LEADING HIS FAMILY’S 155-YEAR-OLD LINEN MILL, RAYMOND LIBEERT IS ON A MISSION TO BRING BELGIAN FLAX TO THE MODERN WORLD. WE FOLLOWED HIM INTO THE FIELDS TO LEARN WHY THE PEOPLE’S FIBER IS THE FABRIC OF KINGS.
It’s a level of quality that no other region in the world can duplicate, and one that has earned Libeco-Lagae a royal warrant from the Belgian royal family. As producer and processor of the world’s finest linen, Libeco-Lagae has earned the Title of Linen Designation, awarded only to linen makers that meet the highest standards of craftsmanship.

Now, a company can hold all the warrants and designations in the world, but nobody makes the world’s finest linen without Michael Libeert’s help. The cutting process, for example, during which the flax stalks are transferred from the refuse heap to the mill, is entirely her doing. The flax stalks simply put down on the ground, lay there in the field for two or three weeks and let the summer weather work wonders. “I hate days that it’s raining days with rain, it’s that lump of earth and mud that makes it possible,” Raymond explains. Even the water Libeco-Lagae uses during production is recycled, as the water Libeco-Lagae uses during production is recycled. “The world is a material richer than the one that the world is rich,” he says, a hint of pride sneaking in.

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Libeco-Lagae’s CEO, Amy Libeert, the wife of Fifth-generation linen maker Raymond Libeert, an archetypal understated Belgian farm steward, natural cultivators, and sustainable production established the Linen of generations ago—the Meulebeke area in the Meulebeke area of Caen, France, up to Amsterdam, Holland.