

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 *laclabphiliac* (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.

Almanacs MANAKOPHILY	Christian names BAPTISTAPHILY
Ammunition PROJECTILEPHILY	Cigar bands BRANDOPHILY
Baby rattles ROTULIPHILY	CIGRINOPHILY
Bank notes NOTAPHILY	Cigar bands, pictured INFULAPHILY
Barbed wire BARBEPHILY	Cigarette cards CARTOPHILY
GLIDDENOPHILY	Coat hangers COTTAPENSOPHILY
Beadwork VENEBROIDOPHILY	Compliments slips CEREMOPHILY
Beds SOMNOPHILY	Cine films, narrow gauge KINOPHILY
Beer bottles LABEOROPHILY	Cotton reels PIRINOPHILY
Beer cans BREWCANOPHILY	Cowboy gear LARIATOPHILY
Bells CAMPANOPHILY	Decoy ducks, wooden COBBOPHILY
Biscuit tins TENERBISOPHILY	Dentures TANDENTROPHILY
Bookmarks MEMOPHILY	Dog collars CALLCYNOPHILY
Books BIBLOPHILY	Door knobs FURNIPHILY
Bonds, shares SCRIPOPHILY	Door stops CHECKEPHILY
Books, limp-leather YAPPOPHILY	Drawings, pencil SCIAGRAPHILY
Bottle labels LABALOPHILY	Enamel work OXIDEPHILY
Bottles BUTTISEPHILY	Etchings ETSENEPHILY
Bowling club badges MEMBULLAPHILY	Vans VANUSOPHILY
Bows and arrows TOXOPHILY	Figurines HOMUNCULOPHILY
Brassware LATTENOPHILY	Fire marks APOPUROPHILY
Bric-a-brac miniature DIMINUTOPHILY	Fishing tackle ICHTHYSOPHILY
Brothel tickets BAWSYMBEPHILY	Fur items DEREINOPERPHILY
Cacti CACTOPHILY	Furniture, Victorian VICTORIOPHILY
Camembert labels TYROSEMIOPHILY	Garden gnomes HOBOPHILY
Candles, decorative DEKOCEROPHILY	Glass vases MURRHINOPHILY
Car numbers AUTONUMEROPHILY	Gramophone records DISCOPHILY
Cheese labels LACLABOPHILY	Gramophones PHONOPHILY
China, souvenir GOSSOPHILY	Guns, old PERCUSSOPHILY
Chinaware SINOCLAMEPHILY	Hair FEMMENTOPHILY

Handkerchiefs NAPCARREPHILY
 Heart shapes HEORTEPHILY
 Horse chestnuts CASTANOPHILY
 Inn signs HOSTELAPHILY
 Japanese roll-pictures KAKEMONOPHILY
 Jigsaw puzzles JIGSIMOPHILY
 Keys CAGOPHILY
 Knickknacks ABRAKOPHILY
 Lace bobbins FLANDEPHILY
 Leather garments KAROSSOPHILY
 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
 Muskets FUSIOPHILY
 Naval uniforms NAUTUMEPHILY
 Nibs CALLINEBEPHILY
 Novelties QUAMTOPHILY
 Omnibuses KARROMOPHILY
 Owl forms STRIGIFORMOPHILY
 Pairs of anything SYMMETROPHILY
 Parian figures CERECOPEPHILY
 Pewterware PELTROPHILY
 Pictures, bathing girls BALNEOPHILY
 Pigeons PERISTEROPHILY
 Pinups, female CRURALAPHILY
 Pinups, male PHYSIOKALLOPHILY
 Plants PHYTOPHILY
 Prayer rugs NAMZLIKOPHILY
 Publicity keyrings COPOCLEPHILY
 Puzzle jugs CONVINOZEPHILY
 Radio ham cards QUESELCARDOPHILY
 Razor blade packets RAZRAPOPHILY
 Reed instruments AULOSOPHILY
 Red Indian gear AMERINDOPHILY
 Religious objects CONSECRAPHILY
 Religious tracts GURUOPHILY
 Remote control objects ROBOTOPHILY
 Scissors CISORIAPHILY
 Scarves, head BANDOPHILY
 Seaside souvenir pottery SEACERAPHILY
 Shellcrafts CONCHADOPHILY
 Ships in bottles CAPSULAPHILY
 Signet rings SPODOPHILY
 Silks BOMBCYNOPHILY
 Snake skins OPHISOPHILY
 Spears SPEREPHILY
 Spectacles OPTICOPHILY
 Stamps, non-postage ERRINOPHILY
 Stamps, postage TIMBROPHILY
 Statues CEMETOPHILY
 Steam locomotives FERROQUINOPHILY
 Steam rollers TRACTENJOPHILY
 Stirrup cups CEREMASKOPHILY
 Strange facts EXTRANOPHILY
 Straw work DOLLIOPHILY
 Sugar, wrapped lumps SACCROPHILY
 Surrealist items PHANTASOPHILY
 Swords, small BEAUPOIGNOPHILY
 Teapots POTRUSPYTOPHILY
 Teddy bears ARCTOPHILY
 Theater programs, old THESPIAN
 EPHEMEROPHILY
 Thermometers THERMOMETROPHILY
 Thimbles DIGITECTOPHILY
 Tiles, decorated SLABOPHILY
 Transport tickets PERIDROMOPHILY
 Truncheons CYGELOPHILY
 Tunbridge ware BANDTOUROPHILY
 Twigs, oddly shaped RHABDOIDEPHILY
 Uniforms, military SAMBOTAHPHILY
 Valentine cards, objects AMOUROPHILY
 Vases VESEPHILY
 Visiting cards CALCARDOPHILY
 Watermarks FILIGRANOPHILY
 Whipping instruments FLAGELLOPHILY
 Whistles TIMOTHOPHILY
 Wine VINTNEPHILY
 Woven items WEVENPHILY