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 lalaophiliac (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 biblophily 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
Bedding SOMNOPHILY
Beer bottles LABEBOROPHILY
Beer cans BREWCAMPHILY
Bells CAMPANOPHILY
Biscuit tins TENERISOPHILY
Bookmarks MEMOPHILY
Books BIBLOPHILY
Bonds, shares SCRIOPHILY
Books, limp-leather YAPPAPHILY
Bottle labels LABALOPHILY
Bottles BUTTISEPHILY
Bowing club badges MEMBULLAPHILY
Bows and arrows TOXOPHILY
Brassware LATTENOPHILY
Bric-a-brac miniature DIMINUTOPHILY
Brooch tickets BANSYMIPHILY
Camembert labels TYROSEMIOPHILY
Candles, decorative DEKOCEROPHILY
Car numbers AUTONUMEROPHILY
Cheese labels LACLABOPHILY
China, souvenir COSOPHILY
China ware SINOCLAMEPHILY

Christian names BAPTISTAPHILY
Cigar bands BRANDOPHILY

Cigarette cards CARTOPHILY
Coat hangers COTTAPENSOPHILY
Compliments slips CEREMOPHILY
Cine films, narrow gauge KINOPHILY
Cotton reels PIRINOPHILY
Cowboy gear LARIATOPHILY
Decoy ducks, wooden COBOPHILY
Dentures TANDENTOPHILY
Dog collars CALLCYNOPHILY
Door knobs FURNIPHILY
Door stops CHECKEPHILY
Drawings, pencil SITOGRAPHEPHILY
Enamel work OXIDEPHILY
Etchings ETSENEPHILY
Vans VANUSOPHILY
Figurines HOMUNCULOPHILY
Fire marks APYPOPHILY
Fishing tackle ICHTHYSOPHILY
Fur items DEREINOPHILY
Furniture, Victorian VICTORIOPHILY
Garden gnomes MONOPHILY
Glass vases MURRINOPHILY
Gramophone records DISCOPHILY
Gramophones PHONOPHILY
Guns, old PERCUSSOPHILY
Hair FERMENTOPHILY
Handkerchiefs NAPCAROPHILY
Heart shapes HEARTPHILY
Horset chestnuts CASTANOPHILY
Tom signs HOTELAPHILY
Japanese roll-pictures KAKEMONOPHILY
Jigsaw puzzles JIGSIMPAPHILY
Keys CACOPHILY
Knickknacks ABRAKOPHILY
Lace bobbins FLANDEPHILY
Leather garments KABASSOPHILY
Maori crafts KAIKOPHILY
Marbles MARMOOPTLY
Matchboxes CUMYXAPHILY
Medallions ANAGLYPHILY
Menu cards GASTROCARTEPHILY
Metalwork METARTPHILY
Miscellanea PROLIFEROPHILY
Motor cars MOBILOPHILY
Motor horns KLAXONOPHILY
Mugs CLYVESOPHILY
Mugs, silver TANKAGIPHILY
Music title pages CHROMULITHOPHILY
Musks FUSIOPHILY
Naval uniforms NAUTICOPHILY
Novelties QUANTOPHILY
Ommibuses KARROMOPHILY
Owl forms STRIGIFORMOPHILY
Pairs of anything SYMMETROPHILY
Parian figures CERESOPTLY
Pewterware PELTROPHILY
Pictures, bathing girls BALNEOPHILY
Pigeons PERISTEROPHILY
Pinups, female CRURALAPHILY
Pinups, male PHYSIOPOPHILY
Plants PHYTOPHILY
Prayer rugs NAMELIKOPHILY
Publicity keyrings COPOCLEPHILY
Puzzle jugs CONVINCOPHILY
Radio ham cards QUESELCAROPHILY
Razor blade packets RAZRAPHILY
Reed instruments AULOPHILY
Red Indian gear AMERINDOPHILY
Religious objects CONSECRAPHILY
Religious tracts GURUOPHILY
Remote control objects ROBOTOPHILY
Scissors CISOCAPIPHILY
Scarves, head BANDOPHILY
Seaside souvenirs pottery SEACERAPLHILY
Shellcrafts CONCHADOPHILY
Ships in bottles CUPULAPHILY
Signet rings SPODOPHILY
Silks BOMBCYNOPHILY
Snake skins OPHISOPHILY
Spectacles OPTICOPHILY
Stamps, non-postage ERRINOPHILY
Stamps, postage TIMBROPHILY
Statues CEMETOPHILY
Steam locomotives FERROQUINOPHILY
Steam rollers TRACTENOPHILY
Stirrup cups CEREMASKOPHILY
Strange facts EXTRANOPHILY
Straw work BOLLIOPHILY
Sugar, wrapped lumps SACCAROPHILY
Surrealist items PHANTASOPHILY
Swords, small BEAUPOIGNOPHILY
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 RHABDOIDOPHILY
Uniforms, military SAMBOTAPHILY
Valentine cards, objects AMOUROPHILY
Vases VESEPHILY
Visiting cards CALCAROPHILY
Watermarks FILLIGRANOPHILY
Whipping instruments FLAGELLOPHILY
Wine TIMAPPHILY
Woven items WEVENPHILY