

3rd February 1804

To Mr Van Crombrugghe, Brewer etc. in Grammont
Gent, 3rd February 1804.

Dear Parents,

I have received the two white caps from Miss Stevens, and the bottle with the wine¹ for the eyes. I also learned with pleasure that your health was as good as mine. You ask me to send one of my essays, and as I have only done two and haven't any good ones I will ask Mr Wulf to let me write one. I will send it with my brother Jean if he comes, as I would very much like, for the carnival. If he doesn't come, I will send it during the week of the carnival: as for the caps, please bring me two more, my dear mother, because they don't wash them often enough, and besides, people are always very clean here and I would be the only one with a dirty cap.

I am your very obedient son

C Van Crombrugghe

PS: Please give my compliments to my Aunt Huleu and to my brothers and sisters



¹ Presumably this is some type of medicine, but the French says "vin".