

THE RASTELLIS

One of Italy's finest clown acts, the Rastellis are related to Enrico Rastelli, considered the greatest of all jugglers. These pictures show the troupe led by Oreste Rastelli, son Alfredo, whiteface clown Antonio Poletto and famous Brazilian, "Chocolate", Aristides Ferreira. On Oreste's death, grandson Oreste took his place, and later "Chocolate" was replaced by another grandson, Vittorio, who is also a juggler. Over two decades ago the Rastellis were also noted for their trampoline act but today concentrate on the musical clown number which has made them famous.



