

the dead." Rime may give an unintentional "Charles Addams" kind of humor to a horrible death: "How shocking to the human mind/The log did him to powder grind." Characteristic of these epitaphs is the faculty evident in folk art generally, which combines almost in the same breath and without comment, the sublime with the ridiculous, the individual with the 'made to order,' the fantastic with the ordinary.

The author's commentary which threads these inscriptions together, although at times stilted, adequately fills in the factual background. The book is organized rather loosely by subject matter and the type of sentiment involved; a geographical index at the end of the book is convenient for locating all epitaphs cited from one area. The work makes no pretenses of being other than a pleasant afternoon of reading; it is not directed towards the professional folklorist, although it may well be suggestive to him.

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*Tobacco Dictionary.* Edited by Raymond Jahn. (New York: Philosophical Library, 1954, pp. 199. Illustrations. \$5.00.)

This book is a compilation of brief definitions of terms pertaining to tobacco. According to its introduction, it "seeks to bring to the smoker the interesting, curious and necessary facts relating to the history, manufacture and use of tobacco."