



ARRACACIA XANTHORRHIZA. Arracacha.

A native of the mountains of South America at heights above 4000 feet, and cultivated at lower altitudes. It is a member of the celery family, which plant it resembles, and has large fleshy yellow roots, which when boiled are very palatable resembling parsnips in flavor. It is the staple food of Venezuelans and Colombians living at high altitudes. As the plant requires 12 to 16 months to develop it will probably grow only in comparatively frost-free regions. Should be planted in hills 18 inches high and two yards across, using a cutting of about a quarter inch of the fleshy part of the root and several inches of the top. When eight to twelve sprouts appear the hilling may be done, taking care not to heap the earth against the shoots.

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