Kursaal For An Evacuee

A steel trestle bridge located near a major Midwestern American city had recently become the center of attention in the news media after a strange sighting was reported. The turn of the century structure traversed a deep gorge in a region considered to be uninhabitable and it was mainly for this reason that a curious tourist, upon discovering the presence of a man in the gorge, thought to notify the local police. Although the man disappeared after he was last observed climbing the steel web structure, a later investigation revealed that he had been living 120 feet above the valley floor in a ramshackle structure attached to the underside of the bridge. The “house” was constructed entirely of wood pieces, scrap metal and polystyrene. The odd structure utilized rope and electrical cable in order to secure it to the steel trusses of the bridge. The man who had resided in this curious dwelling was never found as his home was hurriedly dismantled and the parts returned to their probable place of origin, the local dump. Along with the materials that were the house proper were some peculiar objects and furnishings. Amongst these were several electrical appliances including a toaster oven and a television set. It seems that power was retrieved from a nearby generator box. The somewhat obsessive collection of newspaper clippings afforded the only clues as to the nature of the occupant’s character and the length of time he had lived there. The media dubbed him “The Spiderman,” due to the arduous climb he must have made each day as there was no possible way of accessing this incredible house from above.