

## **The Basque Tumbling Troop**

The Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus was performing at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The headliner for the show was a new tumbling troop from the Basque region of Northern Spain.

They had never been to New York City before and were fascinated by the revolving door at their hotel. It was large enough to hold their full group, so they all entered the enclosure and began turning the door faster and faster, until it suddenly stuck, trapping the entire troop inside.

The Chief of the fire department who rescued them, later commented, "The moral of this story is, 'Don't put all your Basques in one exit! ' "