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Petroselinum crispum var. *tuberosum*

[Synonyms : *Petroselinum tuberosum*]

HAMBURG PARSLEY is a biennial variety found in northern Europe.

It is also known as Dutch parsley, *Hamburger Petersilie* (German), *Perejil hamburgo* (Spanish), *Persil à grosse racine* (French), *Prezzemolo con radice bulbosa* (Italian), and Turnip-rooted parsley.

Hamburg parsley has a similar root to that of henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*).

Crispum means ‘closely curled, finely or irregularly wavy’ with reference to the leaves.

Tuberosum means ‘tuberous’ with reference to the roots.

Authorities point out that its old name Dutch parsley suggests that this variety was developed in the Low Countries.

Familiar in Germany in the mid-16th Century it was not introduced to England until 1727. Here its popularity had waxed by 1780 but waned from 1880 onwards never to recover. Today it is still eaten in Germany and France.