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fl. c. 1285-1317

Italian inventor sometimes credited with the development of eyeglasses. A Florentine, Armati created his glasses between 1285 and 1299, some two decades after Roger Bacon (1213-1292) suggested in his *Opus majus* that properly shaped lenses might have a corrective effect on persons with poor eyesight. Though Armati certainly developed one or more pair of spectacles, credit is somewhat more often given to Alessandro di Spina (d. 1317), a Dominican monk who may have created his own pair as early as 1282.