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Now here was an extravaganza! This stick cottage was built around 1890 on Lakeside Bluff in the town of Carlton by S.A. Cook of Medina. The skeleton aspects of balloon-style framing were used as decorative architectural design elements.

The stick style was particularly popular for resort buildings during the 1880s and 1890s. The Cook cottage

boasted a whimsical four-story open tower or gazebo which was only partly attached to the main body of the structure.

In the winter of 1926, a fire of suspicious origin destroyed this unique piece of American architecture. The Carlton fire truck housed only a mile away in Kuckville could not be started. By the time firemen could get to Lakeside Bluff with their apparatus it was too late.