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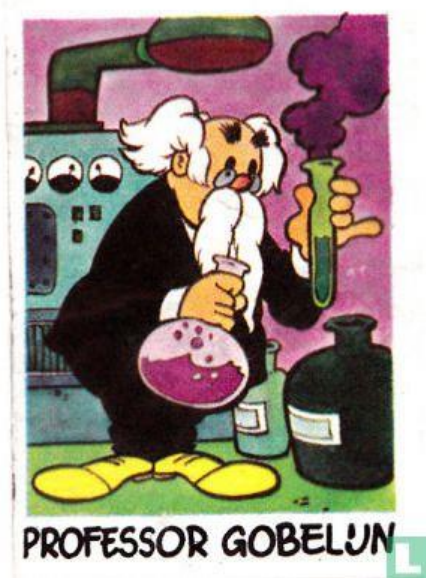
Belgium is known for a lot of things, including our **comic strip series.**



His friend professor Gobelijn is very smart. He knows everything.

He is very distracted.

A typical professor (in the mind of a lot of people).



Jommeke: a boy of 11 :

- He travels a lot and has a lot of adventures.
- He is very brave, honest...
- He has a very smart parrot and a lot of friends.

Comic strip series

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Suske en Wiske

Willy and Wanda (USA)
Spike and Suzy (England)



- They travel a lot and have a lot of adventures.
- They are very brave, honest...
- Their friend Jerom is very strong.



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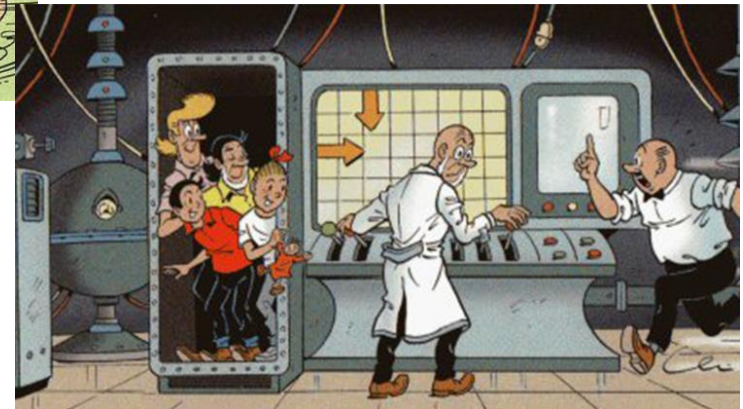
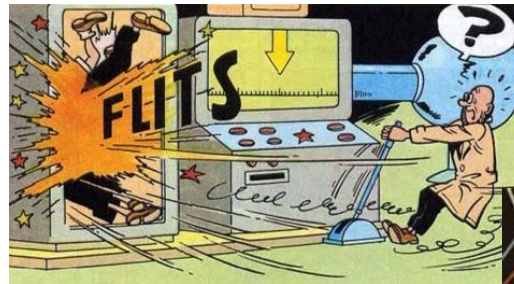
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One of their friends is also a professor:
professor Barabas.

He has a very special machine allowing to travel in time.



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Nero

A descendent of the emperor Nero in Rome.

He travels a lot and has a lot of adventures.

But

- he has good and bad characteristics,
 - he can be lazy,
 - he likes eating,
- and
- he is not the boss at home.

His wife.



Comic strip series

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Nero's little son is very smart.

Still in the cradle, he could speak, smoke a pipe...

He was the youngest student of Cambridge ever (still needing his diapers while studying at Cambridge).



He dreams mathematical formulas.

Comic strip series

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Nero with his family and friends:
at the end of a story they typically eat a lot of waffles.

Comics reveal our nature
or
they reveal how we think we are
or
they reveal how we want to be.



Comic strip series

From an international point of view, the best known hero in our comic strip series: **Tintin** (Kuifje).

Tintin has a dog: Snowy.

- He travels a lot and has a lot of adventures.
- He is very brave, honest...
- He is a journalist.
- He is fighting against evil people (mafia, corrupt people,...).



In Belgium, a lot of people have pets: especially cats and dogs.

Comic strip series

From an international point of view, the most well known hero in our comic strip series: **Tintin**.

Also Tintin has a number of friends. Again, one of them is a professor.



Professor Calculus is mainly interested in technical topics:

- electronics (colour television),
- nuclear power,
- he also travels to the Moon with a rocket.

Comic strip series

From an international point of view, the most well known hero in our comic strip series: **Tintin**.

Professor Calculus is interested in astronomy, nuclear technology...

This allows them to travel to the Moon.

Professor Calculus is distracted, clumsy, old, hard of hearing, hot-tempered, ...

But he is intelligent and honest.

A typical professor (in the mind of a lot of people).



Comic strip series

From an international point of view, the most well known hero in our comic strip series: **Tintin**.

The first adventure Tintin was travelling to the Soviet Union.

THE ADVENTURES OF
TINTIN
REPORTER FOR "LE PETIT VINGTIEME."
IN THE LAND OF
THE SOVIETS



Elections organized by the Bolsheviks.

A very negative picture of the Soviet Union was given here.

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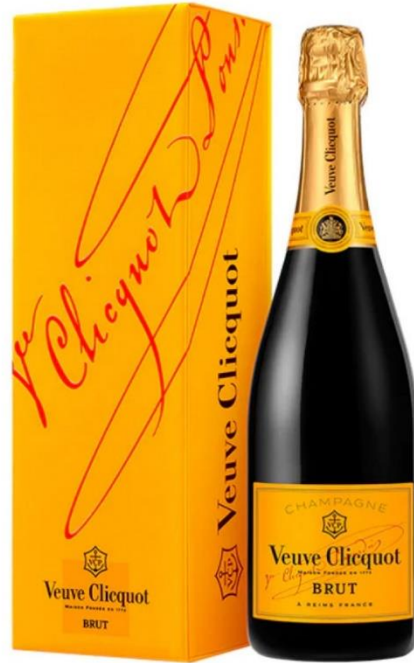
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Drinking beer

France is known for its wine.



Drinking beer

In Belgium, we lack the sunlight to produce high quality wines (or it is much more difficult). We are famous for **brewing and drinking beer**.



For instance, the KULeuven colleagues in Ghent have their own brewery (linked with educating engineering students studying chemistry).

Drinking beer

AB InBev is the largest multinational drink and brewing company: with their headquarters in Leuven.



A lot of brands are available on the market:

- Stella Artois
- Jupiler
- Budweiser
- ...

Our former king Albert II (father of the current king) drinking Stella Artois.



Drinking beer

A lot of brands have the name of a **monastery**.



Grimbergen

In general, the monks are not involved in the brewery.



Keizersberg



Tripel Karmeliet

Drinking beer

When you have a beer which is a **Trappist beer**, then the **Trappist monks** are involved in the brewery.



Beer of the Trappist monks of Westmalle has been commercialised. You can buy and drink it almost everywhere.



Trappist monks of the abbey of Westmalle.

Drinking beer

The **Trappist monks of Westvleteren** also have a brewery. They sell beer to earn money for a living, but it is not commercialised.



The Trappist beer of Westvleteren can't be bought in e.g. a shop.

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Ora et labora

When monks are brewing beer and selling it, they do it to earn money.

Quite a lot of monks in the Catholic Church follow the **rule of Saint Benedict**. Basic principle of the rule:



Ora et labora: pray and work.



Trappist monks follow the rule of Saint Benedict in a strict way:

ora et labora.

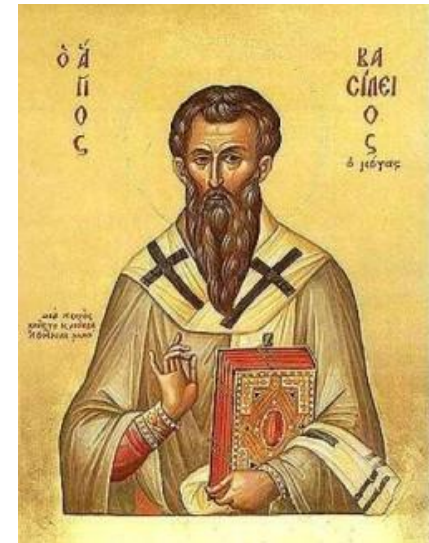
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In Western monasteries, the rule of **Saint Benedict** is important.



Saint Benedict

In Orthodox monasteries, the rule of **Saint Basil the Great** is important.

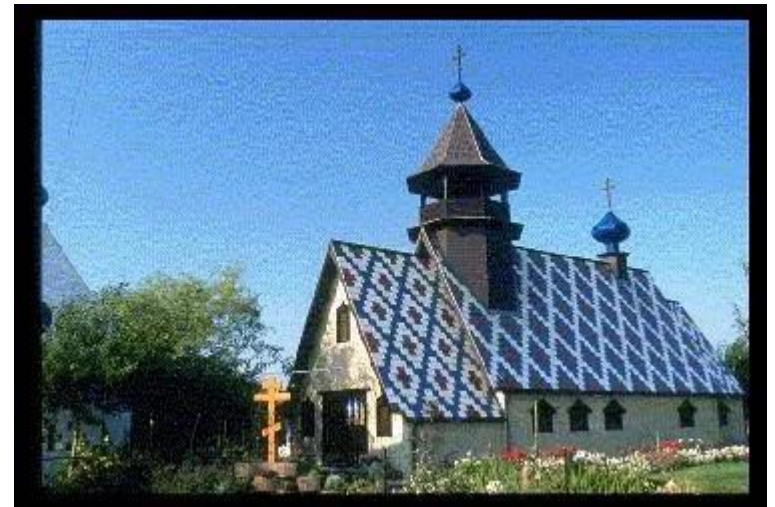


Saint Basil the Great

Ora et labora

In our province, we have one orthodox monastery.

(West-Vlaanderen)



Orthodox monastery of Pervijze.

Ora et labora

In Bruges, there is one Orthodox church.



Orthodox parish Saint Constantin and Helena.
(Ezelstraat in Bruges)

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History and tourism

We have already mentioned the importance of **Bruges** in the Middle Ages:

- a harbour with a lot of trade,
- a rich city: architecture and culture was flourishing.



Visiting Bruges can take several days.

Bruges also has excellent **museums**:

- Groeninge museum
- Arentshuis
- Gruuthusemuseum
- ...

History and tourism

Groeninge museum: **paintings.**

- The museum has also modern paintings.
- The museum is especially famous for the paintings of the **Flemish Primitives** (15th and 16th century).



Jan Van Eyck



Judgement of Cambyses: Gerard David

History and tourism

Concerning the painter Jan Van Eyck. The masterpiece 'Adoration of the Mystic Lamb' can be seen at the **cathedral of Ghent.**

You can also visit the old city centre of Ghent.

You can reach Ghent by car and by train



Adoration of the Mystic Lamb.

History and tourism

You can not only visit **Bruges** or **Ghent**.

You can also visit:

- **Ieper** (Ypres): with the Menin Gate (a **memorial for soldiers who died in the First World War**)



Menin gate

History and tourism

Kortrijk is also worth visiting.



Beguinage of Kortrijk

Close to Kortrijk, you had the “battle of Courtrai” more often called “**battle of the Golden Spurs**” on July 11th, 1302.



History and tourism

Close to Kortrijk, you had the “battle of Courtrai” more often called “**battle of the Golden Spurs**” on July 11th, 1302.

Flemish infantry fought against the cavalry of the French king and the Flemish won the battle.

In history, Flemish people often had to defend their language, way of living... against e.g. French speaking people.

That's the reason **July 11th** is the official holiday of the Flemish Community.



History and tourism

You can also visit the small and cosy city of **Damme**.



town hall

map of Damme (around 1649)

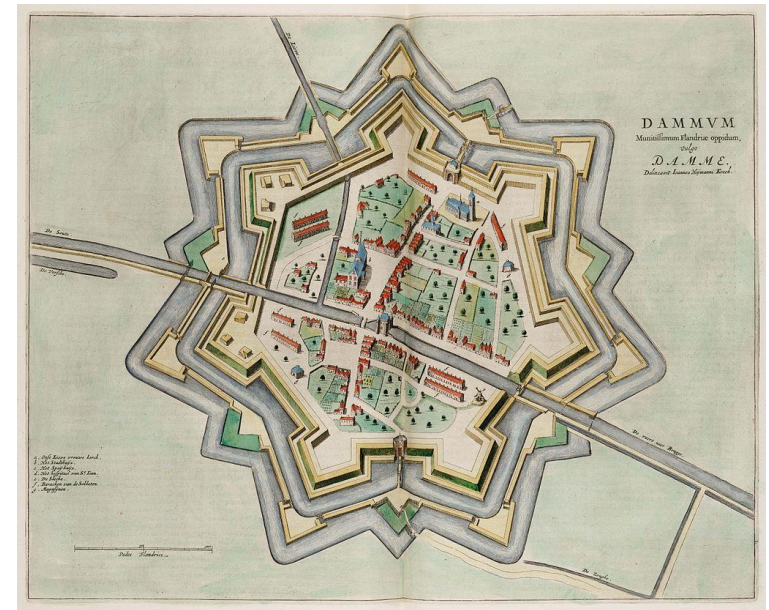


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Making jokes

Flemish people are often **joking about** the Netherlands. People from the Netherlands (the **Dutch**) are assumed to be **greedy**.

Example of a joke:

Four Dutchmen are sitting in
They are sitting together at
They order

You see
You see

1 pub.
1 table.
1 cheap beer (Heineken).

4 Dutchmen.
4 drinking straws.



Making jokes

How Belgian people think Heineken is produced:



Of course, it is only a joke!

Making jokes

Of course also the Dutchmen make **jokes about the stupid Belgians.**

Example of a joke:

The Belgians developed a rocket to fly to the Sun and land on the Sun.

The Dutch warn the Belgians that the Sun is very hot, the rocket will melt.

The Belgian reply they are not stupid. They will only travel and land on the Sun during the night.

Thank you for your attention.



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