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THE CRYSTAL PALACE

Aeronautic View of the Palace of Industry for all Nations, from Kensington Gardens. Designed by Joseph Paxton, Esq. of Chatsworth. Contracted for, and constructed by Messrs Fox, Henderson, & Co. Scale of building ft to the inch.

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Notes

The Crystal Palace, as it was christened by 'Punch' magazine, was designed by Sir Joseph Paxton to house the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park in 1851. The brainchild of Prince Albert, the Great Exhibition, was the largest trade show conceived, and yet of all the wonders of the new industrialised world on display, the greatest exhibit was the Palace itself. Four paragraphs, beneath

the image, detail the dimensions and construction of the building. Essentially a monumental glass conservatory, Paxton based his design on the lily house he had been commissioned to build for the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth. In 1852 the building was removed to Sydenham, where it was destroyed by fire in November 1936.

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