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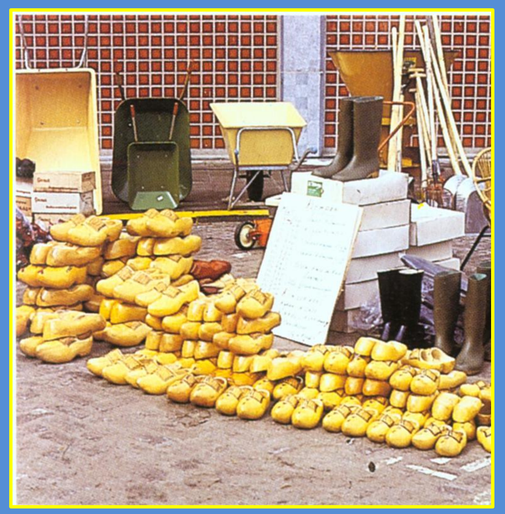

Are these windmills?

No, these are *not* windmills! They are really wind *pumps*. They were used to pump water *up* from the fields into rivers and canals. The river is higher than the land! Much of the Netherlands was drained for farmland in this way. Nowadays, powerful diesel or electric pumps are used instead.