

Largest Collections!

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The Largest Collections Survey is conducted every five years. I remind readers once again that this is a survey of the largest known collection ever in selected categories. That's much more relevant (and helpful) than largest collections currently. Of course, some collectors don't count their collections, so...

Category	Collector	Count	Date				
7-UP	Bill Bias, OH	420	12-10	Alabama	Gerald Goleman, FL	695	3-16
10's (all)	Bob Hofacker, OH	11177	3-16	Alaska	Helen Hollmann, PA	1009	11-1
10's (Ohio)	Andy Anderson, MO	384	7-96	Albert Pick Hotels	Ralph Brann, IN	206	3-04
10's (Universal)	Andy Anderson, MO	2803	7-96	Albert Pick mm	Don Marquette, AR	179	11-10
12's	Stella Williams, OH	1714	4-93	Albuquerque	John Nichols, NM	2195	5-93
12-Up	Judi Wittwer, AZ	107	8-03	All-Trades	Mike Prero, CA	55	1-15
24's	Judi Wittwer, AZ	322	5-01	Alligators	Chester Crill, CA	122	4-05
40's	Joe Onofri, PA	2000	10-88	Allis Press	Mike Prero, CA	14	12-15
100's	Carmine Arpino, CT	17	1-11	American Ace	Toby Messmer, KY	13211	10-10
200's	Roy Buckley, WA	5	3-01	American Legion	Donna Longenecker, PA	2339	1-16
240's	Carmine Arpino, CT	60	1-11	American Match Co	Don Marquette, AR	48	11-10
AAA	Mike Prero, CA	7824	12-15	American Mat. & Prtg	Mike Prero, CA	216	12-15
Acey Ducey clubs	Jim Moffett, CA	8	6-93	American Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	20	10-88
Acme Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	6	12-15	Americana Hotels	Ralph Brann, IN	35	4-93
Acorn Match Co.	James Willard, MD	12	12-10	Americana, Perkins	Mike Prero, CA	1174	3-16
Action	James Benes	25	1-16	Amusement Parks	Ellen Gutting, NV	250	1-16
Adam Hats	Don Marquette, AR	224	5-01	AMVETS	Toby Messmer	107	11-97
Adult (non-Girlies)	Wayne Eadie, NY	1117	1-16	Anchors	Mel Garrett, KS	163	6-93
Advance Match Co.	W. Marshall, CA	322	10-88	Angels	Cheryl Crill, CA	221	4-05
Adv. Mat. & Prtg.	Tom Valachovic, FL	1194	1-16	Animals	Chester Crill, CA	21280	4-05
Adveraps	Dan Bitter, OK	126	12-05	Animals, Celebrity	Rich Greene, NJ	428	1-16
Advertisit Match Co.	Dan Bitter, OK	132	12-05	Anvils	Judi Wittwer, AZ	41	5-01
Affiliated Nat. Hotels	Stuart Bergman, TX	423	6-93	Apples	Donna Longenecker, PA	305	1-16
Agriculture	Tom Gray, IA	9891	1-16	Arizona	Judi Wittwer, AZ	25744	5-01
Airlines	Sid Barlow, ENG	5604	3-16	Arkansas	Lelan Roll, AR	1293	3-01
Airplanes	Bill Furlong, NV	906	10-90	Arrow Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	316	10-15
Airports	Mike Prero, CA	836	12-15	Art Match Co.	Clem Pater, OH	39	2-16
				Atlantic Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	11	12-15

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Atlas 4-Color	Tom Valachovic, FL	526	1-16
Atlas Foil	Mike Prero, CA	895	12-15
Atlas Match (old)	Dan Bitter, OK	48	12-05
Australia	Mike Hubbard, MI	5650	7-05
Austria	Sid Barlow, ENG	2440	12-10
Auto Dealers	Greg Lund, CA	17827	11-05
Auto Parts	?, CAN	1799	9-93
Auto Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	488	1-16
Autograph. Covers	Mark Quilling, MN	497	11-10
Aztec-theme	Chester Crill, CA	243	12-99
Babies	Bill Calhoun, CAN	357	2-16
Bahamas	Helen Hollmann, PA	197	11-10
Bail Bonds	Rich Greene, NJ	405	1-16
Ballons, Hot Air	Paul Spoff, OH	320	9-10
Banks	Mike Prero, CA	41251	12-15
Banks, S&Ls, CUs	Mike Prero, CA	56701	12-15
Barb./Beauty Shops	D. Longenecker, PA	5124	1-16
Barns	Toby Messmer, KY	575	1-16
Barrel boxes	Paul Spoff, OH	931	9-10
Bars	Bob Bowman, OH	3512	1-13
Baseball	Win Lang, CA	778	6-97
Bath Tubs	Bill Calhoun, CAN	423	2-16
Bears	Toby Messmer, KY	5955	10-10
Beavers	Chester Crill, CA	141	4-05
Beer	Jerry Glenn, OH	7615	1-16
Bees/Apiary	Rich Greene, NJ	154	1-16
Belgium	Sid Barlow, ENG	3141	3-16
Bell Machine Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10-88
Bellboys	Dave Stevenson, NH	286	2-16
Ben Franklin	Chester Crill, CA	130	4-05
Best Eastern	Frank Lawton, CA	23	7-93
Best West., stk 20s	Terry Rowe, OH	10479	2-16
Best Western, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1265	10-87
Beverly Hills	Cheryl Crill, CA	430	4-05
Bicentennial	Wayne Eadie, N	4617	2-16
Big Bands	Don Marquette, AR	185	11-10
Billboard	Andy Anderson, MO	9301	7-96
Billiards	Duane Ready, PA	2182	1-16
Bingo	?, CAN	34	9-93
Birds	Chester Crill, CA	8464	4-05
Black/White Photo	Bill Retskin, NC	2500	10-88
Blacks	Toby Messmer, KY	3945	10-10
Blimps	Paul Spoff, OH	41	10-13
Book Match Co.	Dan Bitter, OK	32	12-05
Bowling	Kathie Williman, MD	5439	10-13
Boxes	Paul Moyer, CA	59505	12-93
Boxes, Japanese	Les, Good, NY	22700	11-10
Boxes, Lipstick	Les Good, NY	3200	1-16
Boxes, Pillow	Les Hufford, OH	9	8-93
Boxes, Plast. Broad.	Wayne Eadie, NY	156	1-16
Boxes, Swed.-type	Paul Moyer, CA	4288	12-93
Boxes, Swedish(foil)	Terry Rowe, OH	4000	1-16
Boxes, Wooden	?, CAN	217	9-93
Boxing	Mike Samuels, DC	219	1-16
Branding Irons	Judi Wittwer, AZ	129	5-01
Brands	Judi Wittwer, AZ	125	5-01
Brazil	Ralph Arnold, MA	1828	12-00
Bread	Loren Moore, CA	220	1-16
Brew Pubs	Steve Weiner, NJ	750	6-00

Breweries	Loren Moore, CA	645	1-16
Bridges	Ellen Gutting, NV	500	9-00
Bridges, Natural	Ed Brassard, WA	152	11-10
Brit. War Relief Soc.	Mike Samuels, DC	121	1-16
Brothels	Jim Moffett, CA	296	10-90
Bryant & May	Sid Barlow, ENG	26652	3-16
Bucking Broncos	Loren Moore, CA	415	1-16
Buffalo	Robert Lamb, PA	840	1-16
Bullfighting/Matador	Carmine Arpino, CT	316	1-16
Bus Lines	John Dockendorf, PA	1160	1-16
Bus. Mach./Off. Sup.	Harold Cruson, CO	26	5-01
Cactus	Chester Crill, CA	611	4-05
Cafes	Tom Valachovic, FL	24882	1-16
Cafeterias	Jo Wilding, TX	337	5-93
California	Win Lang, CA	6262	6-97
Camel 30s	Dan Bitter, OK	4435	1-16
Cameo	Mike Prero, CA	5792	12-15
Camp Grnds/RV Park	Harold Cruson, CO	82	11-05
Canada	Mike Hubbard, MI	11108	7-05
Canada Color	Roy Buckley, WA	567	3-01
Can. Excise Stamps	Pierre Dorval, CAN	12837	1-05
Can. Pacific Hotel	Glen Anderson, CAN	450	1-06
Capitols, US	Marie Harbison, PA	2794	4-93
Car Rentals	Ray Vigeant, CT	35	1-99
Cards, Playing	Chester Crill, CA	196	8-95
Career Offers	John Nichols, NM	222	5-93
Carousels	Chester Crill, CA	138	12-99
Cars	Ray Vigeant, CT	4092	10-90
Cars (antique only)	Roy Buckley, WA	266	3-01
Casinos	E. Gutting/D. Hagerman	11297	1-16
Casinos, Atlantic City	Kathie Williman, MD	542	12-10
Casinos, Foreign	Wayne Eadie, NY	740	1-16
Casinos, Las Vegas	Wayne, Eadie, NY	2205	1-16
Casinos, Louisiana	Bill Hubbard, TN	47	7-99
Casinos, Mississippi	Bill Hubbard, TN	93	7-99
Casinos, Nevada	Judi Wittwer, AZ	3646	3-06
Catalina Island	Chester Crill, CA	178	4-05
Caterers	Jo Wilding, TX	291	5-93
Catfish	Duane Ready, PA	95	1-16
Cats	Toby Messmer, KY	1914	9-10
Cattle Brands	Roy Buckley, WA	153	3-10
Caves	Ed Brassard, WA	528	11-10
CCC Camps	Mike Samuels, DC	312	1-16
Cement Co.'s	Pat O'Keefe, AZ	350	10-87
Central Match&Label	Warren Marshall, CA	321	7-93
Century Lites	Roy Buckley, WA	2	10-01
Champion Spark Plgs	Bill Longenecker, PA	568	1-18
Chapman Match Co.	Judi Wittwer, AZ	9	4-93
Characters, Cartoon	Riche Greene, NJ	295	1-01
Characters, Historical	Mike Prero, CA	1524	12-15
Characters, Literary	Mike Prero, CA	677	12-15
Chef Hats	Mike Schwimmer, MA	2637	11-10
Chefs	Chester Crill, CA	2047	12-99
Chevy Dealer	Greg Lund, CA	3760	11-05
Chez Paree	Seymour Shedlow, IL	94	5-01
Chicago Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	745	12-15
Chicken-In-Rough	John Clark, FL	81	2-16
Chickens	Gayle Hofacker	5125	1-16
Chicks & Feed	Leland Roll, AR	112	3-10

Chimney Sweeps	Jim Moffett, CA	20	6-93	Diamond 40-stick	Roy Buckley, WA	6	3-01
Christmas	Mike Prero, CA	7772	12-15	Diamond Appr. No. 7	Clem Pater, OH	36	2-16
Christmas, Giant	Judi Wittwer, AZ	83	5-01	Diamond Four-Color	Judi Wittwer, AZ	194	10-89
Cigars	Andy Anderson, MO	474	7-96	Diamond Lic. Match	Clem Pater, OH	16	2-16
Classic Collectible	Kathie Williman, MD	174	12-10	Diamond Match	Clem Pater, OH	29	1-16
Classique	Jim Moffett, CA	33	6-93	Diamond Quality	Harry Branchaud, CA	5000+	10-90
Click	Cheryl Crill, CA	195	4-05	Dia. Quality (full-bk)	Bill Retskin, NC	500	10-88
Clocks	Cheryl Crill, CA	49	7-93	Diamond Safety-First	Ed Brassard, WA	300	10-88
Clothing	Dan Bitter, OK	5434	1-06	Diners	Greg Lund, MD	1124	11-05
Clowns, Circus	Judi Wittwer, AZ	341	3-06	Diners, Full-length	Dan Bitter, OK	158	12-05
Clowns, Rodeo	Judi Wittwer, AZ	102	3-06	Dining/Dancing Cpls	Cheryl Crill, CA	289	7-93
Clubs (all)	Andy Anderson, MO	4819	7-96	Dinosaurs	Chester Crill, CA	49	4-05
Clubs, Athletic	Bill Longenecker, PA	263	11-10	Diplomatic	Mike Samuels, DC	208	11-05
Coal Co.'s	Larry Bell, CAN	2231	10-90	Discos	Chester Crill, CA	227	4-05
Coast Book Match	Clem Pater, OH	17	2-16	Disney	Wayne Eadie, NY	833	1-16
Coca-Cola	Wayne Eadie, NY	955	1-16	Disney, Foreign	Way Eadie, NY	61	1-16
Cockt Glasses (N/S)	Chester Crill, CA	528	4-05	Disneyworld/EPCOT	Wayne Eadie, NY	460	1-16
Cockt Lounges	John Bachochin, OK	1408	3-16	Display	Doug Rice, WA	331	1-13
Coffee	Andy Anderson, MO	214	7-96	Dog Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	208	1-16
Coffee Shops	Greg Lund, CA	652	11-05	Dogs (all)	Cheryl Crill, CA	4376	4-05
Colgates	John Williams, OH	2150	11-05	Dogs, stock	James Willard, MD	2914	3-16
Colgate Bridge Sets	Dave Hampton, CA	206	10-88	Dolphins	Chester Crill, CA	252	4-05
Colleges	Bill Hayes, FL	5091	3-16	Donkeys/Burros	Chester Crill, CA	601	4-05
Colorado	Richard Giardini, CO	5123	2-16	Douglas Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	23	10-90
Columbia Mat.(old)	Mike Prero, CA	13	12-15	DowntownerMot.Inn	Ralph Brann, IN	70	4-93
Columbia, XL	Mike Prero, CA	9	12-15	Dragons	Chester Crill, CA	672	4-05
Combos	Walt Wecker, IL	1600	10-87	Drinks (Alcoholic)	Andy Anderson, MO	1624	7-96
Combos, Casino	Marie Harbison, PA	69	4-93	Drive Ins (theatres)	Ralph Brann, IN	157	4-93
Combos, Hol. Inn	Kathie Williman, MD	79	12-10	Driving Schools	John Nichols, NM	48	5-93
Combos, Navy Ship	Dave Hampton, CA	89	10-88	Ducks	Chester Crill, CA	463	4-05
Combos, Railroad	Marie Harbison, PA	159	4-93	Drug Stores	G. Hofacker/L. Cole	4346	2-16
Comedy Clubs	Chester Crill, CA	108	4-05	Duncan Hines	Mike Prero, CA	745	12-15
Connecticut	David Barbieri, CT	1872	1-16	E-Award (WWII)	Mike Samuels, DC	149	1-16
Conquistadors	Chester Crill, CA	112	12-99	Eagles	Chester Crill, CA	1719	4-05
Consumer Press	Mike Prero, CA	13	12-15	Eagles (F.O.E.)	Sid Barlow, ENG	2043	12-10
Contact	Judi Wittwer, AZ	348	5-01	Easel Back	D. Longenecker, PA	213	1-16
Contours	Toby Messmer, KY	1917	12-10	Eddy Penny Boxes	Larry Bell, CAN	663	10-88
Convention, RMS	Tom Gray, IA	12530	1-16	Eddy Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10-87
Coronation/Royalty	John Clark, FL	194	11-10	Edward I. Plottle	Mike Prero, CA	122	12-15
Cotton Bolls/Bales	Ellen Gutting, NV	168	1-16	Eiffel Tower	Chester Crill, CA	210	4-05
Country Club/Golf	Dusty Paquin, MN	11910	3-16	Elephants	Kathie Williman, MD	1307	12-10
County Seats	Clem Pater, OH	3176	2-16	Elks (B.P.O.E.)	John Bachochin, OK	8865	3-16
Cowboys	Warren Marshall, CA	172	10-88	Elvis Presley	Wayne Eadie, NY	103	1-16
Cows/Steers	Chester Crill, CA	2631	4-05	Embassies	Mike Samuels, DC	107	1-16
Crabs	Cheryl Crill, CA	349	4-05	Embossed	Mel Garrett, KS	12210	6-93
Credit Unions	Mel Reese, WI	5922	11-10	Empire Book Match	Clem Pater, OH	15	2-16
Crests	Mike Prero, CA	3059	12-15	England	Mike Hubbard, MI	3686	7-05
Crime Stoppers	Rich Greene, NJ	32	1-16	Errors	Mike Prero, CA	3198	12-15
Crown Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	3034	10-87	Eskimos	Ellen Gutting, NV	122	1-16
Dams	John Clark, FL	56	11-11	Executive Inns	Ralph Brann, IN	51	4-93
Dated	Mike Prero, CA	16608	12-15	Extend n' Ad	Jim Moffett, CA	55	10-90
Dated Auto	David Schroeder, CAN	4616	1-01	Eyeglasses	Billijo Piper, KY	408	1-16
Dave & Busters	Mark Quilling, MN	104	11-10	Fairs (not World)	Judi Wittwer, AZ	250	5-01
David Lionel Press	Mike Prero, CA	135	12-15	Famous Places	Paul Moyer, CA	6000	10-87
Deer	Chester Crill, CA	620	4-05	Feature mm (20s)	Dan Bitter, OK	3212	1-06
Delaware	Win Lang, CA	237	6-97	Features (all)	Joel Acus, OH	4822	1-16
Dept. Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	810	7-96	Features, 15-strike	Joel Acus, OH	2271	1-16
Devils	Toby Messmer, KY	254	1-16	Features, 21-strike	Joel Acus, OH	1866	1-16
Diamond 1892	Clem Pater, OH	6	2-16	Features, 22-strike	Joel Acus, OH	97	1-16

Features, 30-strike	Dan Bitter, OK	3057	1-06	Girlies (all)	Walter Hubbard, CA	29061	4-93
Features, 33-strike	Joel Acus, OH	5	1-16	Girlies (sets)	Walter Hubbard, CA	3889	4-93
Features, 40-strike	Dan Bitter, OK	85	1-06	Girlies (singles)	Tom Gray, IA	4776	12-15
Features, Contour	Joel Acus, OH	163	1-16	Girlies, Features	Tom Gray, IA	240	1-16
Features, Display	Joel Acus, OH	155	1-16	Gold Panners	Jim Moffett, CA	230	6-93
Features, Full	Joel Acus, OH	4822	1-16	Gondolas	Chester Crill, CA	267	4-05
Features, Giant	Joel Acus, OH	555	1-16	Gopher Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	7	12-15
Features, Knothole	Joel Acus, OH	106	1-16	Grant-Mann	Mike Prero, CA	98	12-15
Features, Odd-Strkr	Joel Acus, OH	41	1-16	Green Hat, Lion	Joel Acus, OH	36	1-16
Features, Poster	Joel Acus, OH	28	1-16	Grocery Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	4317	7-96
Federals	Dan Bitter, OK	3502	7-99	Group I	Charles Specht, IL	1500	11-10
Federals, short	Dan Bitter, OK	2453	7-99	Group I Baseball	Bob Borton, OH	681	11-10
Federals, XL	Dan Bitter, OK	1049	7-99	Group I Sports	Charles Specht, IL	1340	11-10
Filigree	Helen Hollmann, PA	11318	11-10	Gum	Andy Anderson, MO	137	7-96
Filigree-Type	George Bruckman, CO	11040	5-93	Gum/Candy	Judi Wittwer, AZ	144	3-06
Finance Co.'s	?, CAN	243	9-93	Hallmark	Gayle Hofacker, OH	281	1-16
Finland	Mike Hubbard, MI	3718	7-05	Hamilton Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	7	12-15
Fire Co. (+related)	Mike Samuels, DC	438	1-16	Hangers	Ellen Gutting	61	1-16
Fish, Jumping	Loren Moore, CA	423	1-16	Hardware Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	1036	7-96
Fishing	Mike Samuels, DC	302	1-16	Hats, Women's	Bill Calhoun, CAN	864	2-16
Flamingos	Carmine Arpino, CT	264	1-16	Hawaii	Jim Moffett, CA	3763	10-89
Flats	Mike Schwimmer, MA	5427	11-10	Hawaii, T.H.	Helen Hollmann, PA	204	11-10
Florentine	Everett Hoy, OH	300	10-88	Hearts	Dave Hampton, CA	29	10-88
Florida	Fred Houk, FL	23203	11-10	Hellman Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	4	6-93
Florists	Jo Wilding, TX	581	6-97	Hemisphere '68	Stuart Bergman, TX	29	6-93
Flowers	Opal Calhoun, CA	1182	4-93	Henseleit Match Co.	Mel Reese, WI	87	2-15
Flowers, N/S	Chester Crill, CA	429	6-93	Hercules Match Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	2	10-88
Foillite	Verna Troxel, WA	7000	7-93	Hillbilly	D. Longenecker, PA	5637	1-16
Food Products	John Nichols, NM	256	5-93	Hiltons	Frank Lawton, CA	3521	10-88
Foreign	Mike Hubbard, MI	70196	7-05	Hilton, Boxes	Carmine Arpino, CT	186	1-16
Fork Lifts	Art Houser, SC	170	9-97	Hiltons, Foreign	Sid Barlow, ENG	1088	12-10
Four Seasons	Wayne Eadie, NY	1975	12-10	Hiltons, Mini-Max	Jim Moffett, CA	22	10-89
Foxes	Chester Crill, CA	546	4-05	Hiltons, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1016	10-87
France	Sid Barlow, ENG	10045	3-16	Hiltons, Stock	Al Kilburn, PA	778	5-93
Fraternal	Mel Garrett, KS	7893	6-93	Historical Characters	Mike Prero, CA	1524	12-15
Fraternities	Mike Prero, CA	140	12-15	Hobos	Ellen Gutting, NV	115	1-16
Fred Harvey	Judi Wittwer, AZ	498	1-10	Hockey	Judi Wittwer, AZ	149	5-13
Friendship Inns	Mike Prero, CA	796	12-15	Holiday Inn	George Costentini, CA	13200	6-06
Frogs/toads	Chester Crill, CA	190	4-05	Holiday Inn Boxes	Carmine Arpino, CT	784	1-16
Fruit	Chester Crill, CA	661	4-05	Holiday Inn, Foreign	Carmine Arpino, CT	851	1-16
Fuel Co.'s	Andy Anderson, MO	1435	7-96	Holiday Inn, N/S	Janet Penny, PA	3733	9-05
Full-Frontals	Mike Prero, CA	622	11-05	Holiday Inn, Stock	Carmie Arpino, CT	11218	1-16
Full-length (20s)	Dan Bitter, OK	8097	3-14	Holland	Sid Barlow, ENG	4034	12-10
F-L Bank Checks	Carmine Arpino, CT	461	1-11	Hong Kong	Sid Barlow, ENG	1595	12-10
Funeral Homes	D. Longenecker, PA	6045	1-16	Horse Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	707	11-5
Gambling Ships	Jim Moffett, CA	21	6-93	Horses	Judi Wittwer, AZ	7389	8-97
Garages	Andy Anderson, MO	2032	7-96	Horseshoes	Judi Wittwer, AZ	149	5-01
Gas Stations	Greg Lund, MD	27127	11-05	Hospitals	Mike Prero, CA	833	12-15
Gasoline/Oil Brands	Bill Hayes, FL	8805	3-16	Hospitals, Army	Bill Longenecker, PA	202	11-10
Geese	Chester Crill, CA	125	12-99	Hospitals, Navy	Bill Longenecker, PA	113	11-10
Geiger Bros.	Mike Prero, CA	167	12-15	Hospitals, V.A.	Wilton Mason, LA	526	2-06
Gem Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	66	10-88	Hot Dogs	Ellen Gutting, NV	194	1-16
General Match Co.	Everett Hoy, OH	500	10-88	Hot Springs	Ed Brassard, WA	488	11-10
George Washington	Chester Crill, CA	202	4-05	Hotel/Motel	Warren Marshall, CA	110281	10-89
Georgia	Win Lang, CA	1043	6-97	Hotels (20s F-S)	Bill Evans, MI	8742	9-05
Germany	Sid Barlow, ENG	13961	3-16	Hotels, Chicago	Bill Hayes, FL	1170	3-16
Ghosts	Cheryl Crill, CA	32	10-13	Hotels, DQ	Bill Evans, MI	769	9-05
Giants	Stella Williams, OH	668	1-16	Hotels, Diamond S-F	Neal Hospers, TX	111	4-93
Giraffes	Chester Crill, CA	66	4-05	Hotels, New Orleans	Bob Smith, KY	295	3-06

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