

INSCRIBED PEWTER TABLET.

Found in a tomb of Lo-yang, province of Honan. This document is a deed or grant of land for the burial-place of the Governor of Tung-kün, a great scholar, who was highly esteemed by his contemporaries, and who died in A.D. 84. The inscription incised in the surface is dated A.D. 85. This is the oldest piece of pewter in existence. An analysis of the alloy shows the following composition: tin 19.2 per cent, lead 78.5 per cent, and zinc 1.5 per cent.

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