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It's Showtime at Le Cirque

....Even renowned chefs from France have granted that Le Cirque 2000 could indeed establish America as the restaurant capital of the world. When Paul Bocuse toured its kitchen last month before the opening, he said, "The flame of fine cuisine has been passed."

Despite the fact that it seemed all but impossible for Mr. Maccioni to do what he did, opening night slid by as smoothly as satin from a magicians sleeve.

"America has arrived," said Gérard Boyer, a Michelin three-star chef who had flown from France for a rehearsal dinner....