

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*

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