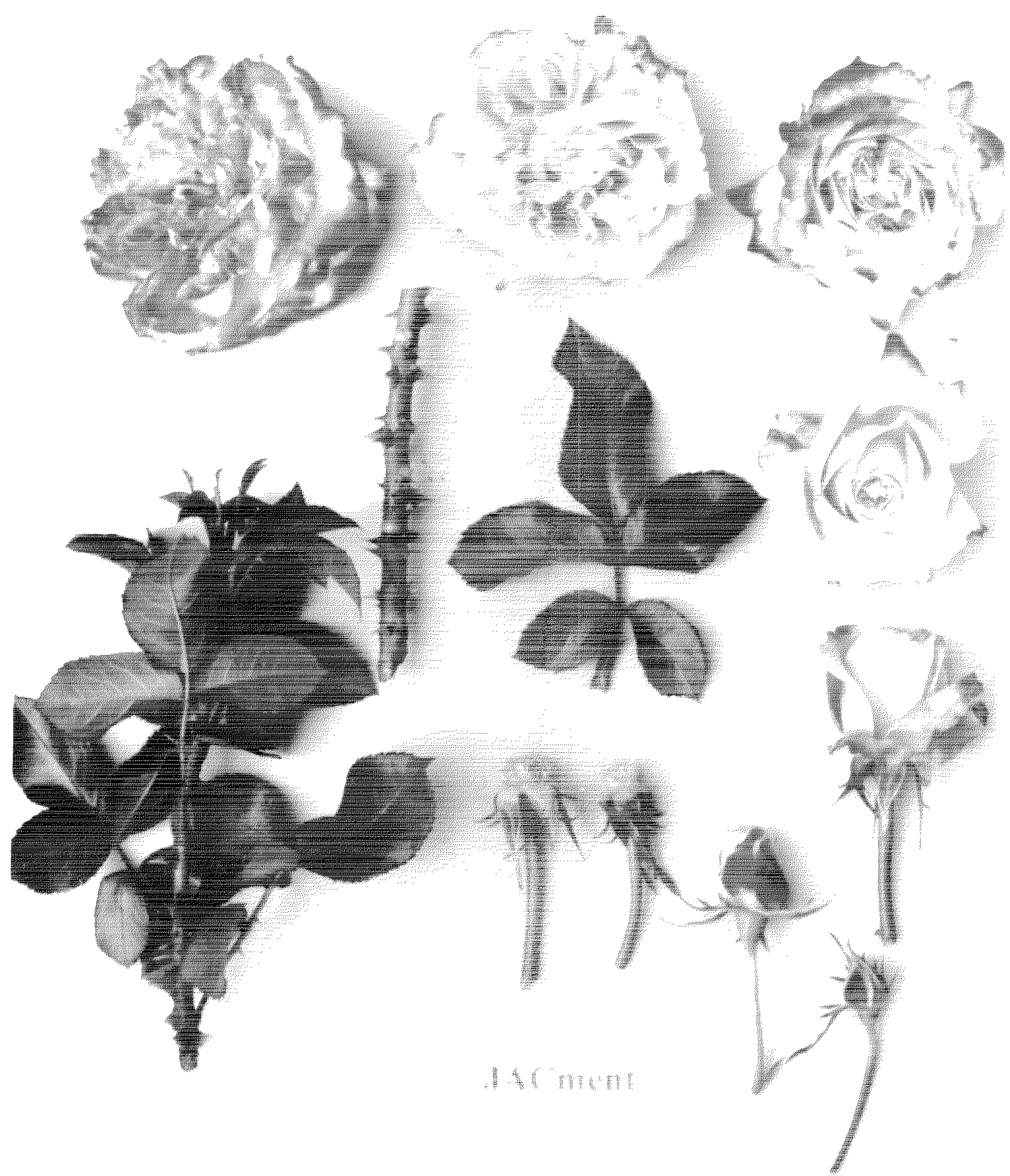
Fragrance.—Moderate.

**Petals:***Texture*.—Thick.*Shape*.—Round.*Form*.—Tips slightly recurved on the outer petals. The inner petals are often recurved or folded.*Arrangement*.—Imbricated, with few petaloids in the center.*Persistence*.—Drop off cleanly.*Lastingness*.—On the plant: Long (6 days). As a cut flower: Long (8 days to 9 days).**Reproductive parts:***Anthers*.—Size: Medium. Quantity: Many. Color: Yellow. Arrangement: Regular around styles.*Filaments*.—Color: Yellow.*Pollen*.—Color: Lemon Yellow.*Styles*.—Color: Yellow.*Stigmas*.—Color: Yellow.**Form:** Bush.*Growth*: Vigorous; upright; branching; height at one year without pruning is 4 feet, and width at one year without pruning is 3 feet (in Southern California).**Foliage:***Number of leaflets on normal mid-stem leaves*.—5.*Size*.—Medium (5 inches×4 inches).*Quantity*.—Abundant.*Color*.—New foliage: Upper and lower surface Greyed Orange Group 176A but quickly turning green. Old foliage: Upper surface Green Group 137A. Lower surface Green Group 138B.**Leaflets:***Shape*.—Pointed oval.*Texture*.—Upper side: Leathery, glossy.*Edge*.—Serrated.*Serration*.—Single, small.*Petiole rachis*.—Color: Reddish.*Petiole underside*.—Rough, with prickles and glands.*Stipules*.—Medium ( $\frac{5}{38}$  inch), serrated.*Disease resistance*.—Resistant to mildew and rust under normal growing conditions at Somis, Calif.**Wood:***New wood*.—Color: Light green. Bark: Smooth.*Old wood*.—Color: Green. Bark: Smooth.**Prickles:***Quantity*.—On main canes from base: Many. On laterals from main canes: Many.*Form*.—Medium ( $\frac{3}{8}$  inch), straight.*Color when young*.—Red.**Small prickles:***Quantity*.—On main stalks: Few. On laterals: Many.*Color*.—Brown when mature; red when young.**I claim:**

1. A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the floribunda class, substantially as herein shown and described, characterized particularly as to novelty by the unique combination of its large flowers; its well branched, upright growth; its glossy, dark green, leathery foliage; its resistance to powdery mildew and rust; and its old-fashioned open flower.

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