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### Lovesick men just can't face going to work 18 November 2006

MEN fall in love much more quickly than women, it was revealed yesterday.

But the bad news is that Britain loses out on eight million working days a year as a result.

This is because men are more likely to suffer from lovesickness which makes them go dizzy and suffer rashes and stomach pains.

They feel the bad side-effects of romance more than European men – including the French, says a survey by the online dating agency Parship.

One in three British males admitted they fell head-over-heels on their first date, with 47 per cent saying they realised it was the "real thing" between dates two and three.

Half said they were in love by a third date, which was much quicker than the object of their affections.

Thirty per cent of men even admitted they were unable to think clearly following meeting the love of their life and suffered from irrational thoughts and behaviour. About 12 per cent of them suffered dizziness and a third said they had problems sleeping.

Other symptoms included heart palpitations and the inability to concentrate at work.

Women were found to be far more cautious with just one in 10 admitting that they fell in love on a first date.

Three-quarters said they were not convinced until at least five meetings.

Psychiatrist Dr Victoria Lukats of Parship said: "It could be that men just make up their mind quicker than women, whether it's buying a pair of jeans or who they want to spend the rest of their life with.

"A woman is investing a great deal in potentially having a child with someone. It could be seen as a safer gamble to take longer in weighing up a mate's potential fathering ability before taking the plunge."

