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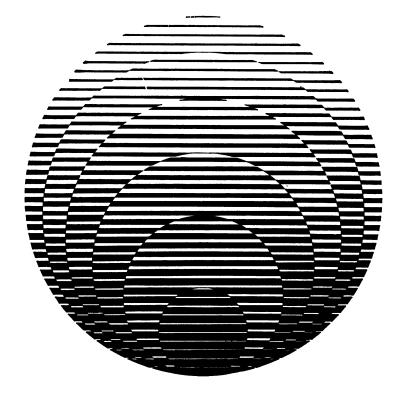
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Ulster med. J. (1964), 33, 62,

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Here are the principal links in the chain of events

1942 'Primary atypical pneumonia' officially established by the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army to distinguish nonbacterial pneumonias of unknown etiology.

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1957 'Eaton agent' definitely implicated as the cause of much primary atypical pneumonia.

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1962 'Eaton agent' identified as one of the so-called pleuropneumonia-like organisms (PPLO), already assigned the generic name Mycoplasma. 1963 Mycoplasma pneumoniae proposed as species name for 'Eaton agent'.

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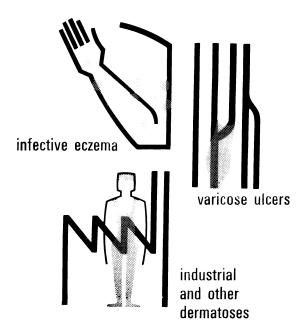
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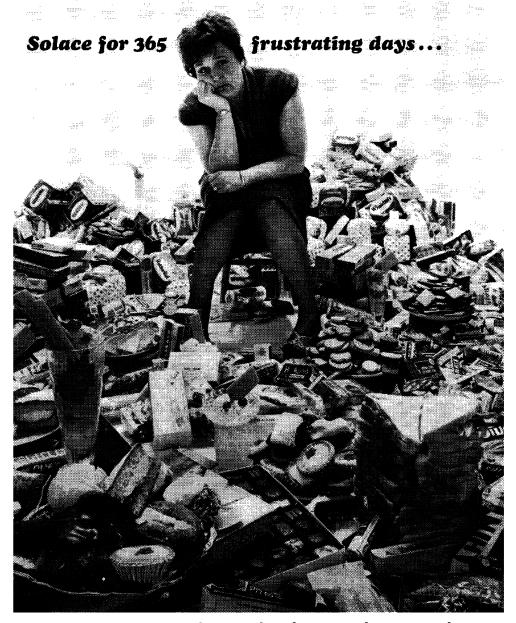


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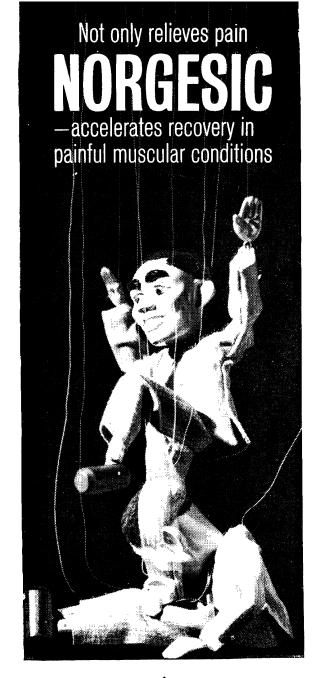
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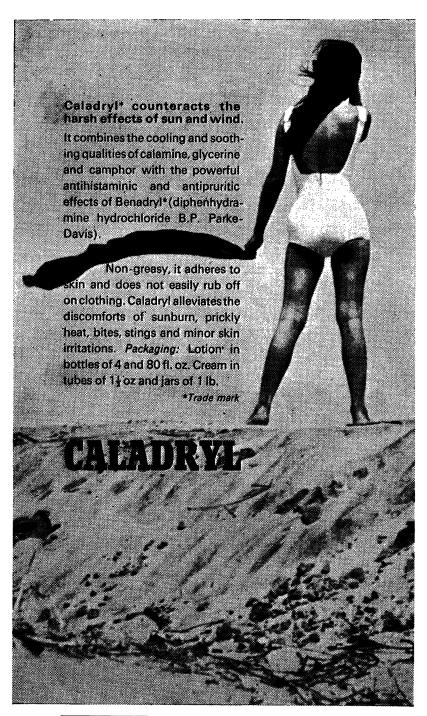
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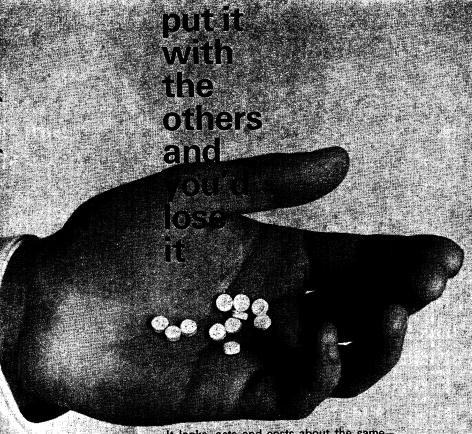
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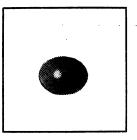


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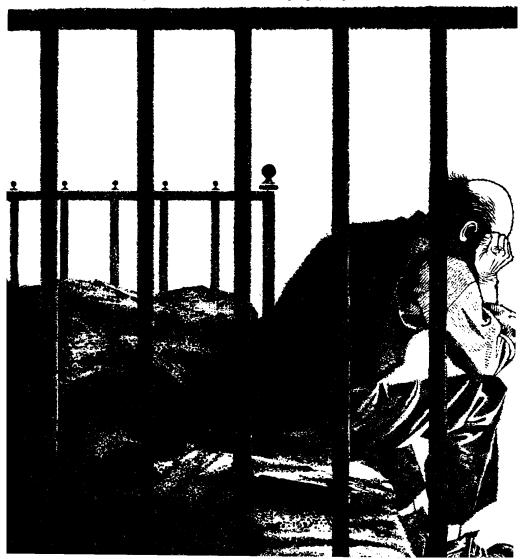
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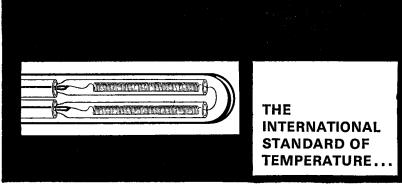
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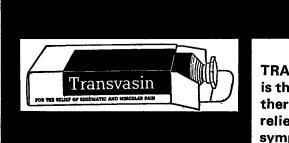




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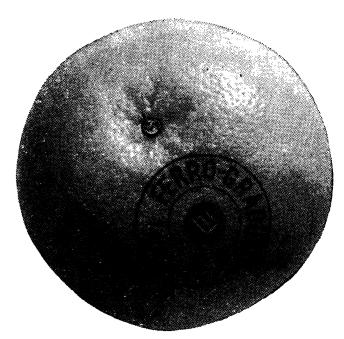
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