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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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- Women lie more than men in their online dating profiles.

- Many quilts made by military soldiers were known as “convalescent quilts,” since they made them while recuperating from wounds received in the line of duty.

- Nuclear rain from the Chernobyl disaster fell as far west as Ireland.

- The word LEGO comes from the first two letters of the Danish words “leg” and “godt,” or “play well.”

- More than half a million pet owners worldwide have chosen to implant their pets with “neuticles,” which are testicular implants for a neutered pet.

- Egyptian butchers wore high heels to keep their feet free of blood and debris on the floor.

- Early in her career, model Gisele Bündchen was told she’d never achieve success without cosmetic surgery to decrease her nose size. She refused and later had the last laugh by becoming one of the most highly paid models in history.

- It is thought that 80% of the world’s gold is still in the ground.

- While screening around 2 million airline passengers per day, TSA officers are accustomed to confiscating items such as full water bottles and too-large toiletries, but their more astonishing finds include grenades, cannonballs and even a samurai sword.

- The fear of vegetables is called “lathanophobia.”

- Actor Daniel Craig, as a reward for playing James Bond, can choose any Aston Martin from the factory for the rest of his life.

- All organ donations will inevitably fail, since transplanted organs “scar” over time, which eventually renders them unusable.

- In 2019, Forbes named Kylie Jenner the world’s youngest self-made billionaire at age 21.

- Around 400 B.C., the Greek inventor Archytas of Tarentum built an early “robot” — a wooden pigeon that flew on a steam-powered arm.

Thought for the Day: “Don’t find fault, find a remedy.” — *Henry Ford*
