

[54] **ROSE PLANT 'AUSSPRY'**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A new variety of rose plant of the shrub class distinctive in its character by its large double flowers with open centers exposing a bunch of golden stamens with abundant, continual blooming and the unusual blend of coloring and shaping of the flower.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of shrub rose, a seedling resulting from a definite effort to produce an improvement in this class of roses.

Primary features of this new variety which connote a distinctive advance over existing types are the vigorous abundant and continual blooming taken with the perfection of the fully double flowers of an old-fashioned type more particularly apparent in the accompanying illustration of a specimen thereof.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The following is a detailed description of the new variety, colour terminology being in accordance with the "Methuen Handbook of Colour" published by Eyre Methuen Ltd. (1963).

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING**

The drawing is a colour photographic representation of my new variety in a flush of bloom taken substantially in side view and showing inflorescence in various stages, stems and foliage of the plant.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

Variety denomination (in accordance with the UPOV Convention): Ausspry

Type: Hardy; bush; outdoor; seedling; for cut flowers and garden decoration.

Class: Shrub.

Propagation: Holds its distinguishing characteristics through succeeding propagations by budding.

The rose plant was grown at Albrighton, Nr. Wolverhampton, England and was derived as follows:

Female parent (seed parent): Lilian Austin.

Male parent (pollen parent): Chaucer.

The operation of the artificial pollination is therefore expressed by the following (Lilian Austin × Chaucer).

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in England.

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**Plant Description**

**Plant:**

*Height*.—120 cm. on average.

*Habit*.—Dense and bushy.

**Main stem:**

*Thorns*.—Very thorny, varying in size from very small to very large, slightly recurved.

*Colour*.—The thorns are red 10D 8 on young stems becoming brown 7E 8 upon ageing.

**Branches:**

*Colour*.—Young stems: Deep green 29 E8. Adult wood: Dark green 29 F8.

**Leaves:**

*Stipules*.—Medium width — Medium Green glandular hairy with Dark green wings.

*Petiol*.—Upper side — Concave, Mid-Green. Under side — Light Green with glandular hairs and occasional small prickles.

*Foliol*.—3, 5 most common. Shape — Broadly ovate. Serration — dentate with Red tips. Texture — Slightly ruglose — rough on under side.

*General effect*.—Dense Dark green, Mattish.

*Colour*.—Young foliage — Upper side — Olive Green 3 D8 overlaid red. Under side — Very Dark Red 11 E7. Adult foliage — Upper side — Dark Green 29 F8. Under Side — Dark Green 29 F6.

*Hips and seeds*.—This variety does not produce seeds in normal garden conditions, but only when cross-pollinated.

The inflorescence is:

Number of flowers: A high percentage of solitary flowers. Most stems present one primary and up to three small buds bunched in tight cluster.

Peduncle: Straight, Rigid, Light green tinged Red — numerous Red aciculas.

Length: 5½ cm on average.

Sepals: Upper side: Light green, very short fine hairs. Under side: Medium green, occasional glandular hairs and either finely hairy or glandular hairy at edges. Occasional narrow lobes.

Bud:

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*Shape.*—Ovate pointed.

*Length.*—3 cm.

*Size.*—Medium.

*Colour.*—When opening. Upper Side: Yellow 1 B7 at base turning to very deep red. Under side: Same as above but with slight bloom.

Flower:

*Shape.*—Flattish — cup shaped — slightly quartered.

*Diameter.*—10 cm on average.

*Colour.*—When opening. Upper side: Yellow 3 B8 at base turning to Very Deep Rose Pink 13 B6. Under side: Same as above. When blooming: Upper side — Very Pale Yellow 2 A4 at base turning to Deep Pink 10 A3. Under side: Pastel Yellow 2 A4 at base, turning to Rose Pink 13 B3 deepening to very Deep Rose Pink 13 B5 at centre. When finished blooming: Upper side: Cream 2 A2 at base turning to Rose Pink 13 A3. Under side: Cream 2 A2 at base turning to Rose Pink 13 A4.

*Fragrance.*—Strong and pleasant, old fashioned.

*Lasting quality.*—Good

*Petals.*—Shape — Spatulate. Texture — Slightly silky. Number — 66 on average. Cleaning — Good.

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*Prickles.*—The prickles on the peduncles are sparse and slightly recurved at base to straight at the top. Colour — From reddish brown 11 D8 at base become in brown 7E 8 to the tip.

Reproductive organs:

*Stamens.*—Number — 86 on average. Anthers — Golden yellow. Filaments — Yellow.

*Pistils.*—Number — 79 on average. Stigmas — Yellow. Styles — Pale green. Finely hairy. Receptacle — Fairly shallow cup, Medium green in colour.

The development:

*Vegetation.*—Tall, dense and bushy.

*Blooming.*—Continual.

*Aptitude to bear fruits.*—normal.

*Resistance to frost.*—Good.

*Resistance to diseases.*—Good.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the shrub class, characterised as to novelty by its large double flowers with open centres exposing a bunch of golden stamens with abundant and continual blooming the unusual blend of colouring and shaping of the flower being substantially as shown and described.

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