

becoming entangled or wedged among rocks or stones, a strain less than sufficient to break the dredge rope would break the stop, alter the position of the dredge, and probably enable it to free itself;

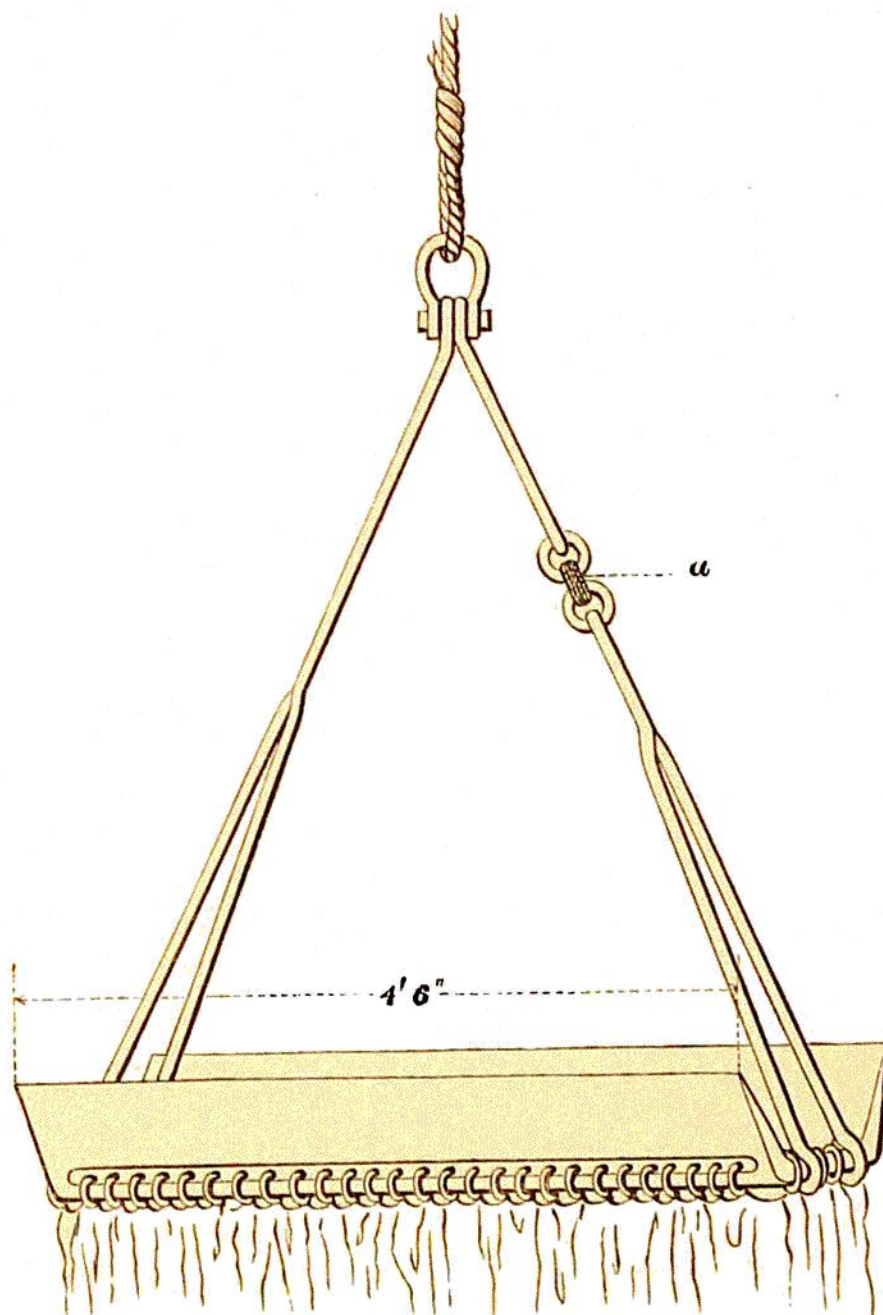


FIG. 48 —Dredge-frame showing the mode of attachment of the Bag. *a*. Spunyarn Stop.

and in case of its taking in a greater load of mud than the rope could bring up, the stop would likewise give way and allow the dredge to fall into such a position that a large part of its contents would slip