

## FOLK MEDICINE OF THE AMERICAN TRIBE

Perhaps the strangest tribe I have had the privilege to study personally is the Americans. Anthropologist Horace Miner was one of the first to study and write about the Americans as if they were an indigenous tribe from a foreign land. In order to make his point about the "strange" habits of the Americans, he referred to this tribe as the Nacirema (*American* spelled backward).<sup>7</sup>

"The Nacirema," Miner wrote, "are a North American group liv-