

Launch of Steam Dredger Tiny Mite, 1886

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PAGLESHAM.

LAUNCH OF A DREDGING BOAT. - On Saturday, November 27th, the Tiny Mite, a screw steam-dredging boat, was successfully launched from the boat-building yard of Mr. W. Hall, Paglesham. The vessel has been built for Mr. Z. Pettitt, of Loftmans, Canewdon, and the way in which the work was carried out reflects great credit upon the builder, whilst the fact that she was the first steam vessel built at Paglesham created an unusual amount of interest.

The christening was gracefully performed by the owner's little daughter Eva, "Tiny Mite". - In the evening the men engaged in the work, together with their friends, sat down under the genial presidency of Mr. Z. Pettitt, to a substantial supper, which was well served by Mr. Saunders, at the Plough and Sail Inn. A very pleasant evening was passed in toast and song.