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HOW ITALY SAW THE ECLIPSE.

Most of the people of historic Florence were up before sunrise that morning. Not much hardship, perhaps as it did not rise very early over the River Arno in Feb. Still, it was a bit sooner than many of them are usually about. The attraction? The eclipse of the sun... They had grandstand places, Florence with its famous observatory, being right in the belt of the promised total darkness. For astronomers it was the biggest day in several years. They expected to learn a lot, having everything necessary to see it all perfectly.

As soon as it became light, it grew dark again, men couldn't understand. They went back to bed. And obviously the poor dog didn't like it.

As the sky was clear, the people of Florence had a splendid view. But never mind if you missed it. Stick around. They'll be another eclipse just as good in 1999. People were warned of the danger of looking at it with the naked eye.