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The Most Powerful Woman in the World
"A diamond is forever." De Beers jewelers declared in 1947. Millions of people were sold—on both the diamonds and the connection between lavish weddings and lasting marriages. Now a pair of economists have found evidence that the opposite is true. An Emory University survey of heterosexual adults found that men who spent more than $2,000 on a ring were more likely to end up divorced than grooms who spent less. And couples who had big-money nuptials (over $20,000) were three and a half times as likely to report shorter marriages.

Burdensome wedding debt may be one source of marriage stress, says Emory’s Hugo Mialon. Also, the types of couples who have thrifty nuptials may just be better matched and thus less divorce prone, he says. Something else the survey associated with lasting unions? A honeymoon, no matter the cost. —Daniel Stone

**CATCH OF THE DAY: TRASH FISH**
Conscientious chefs who cheered the farm-to-table and eat-local movements are turning their attention seaward. They’re experimenting with bycatch, sea creatures and fish unintentionally brought in along with desired species. Also called trash fish or wasted catch, bycatch may account for up to 22 percent of commercial catches in the U.S., says a 2014 report from the nonprofit Oceana. Improved fishing practices may lessen the problem. Meanwhile, restaurateurs and home cooks are putting bycatch species on the menu: dogfish tacos or blowfish tenders, anyone? —Lindsay N. Smith