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serve it in the strip lying in Spain, Portugal and Africa.

This is the first solar eclipse for thirty-one years in which the line of totality has passed through any part of the United States east of the Mississippi River. The eclipse of 1878 was total in some parts of the West. People in California, however, saw two total eclipses of the sun, one in 1880 and one in 1889.

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On May 28, the moon will get between us and the sun, shutting off a part of the light; but it is not big enough to hide the sun wholly from all the earth. A large strip of our country, from southern Louisiana to the Atlantic coast at Norfolk, Va., is called the line of totality. Here the sun is entirely covered a little over a minute at about 9 o'clock in the forenoon. The strip across the country where the sun is seen entirely covered is about thirty-five miles wide. Many astronomers and others interested, from all parts of the country, will go to different places within that strip to see this eclipse. European astronomers will ob-