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A GOOD JOB, WELL DONE! Giant
caisson placed in position completes world's largest
graving dock, at Southampton.

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Picture.:-

This great caisson will complete the new Southampton
Docks, opened recently by the King.

It's a sort of huge door, which will shut the Dock--
--off from the sea for dry-dock work. The water pressure--
--on the outside of the caisson at high tides will be about
six-thousand tons. For--
--resisting this tremendous pressure, thirteen-hundred tons of--
--steel have been used in its construction. It is just moving
towards the--
--final position. A ticklish job to manoeuvre--
--a steel box weighing thirteen-hundred tons into a space
which only allows--
--inches on either side. A false swing and a piece of--
--dock wall will be carried away. But the engineers--
--have thought of all that, and it slides nicely--
--into position. The Dock is now ready for use. A good
job, well done !