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**The Story of the Crystal Palace
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Originally designed for the Great Exhibition of 1851, then transported to Sydenham and rebuilt and enlarged, the Crystal Palace was Joseph Paxton's masterpiece, and was the largest iron and glass building ever constructed. It dominated the south London skyline for over 80 years until its tragic destruction by fire in 1936. This is the history both of the Great Exhibition and the building that housed it, and the on-going artistic legacy of both.



