

KILLED BY "HOKEY POKEY."

**Police Trying to Find Peddler Who
Sold It to Victim's Mother.**

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FREEPORT, L. I., Aug. 19.—A "hokey-pokey" ice cream sandwich which Mrs. Alva Pearsall of the Russell Park section of this village bought for her two-and-a-half-year-old son Clifford Pearsall yesterday afternoon caused his death early this morning. He died in a fit of convulsions, said to be due to ptomaine poisoning.

An Italian vender passing through the village yesterday attracted many youngsters to his wagon. Little Clifford Pearsall begged his mother for a sandwich. She readily consented. About 11 o'clock last night the boy was taken violently ill. Doctors were summoned.

The police authorities of the village were notified of the death this morning, and an investigation was begun. It has been learned that many children are suffering from the effects of having eaten hokey-pokey ice cream. Several cases are being treated by local physicians. The police are looking for the Italian peddler.

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