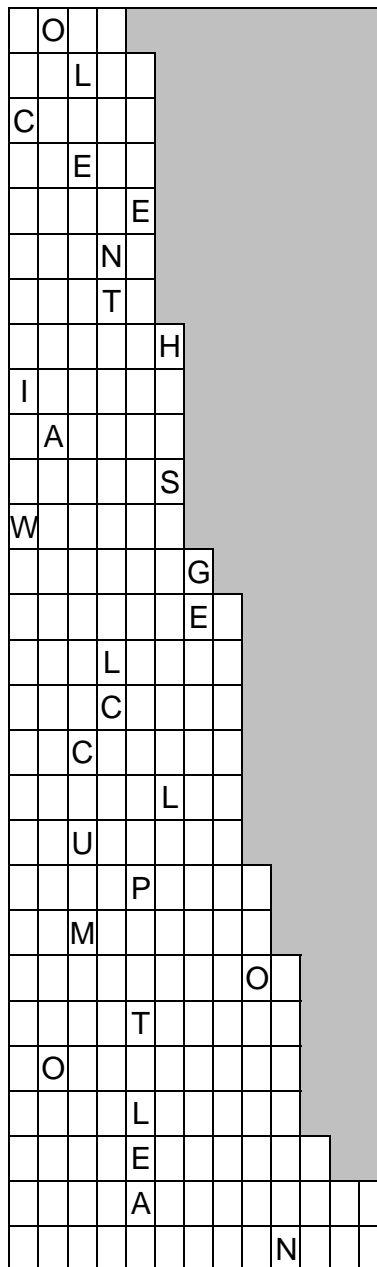


VERMONT!



The game of snow __ was invented by Rudyard Kipling in the 1890s
 Patriot Ethan __ fought for Vermont's independence from the other colonies
 The Champlain __, completed in 1823, provided a waterway to New York
 Nicknamed "The __ Mountain State" for the range that runs its length
 The state's official tree produces much of the nation's __ syrup
 __ Mansfield is the highest point in the state at 4,393 feet elevation
 Mormon leaders Joseph __ and Brigham Young were from the state
 The state's name is a contraction of the __ words for "green mountain"
 The territory was defensively important in the French and __ War
 Vermont is the leading producer of __, granite and slate in the U.S.
 The Abenaki, Pennacook and Mahican were dominant __ in the area
 __ in Vermont is long and cold; the average snowfall is 70 to 120 inches
 Only the state of __ has a smaller population than Vermont
 First state to be admitted that was not one of the original 13 __
 Birthplace of presidents Chester A. Arthur and Calvin __
 Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. has been making __ __ in Vermont since 1978
 The rocky soil is better for dairy farming and fruit __ than other crops
 From 1777 to 1791, Vermont considered itself to be an independent __
 The winter snows bring the most __ to the area for great skiing
 Lake __ is named for the French explorer who visited the region in 1609
 New York and New __ both claimed the territory before statehood
 With only one city, __, the state is known for small towns and farms
 Became the __ state on March 4, 1791
 The state capital with the lowest population
 The first permanent white __ was Fort Dummer in 1724
 The __ River forms the eastern border of the state
 Bordered by __, New Hampshire, New York and Canada
 The Battle of Hubbardton was the only battle of the __ War in the state



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