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\verb|\multispan| \langle number \rangle|
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This command tells  $T_{EX}$  that the following  $\langle number \rangle$  columns in a row of a horizontal alignment, or  $\langle number \rangle$  rows in a column of a vertical alignment, should be combined into a single column or row (as with \span) and that their templates should be omitted (as with \omit).

## Example:

(hollandaise)

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\tabskip = 13pt\halign{%
    \hfil\it#\hfil&\hfil#\hfil&#&\hfil\$#\cr
    United States&Washington&dollar&1.00\cr
    France&Paris&franc&0.174\cr
    Israel&Jerusalem &
       \multispan 2 \hfil\it(no information)\hfil \cr
    Japan&Tokyo&yen&0.0829\cr}
produces:
    United States
                                        $1.00
                 Washington
                             dollar
       France
                    Paris
                             franc
                                       $0.174
                              (no information)
       Israel
                  Jerusalem
       Japan
                    Tokyo
                             yen
                                      $0.0829
Example:
 {\hsize=1.2in \parindent=0pt
 bernaise&curry&hoisin&hollandaise\cr
    \multispan 3$$\left\{{\rm ketchup}\atop{\rm marinara}}
       \right\}$$&mustard\cr
    rarebit&tartar\cr}}
produces:
 (bernaise)
                                  (rarebit)
 (curry)
                                  (tartar)
 (hoisin)
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(mustard)