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**BRAFA 12** On your marks, get set, go: to the 57th BRussels Antiques & Fine Arts fair, where collectors, connoisseurs and the curious converge to admire and acquire art and precious objects dating from antiquity to the 20th century. It's a panoply of treasures – from tribal art to old master paintings, vintage comic books to precious jewellery (above, a 19th-century pendant by Lalique), furniture to photography, religious icons to antique wallpaper – presented by 122 galleries from 13 countries. A big attraction of this edition is a selection of 30 masterpieces (not for sale) from among the 7,000 works acquired and displayed in Belgian museums by the King Baudouin Foundation's Heritage Fund. You'll find medieval to modernist paintings by the likes of Henri Bles and James Ensor; massive silver objects once owned by Rubens; and photographs – the earliest ever taken in Africa – from the archives of Henry Morton Stanley. (Details on page 63)

