

# Woman declines second date,

Simon de Bruxelles

Even for a singleton well-versed in the ups and downs of online romance Lucy Brown found her date's reaction surprising. When she told him she did not think they would be seeing each other again he sent her a bill for the drinks.

At first Miss Brown, 38, right, a clothes designer from London, assumed it was a joke but then she realised her disappointed suitor was deadly serious. She even ended up paying him for his cheap wristwatch which she had inadvertently taken home.

It was never likely to be a match made in heaven. The couple found each other

on the dating website Plenty of Fish. Miss Brown's date subsequently admitted that he had had to save up to be able to afford to take her out. They were not going to the Ritz or a West End show, they met up in a pub in Clapham, south London.

When they parted at the end of the evening Miss Brown thought her date had been "normal and sweet" but decided not to pursue the relationship. She sent him a text out of courtesy to thank him, letting him know she was not interested in a second date.

He replied with a message telling her he was "devastated" after taking her on "a nice date" — but made sure to

## then gets a bill for the first one

### The price of not clicking

"Hi, thanks for your honesty. I had a really nice time with you and the truth is I'm a bit devastated atm [at the moment] having read your note.

"I really fancied you and saved up some money to take you on a nice date; as it didn't work out I'd be grateful if you could send along something to contribute for the drinks I spent on



you thinking I'd at least get to see you again.

"The total cost of the night was c.£85, and as it'd be too painful to receive the watch in the post and remind me of you I thought that you might be interested to know the cost of that was €20.

"Happy for you to do what you feel is right, especially considering my badly damaged feelings atm."

include his bank account number and sort code, together with the bill for the evening which came to £85.

He told her not to send him back the watch he had lent her because "it'd be too painful to receive the watch in the post and remind me of you". He asked her to send him €20 he said it had cost instead.

Miss Brown sent the man £42.50 back and donated the same amount to a donkey sanctuary, saying the laugh had been worth it. She said: "He has since messaged and said, 'I feel like the donkey sanctuary has come out better from this situation.' "I just texted him back saying, 'Eeyore'"