

Armenia is the only country where chess is on the school curriculum.

Sending a man to the Moon and finding Osama Bin Laden cost the US government about the same amount of time and money: ten years and \$100 billion.

Under Chairman Mao, every Chinese family was obliged to kill a sparrow a week to stop them eating all the rice. The project was ineffective because sparrows don't eat rice.

The rooster on the Corn Flakes box is called Cornelius. They chose a rooster because the word ceiliog, Welsh for cockerel, sounds a bit like Kellogg.

The year after the American Civil War ended, a fifth of Mississippi's state budget was spent on artificial limbs for wounded soldiers.

Chemotherapy is a by-product of the mustard gas used in the First World War.

People who use Twitter every day tend to have shorter romantic relationships.

Saint Andrew's Day! Patron saint of Scotland, Cyprus, Greece, Russia, Romania, Luqa in Malta, of singers, spinsters, would-be-mothers, fishmongers and fishermen, gout and sore throats.

Honey is so easy to digest because it has already been digested by a bee.

It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all, in which case you have failed by default. J K ROWLING

Knullrufs is the Swedish term for 'post sex' hair - tangled, ruffled and untidy.

In 1887, to encourage people to 'buy British', a law was passed that meant all products made in Germany had to be labelled as such. This backfired when the 'Made in Germany' label became a sign of high quality.

A Rubik's Cube is never more than 20 moves away from being solved.

Getting spiders to drink a solution of graphene and carbon nanotubes makes their webs five times stronger.

If all the ice in Greenland were to melt, world sea levels would rise by 23 feet, enough to wipe out London and Los Angeles.

The original advertisement to recruit band members for Village People read: 'Macho types wanted: must have moustache.'

The name 'United Nations' was Franklin D. Roosevelt's idea. He rushed to tell Winston Churchill, who was towelling himself stark naked in his bathroom.

In wine-tasting, a 'cat-pee aroma' is a compliment.

If you flattened out Greenland's coastline it would be as long as the Earth's circumference.

In 1540, Danish sailors landed in Greenland & found a wind-dried corpse, the last survivor of the lost Viking colony established in 986 AD.

The planet's northernmost people, the Inughuit, arrived in Greenland c. 2000 BC. Until 1818, they believed they were the only people in the world.

A snowflake that falls on a glacier in central Greenland can take 200,000 years to reach the sea.

The water melting from the Greenland ice sheet each year weighs as much as a hundred million bowhead whales or a billion elephants.

90% of Greenland's population are of Inuit descent and speak Kalaallisut. They call it Kalaallit Nunaat – 'home of the people'.

Scallops can have over 200 eyes.

Tutankhamun was the only ancient Egyptian who was mummified with an erect penis.

Before having their chests cut open and their hearts pulled out, Aztec human-sacrifice victims were given a cup of hot chocolate.

Bitcoin was founded by Satoshi Nakamoto in 2008, but no one knows who they are.

Before the widespread use of lifts (or elevators for our American followers), richer residents would generally live on the bottom floors of a building, and poorer residents on the higher floors.

Over the last month Wisconsin has sold 10 hunting licences to infants.

It wasn't clear if 'dazzled' ships were actually safer than those with normal paint, but insurance companies thought they were and charged lower premiums on ships with 'dazzle' camouflage.

Cirrus clouds are the only clouds in the sky made entirely of ice.