Drake Well

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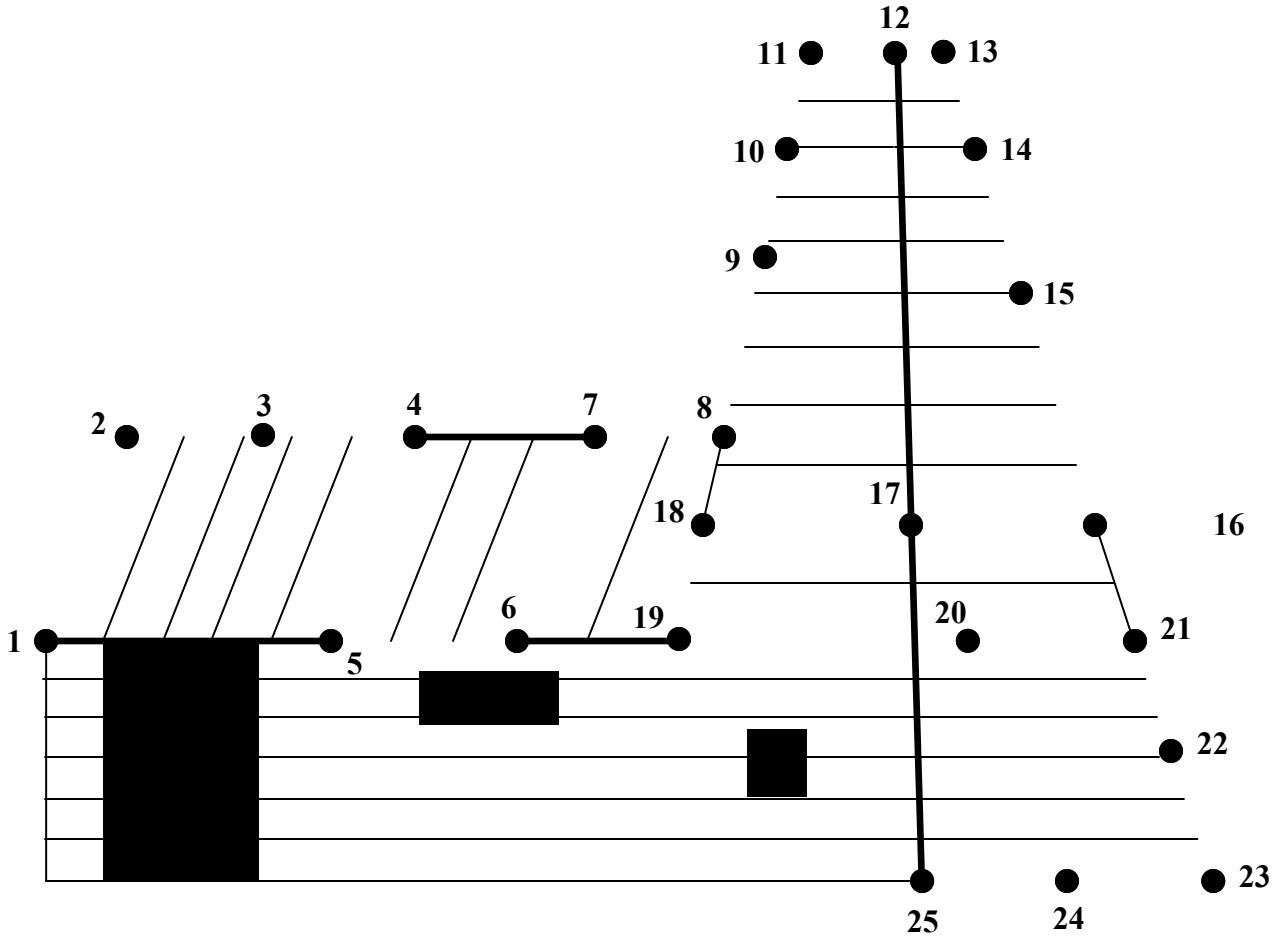

On August 27, 1859, Colonel Edwin L. Drake drilled the world's first commercial oil well near Titusville, Pennsylvania, striking oil at 69½ feet. Known as the Drake Well, it sparked the United States petroleum industry. For years, Pennsylvanians were the industry's pioneers, creating the first oil tank car, oil pipeline, methods of refining oil and other industry innovations. Today, people use oil-based products like gasoline, medicine, plastics, cosmetics and others to enhance their everyday lives.

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