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Before Vermont became the 14th state, it existed as an independent nation for 14 years. It became independent in 1777 following clashes over land. The development allowed locals to begin printing their currency, enacting laws that banned slavery and established postal service.

The name Vermont is considered to have originated from the fact that the French explorer Samuel de Champlain when he viewed the green mountain uttered the word: vert "green" and mont "mountain." He was the first European to visit the region.

Dummerston is the birthplace of snow golf thanks to the creative talent of Rudyard Kipling who invented the sport at his home. Rudyard Kipling, the legendary author, wrote the Jungle Book.

Vermont has the highest ratio of dairy cows in the United States. This concerning the total human population in the state. At some point, it was home to more cows than humans. The primary product produced in Vermont is milk in all its forms. Is that a surprise with as many as 500 dairy farms in Vermont?

Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson was the first to drive an automobile across the U.S. in 1903. He was from Burlington. The inspiration for the journey was a bar bet of \$50. Someone challenged Jackson that he couldn't make it to New York City by car in less than 90 days. Jackson accepted the challenge.

He along with a 22-year-old bicycle racer and gasoline mechanic set off to achieve the yet-to-be-achieved feat in a used 20 horsepower Winton touring car. Interestingly, Jackson named the car the "Vermont." The duo completed the journey in less than 64 days and finally won the bet.

Though, the cost of the journey was around \$8,000. During the trip, they encountered many problems including failing of the parts of the car and flat tires. But they stayed positive battling any misfortune that came their way.

The state is undoubtedly the largest producer of maple syrup in the country. It produces a staggering 35 percent of the total supply on the market. Many locals produce the syrup at home while others pay a prominent role as the big producers. Did you know that it takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup? The sap from the maple trees flows and is collected in buckets. This usually happens during the conducive season in early spring.

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