

"Italian inventors"

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Salvino D'Armate

Salvino D'Amato of [Florence](#) (1258–1312) is credited with inventing [eyeglasses](#)^[1] sometime in the thirteenth century, perhaps around 1284. Although there is some doubt as to the authenticity of this claim, Leopoldo del Migliore stated in his 1684 history of [Florence](#) that a memorial honoring D'Armati at the church of Santa Maria Maggiore bore the inscription: *Here lies Salvino degl' Armati, son of Armato of Florence, inventor of eyeglasses. May God forgive his sins. A.D. 1317.* However, this tomb no longer exists, and this claim has not been verified.

[Alessandro Spina](#) of [Pisa](#), a [Dominican friar](#), is sometimes also credited with the invention. However, Spina most likely learned to make spectacles after seeing them made by another individual, a talent for which he was famous at the time. To this day, there is doubt as to the identity of the inventor. However, spectacles were almost certainly invented between 1280 and 1300 in Italy.

The earliest eyeglasses were for the correction of [hyperopia](#) (farsightedness). These eyeglasses did not have stems, but perched on the bridge of the nose. Stems were not introduced until the 1600s. Eyeglasses to correct [myopia](#) (nearsightedness) were not invented until the fifteenth century.

Antonio Meucci ([April 13, 1808](#) – [October 18, 1889](#)) was an [Italian](#) inventor, who developed a form of voice communication apparatus in 1857. Many credit him with the [invention of the telephone](#); for example, the *Enciclopedia Italiana di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti* (*Italian Encyclopedia of Science, Literature and Art*) calls him the "inventore del telefono" (inventor of the telephone).^[1]

In 2002 the U. S. House of Representatives passed a resolution recognizing Meucci's accomplishment and stating that "*if Meucci had been able to pay the \$10 fee to maintain the [caveat](#) after 1874, no patent could have been issued to [Bell](#).*"^{[2][3]} The resolution's sponsor described it as "a message that rings loud and clear recognizing the true inventor of the telephone, Antonio Meucci."^[4] However, many people disagreed with the resolution, with the [Government of Canada unanimously passing a motion 10 days later](#) stating that Alexander Graham Bell was the inventor of the telephone, mooting the congressional resolution.^{[5][6]}

Meucci set up a form of voice communication link in his Staten Island home that connected the basement with the first floor. He filed a patent caveat for his device in 1871, which was not renewed after 1874. In 1876, [Alexander Graham Bell](#) patented the electro-magnetic transmission of vocal sound by undulatory electric current.

Antonio Meucci



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| Born | 13 April 1808 Florence, Italy |
| Died | 18 October 1889 (aged 81) Staten Island, New York |
| Residence | New York |
| Citizenship | Italian and U.S. |
| Nationality | Italian and U.S. |