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## THE COVER FLOWER

Harvey Short has added another japonica variety to his list of seedling introductions that started in 1950. 'Gay Chieftain' is a large semi-peony to full peony high built flower that reaches 5½ inches in diameter. Petals are off-white to flesh pink with heavy striping of oxblood red, and a center sunburst of strong gold stamens gives the flower startling and vivid coloring. It is a good keeper and definitely is a show flower. Many sports are likely to occur, from light pink to clear deep red.

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