COLLECTIBLE WORDS

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Editor's Note: In the August 1971 Word Ways, Kickshaws editor Dave Silverman marveled at Murray Pearce's discovery of the highly-specialized words lalabphiliac (one who collects cheese labels) and tryosemiophiliac (one who collects only Camembert cheese labels). Words to describe the act of collecting usually end in -phily, with the exception of phillumeny, the act of matchbox label collecting. Few of these words appear in standard dictionaries; for example, only bibliophily and timbrophily are found in Webster's Second Edition. In Words (Delacorte, 1982), Paul Dickson presented the largest collection of such words I was then aware of (these are indicated in boldface below); however, the Lubran collection, taken from a wide range of mostly British references, puts even Dickson to shame.

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Almanacs MANAKOPHILY
Ammunition PROJECTILEPHILY
Baby rattles ROTULIPHILY
Bank notes NOTAPHILY
Barbed wire BARBEPHILY
Beardwork VENERBROIDIPHILY
Beds SOMNOPHILY
Beer bottles LABEROROPHILY
Beer cans BREWAMPHILY
Bells CAMPLANOPHILY
Biscuit tins TENERISOPHILY
Bookmarks MEMOPHILY
Books BIBLOPHILY
Bonds, shares SCRIPOPHILY
Books, limp-leather YAPPOPHILY
Bottle labels LABALOPHILY
Bottles BOTTISEPHILY
Bowling club badges MEMBULLAPHILY
Bows and arrows TOXOPHILY
Brassware LATTENOPHILY
Bric-a-brac miniature DIMINUTOPHILY
Brooch tickets BANSYMPHILY
Camembert labels TYROSEMIOPHILY
Candles, decorative DEKOCEROPHILY
Car numbers AUTONUMEROPHILY
Cheese labels LACLABOPHILY
China, souvenir COSOPHILY
Chinaaware SINOCULAMEPHILY

Christian names BAPTISTAPHILY
Cigar bands BRANDOPHILY
Cigar bands, pictured INFULAPHILY
Cigarette cards CARTOPHILY
Coat hangers COTAPENSOPHILY
Compliments slips CEREMONIPHILY
Cine films, narrow gauge KINOPHILY
Cotton reels PERINOPHILY
Cowboy gear LARIATOPHILY
Decoy ducks, wooden COBBOPHILY
Dentures TANDENTOPHILY
Dog collars CALLCYNOPHILY
Door knobs FURNIPHILY
Door stops CHECKSOPHILY
Drawings, pencil SGRAFOPHILY
Enamels, wood OXIDEPHILY
Etchings ETSENEPHILY
Vans VANUSOPHILY
Figurines HOMUNCULOPHILY
Fire marks APOPHILY
Fishing tackle ICHTHYSOPHILY
Fur items DERINOPHILY
Furniture, Victorian VICTORIOPHILY
Garden gnomes HOROOPHILY
Glass vases MURRINOPHILY
Gramophone records DISCOPHILY
Gramophones PHONOPHILY
Guns, old PERCUSOPHILY
Hair FERMENTOPHILY
Handkerchiefs NAPCARREPHILY
Heart shapes HEORTEPHILY
Horse chestnuts CASTANOPHILY
Tenn signs HOSTELAPHILY
Japanese roll-pictures KAKEMONOPHILY
Jigsaw puzzles JIGSIMOPHILY
Keys CACOPHILY
Knickknacks ABRAKOPHILY
Lace bobbins FLANDEPHILY
Leather garments KABOSSEPHILY
Maori crafts KAIKOPHILY
Marbles MARMOROPHILY
Matchboxes CUMYXAPHILY
Medallions ANAGLYPHILY
Menu cards GASTROCARTEPHILY
Metalwork METARTEPHILY
Miscellanea PROLIFEROPHILY
Motor cars MOBILOPHILY
Motor horns KLAXONOPHILY
Mugs CLYVESOPHILY
Mugs, silver TANKAGIPHILY
Music title pages CHROMULITHOPHILY
Music books FUSIOPHILY
Naval uniforms NAUTUMEPHILY
Nibs CALLINEBEPHILY
Novelties QUAMTOPHILY
Omnibuses KARROMOPHILY
Owl forms STRIGIFORMOPHILY
Pac man figures CERECOPEPHILY
Paints, decorated SLABOPHILY
Paper, decorated EPHEMEROPHILY
Publicity keyrings COPOCLEPnILY
Puzzle jugs CONVINOZEPHTLY
Radio ham cards QUESELCARDOPHILY
Razor blade packets RAZRAPOPHILY
Reed instruments AULOSOPHILY
Red Indian gear AMERINDOPHILY
Religious objects CASECRAAPHILY
Remote control objects ROBOTOPHILY
Scissors CISORIAPHILY
Scarfes, head BANDOPHILY
Seaside souvenir pottery SEACERAPHILY
Shellcrafts CONCHADOPHILY
Ships in bottles CAPSULAPHILY
Signet rings SPODOPHILY
Silks BOMBCYNOPHILY
Snake skins OPHISOPHILY
Spears FERROQUINOPHILY
Spectacles OPTICOPHILY
Spectacles, non-postage ERRINOPHILY
Stamps, postage TIMBROPHILY
Statues CEMETOPHILY
Steam locomotives FERROQUINOPHILY
Steam rollers TRACENJOPHILY
Straw work DOLLIOPHILY
Sugar, wrapped lumps SACCROPHILY
Surrealist items PHANTASOPHILY
Swords, small BEAUPOIGNOPHILY
Teddy bears ARCTOPHILY
Theater programs, old THESPIAN
Thermometers THERMOMETROPHILY
Thimbles DIGITECTOPHILY
Tiles, decorated SLABOPHILY
Transport tickets PERIDROMOPHILY
Truncheons CYGELOPHILY
Trunbrane ware BANOUTOUPHILY
Twigs, oddly shaped RHABDOIDOPHILY
Uniforms, military SAMBOTAPHILY
Valentine cards, objects AMOUROPHILY
Vases VESEPHEL
Visiting cards CALCARDOPHILY
Watermarks FILIGRANOPHILY
Whipping instruments FLAGELLOPHILY
Wine TIMOTOPHILY
Woven items WEVENPHILY