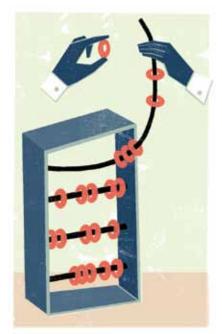
**1886:** Karl Benz is granted the patent for his Motorwagen, the first **automobile** fueled by gasoline. His company, Benz & Cie, merged with **Daimler** Motoren Gesellschaft in 1926.



**1886:** Tokyo Dento commences business as Japan's first **electrical utility**. Chief engineer Ichisuke Fujioka later establishes a bulb-producing company now known as **Toshiba**.





1886: William Burroughs founds the American Arithmometer Company to produce and sell the adding machine he had patented a year earlier. The company was later renamed the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, merging with Sperry Corporation to form **Unisys** in 1986.



**1886:** John Pemberton, an Atlanta pharmacist, invents the **Coca-Cola beverage**, initially selling through Jacobs' Pharmacy for five cents a glass.

**1886:** Josephine Cochrane invents and patents the first practical **dishwasher**. Her company, Cochran's Crescent Washing Company, eventually became part of the **Whirlpool** Corporation.





1886: Arthur D. Little founds the eponymous company, laying the foundation for a vibrant consulting industry.