VICHYSSOISE A LA RITZ

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4 leeks, white part only, sliced and well washed
1 medium onion, sliced
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
5 medium white potatoes (about 1 ¾ pounds), thinly sliced
4 cups chicken broth
Salt
3 cups whole milk
2 cups heavy cream
2 cups tomato juice
Chopped chives

Soften the leaks and onions very lightly in the butter in a large saucepan. Add the potatoes, broth and a generous pinch of salt, bring to a boil and cook for 35 minutes or until the leeks and potatoes are very tender.

Crush the potatoes, then pass the soup through a fine sieve into a bowl. Return to the pan, add the milk and 1 cup cream, and bring to a boil. Cool, and rub the soup again through a very fine sieve. Chill until cold.

Add the tomato juice and the remaining 1 cup cream to the soup. Chill thoroughly. Serve garnished with chives.

