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This illustration is from DeSilver's *Philadelphia Directory & Stranger's Guide*, 1835–6. It advertises the Lyons Hotel at 112 North 6th Street, and its' Vulcan Hall, which might have been the hotel's bar or dining room. Ian Simmonds, who found the illustration, also researched the location and its owner, Robert Flannagan, and found that he was listed as the proprietor of that hotel for 20 years, the last listing being in the 1857–59 *M'Elroy's Philadelphia Directory*. Several Flannagans operated hotels or taverns in Philadelphia during this period, but this ad appears to mark Robert Flannagan's beginning associa-

tion with the hotel. What makes it of interest to us, of course, is the quantity of glass which appears on the shelves. The large fish bowl is particularly notable, but there are also two thistle-shaped vases (for celery?), a row of decanters, a number of wineglasses, several storage jars and some vessels that are hard to identify. The hanging mugs or "canns" are more likely to be ceramic and not glass, judging from their shape. This is truly a fascinating find and makes a nice comparison with the ads from the previous century.