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## St. Gallen – centre of the textile industry

In the 15th century St. Gallen became successful in producing textiles. In 1714, a first climax was reached with a yearly production of 38,000 bales of linen. The first depression happened in the middle of the 18th century caused by strong foreign competition and starting cotton production. But St. Gallen was able to catch up and an even more glamorous era arrived.



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*from Wikipedia*

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