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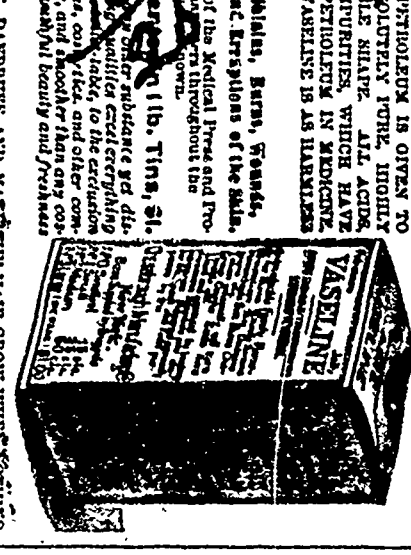

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POACHED EGGS WITH CREAM.—Add a a tablespoonful of vinegar and a little salt to a frying-pan of hot water. Break the eggs carefully into this. Cook much or little as best liked, skim out carefully and place on buttered toast. Have a cup of milk heating in a sauce-pan, thicken with a teaspoonful only of corn starch, add a large spoonful of butter, season with salt, and pour over the eggs. This is a very nice tea-dish.

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