AN ELLIPSE?
BUT WHERE?
The man in the illustration
desperately needs to see an
ellipse. How can he make one
while sitting at the table without
touching his pen, compass, ruler
or computer?

Answer
An ellipse is formed by
slanted cuts through cones
or cylinders. The man can
make such a cut by picking
up his cup and tilting it. The
surface of the water will
form a perfect ellipse.