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Located at twenty kilometers south of Strasbourg, on banks of Ehn, Krautergersheim, capital of the Sauerkraut is a nice village counting appreciatively 1600 inhabitants.

Traces of Hallstadian settlement, the remains of Roman civilisation, and the presence of Merovingian tombs all attest to the ancient occupation of the Krautergersheim site. Numerous seigniorial families lived here from the 15th century and right up the Revolution, including that of Frederic de Turckheim and his wife Lili Schoenemann, Goethe's fiancée.

Particularity of the village, the cabbage headlight product of this territory, contributes to famousness of dynamic town located on the road of sauerkraut. At the beginning of the 16th century, the prefix "kraut" was added to the name of the locality, clearly indicating the ancient origins of cabbage cultivation and sauerkraut production.

Today the transformation of this vegetable is ensured by seven companies and accounts for 20% of the national production.

Many demonstrations give a certain rhythm to the life of the village. Organized at the end of September, the fair of sauerkraut, makes it possible to admire the folk procession and to taste, under a capital, in a convivial environment, this typically Alsatian met.