Launch of Kate, 1883

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PAGLESHAM.

During last week, this little village put on an unusually new appearance. On Wednesday the 6th inst, the numerous boats on the river were dressed " fore to peak" with flags of the brightest hues and of every conceivable shape and colourin honour of the wedding of Mr. John Rogers, junr. of Burnham; while on the following day a beautiful little craft of 12 tons built by Mr. Hall for Mr. Z. Pettitt, was successfuly launched. On the signal being given, the shores were knocked away, and the "Kate" (christened by her owner's little daughter) glided gracefully from the stocks into her native element, amid the hearty cheers of the numerous spectators.