

When Frances visited Wendenleer in 1824, there were no more  
Hekbooms in that village in Belgium. My father sailed boats on  
the Scheldt River.

The Gerhards helped to lay the cable in 1857(?) between Britain & N.Y.  
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