Robert Chesebrough receives the patent for Vaseline.

Edward Howard invents the enclosed vacuum pan for refining sugar.

First recorded air raid occurs when Austria uses 200 balloons against Venice.

Wyoming and Idaho are added to the United States of America.

John Stetson first manufactures the "Boss of the Plains" hat, which was the first real cowboy hat.

The first issue of The Wall Street Journal is published.

Alice in Wonderland is published and written by Lewis Carroll.

The Bunsen burner is invented by Robert Bunsen.

The first Fourdrinier continuous papermaking machine is installed.


$30,000 was appropriated to start the U.S. Camel Corps.

The American Civil War ends at the Appomattox Courthouse.

Starry Night is painted by Vincent van Gogh.