Why did Jane cook John's wallet?

Has it ever happened to you?

Have you ever put your trousers in the washing machine and then remembered there was a large bank note in your back pocket?

When you rescued your trousers, did you find the note was whiter than white?

People who live in Britain needn't despair when they make mistakes like this (and a lot of people do)!

Fortunately for them, the Bank of England has a team called Mutilated Ladies, which deals with claims from people who fed their money to a machine or to their dog.

Dogs, it seems, love to chew up money!

A recent case concerns Jane Butlin, whose fiancé, John, runs a successful furniture business.

John had a very good day and put his wallet containing £ 3,000 into the microwave oven for safekeeping.

Then he and Jane went horse-riding.

When they got home, Jane cooked their dinner in the microwave oven and, without realizing it, cooked her fiancé's wallet as well.

Imagine their dismay when they found a beautifully-cooked wallet and notes turned to ash!

John went to see his bank manager, who sent the remains of the wallet and the money to the special department of the Bank of England in Newcastle: the Mutilated Ladies!

They examined the remains, and John got all his money back.

'So long as there's something to identify, we will give people their money back,' said a spokeswoman for the Bank. 'Last year, we paid £1.5m on 21,000 claims.'

John Butlin runs a successful furniture business, and after a very good day, he put his wallet containing £ 3,000 into the microwave oven for safekeeping.

Then he and his fiancée, Jane, went horse riding, after which Jane cooked their dinner in the microwave oven only to find, to their dismay, that the money had been destroyed.

John went to see his bank manager who sent the remains to the Mutilated Ladies department who identified the remains and returned the money.

Jane opened the oven door and saw that her meal was ready to serve.

She took the food out of the oven and, in doing so, noticed something strange inside the oven which she couldn't recognize.

So she went to find John and told him about it.

In dismay, John quickly explained that he had put his wallet containing the day's takings into the oven for safekeeping.

They both rushed to the oven and saw that the money had been destroyed.

At first, they didn't know what to do.

John wanted to throw the money away, but Jane wouldn't let him.

“It's best not to disturb the wallet,” Jane said.

“You can see all the money is there, even if it has been destroyed.”

Jane told John to go and see his bank manager for advice, so the next day John took the wallet and the ashes to the bank.

His business is a success.

He runs a successful business.

He's a bit of a fool.

He often makes foolish decisions.

She has a lot of energy.

She's very energetic.

The clock strikes at intervals of an hour.

It strikes at hourly intervals.

You didn't take any care with this.

You were completely careless.

You won't feel any pain.

The operation is completely painless.

I admired the beauty of the countryside.

The countryside is so beautiful.

I visit my mother every day.

My mother expects daily visits.

Don't behave like a child.

Don't be so childish.

She's a wonderful athlete.

That explains why she's so athletic.

Firemen rescued the little boy who had climbed a tree and couldn't get down.

Jane went to find John and told him what had happened.

Jane cooked the next meal in an ordinary oven after her experience with the microwave.

The bank manager sent the remains of John's wallet to Newcastle.

The ladies at the bank examined the remains and found they could be identified.

The bank paid John all his money, so he was very pleased.

They call the team in Newcastle 'Mutilated Ladies' because their job is to identify pictures of the Queen on mutilated bank notes.

The Bank of England offers a special service to people who have damaged but identifiable banknotes.

You don't get your money back unless there is enough evidence to prove your claim. If you live in Britain, you needn't despair.

John is Jane Batlin’s fiancé and runs a furniture business.

The wallet contained £3,000 from the day's business.

John put his wallet into the microwave oven to keep it safe.

John runs a furniture business. He is in charge of the business.

Jane discovered that the £3,000 had become ash.

The remains were dispatched to the Mutilated Ladies.

People can get their money back provided there is something to identify.