

Amazing Amelia



The Amazing Amelia of the Flederer Family Circus was the only person ever to juggle five cups of coffee – *and* their saucers – without spilling a single drop. She had done the trick an amazing eight times. She had also failed more than two dozen times, but failed attempts aren't typically recorded. Certainly not by the failer. Mr. Flenser, the circus administrator, wanted her to try to juggle *six* cups and saucers, but Amelia knew her limit, and that was five. Circus administrators, however, can be a persuasive lot, especially since they hold the key to the safety deposit box in which is stored the Human Resources brand machete whose sole purpose is to snip the purse strings of any intransigent employee. So when Mr. Flenser haughtily dangled the key in front of her while noting that a dozen juggling acts were begging for a chance to audition, Amelia knew she had no room to negotiate. Which is why at the following day's matinee she found herself in the center ring about to juggle six cups of coffee. On the plus side, the coffee was *very* hot, Mr. Flenser had a front row seat, and Amelia's aim that day was particularly accurate! Even better, the president of the American Association of Wayward Waitstaff, who was also in attendance, hired Amelia as a consultant the moment her circus tenure ended.