



RETRIEVED—Five-year-old Edward A. Kitzmiller III of Orinda holds the one-inch toy padlock that he swallowed ten days ago. Surgeons removed it from his stomach yesterday at Children's Hospital, Oakland.

Padlock Removed From Stomach

It took a doctor to unlock the padlock from Edward Augustus Kitzmiller III yesterday. It was in his stomach.

Edward, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Kitzmiller, 56 La Cresta Road, Orinda, swallowed the one inch toy ten days ago by doing what comes naturally to children.

He was playing in the kitchen while his mother was at the sink, paring vegetables. She told him not to put the padlock in his mouth.

"You'll fall for sure," she said, "and probably swallow it."

So Edward put the padlock in his mouth—and fall he did, with a gulp that slid the padlock to his stomach.

Yesterday, all other measures having failed, he was operated on at Children's Hospital, Oakland, and the padlock was removed with no serious effects.



LOCATED — X-ray showed location of padlock before surgeons operated on the boy yesterday.