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**Equidebt** Bank worries about consumer borrowing are proving to be a bonus for Equidebt, which buys debt portfolios from UK lenders at a fraction of their value and then attempts to recover the loans. (*The Mail on Sunday*)

**Collins Stewart**, the stockbroker, is expected to confirm that it has had preliminary discussions about a possible takeover by Nomura, the Japanese bank. **Page 41**