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This paper is a preliminary report on a project to develop the Lexicographer's Library, an electronic resource for studying the lexicology of Russian and lexicographical practices. The main part of the project (already been developed in the Lexicographic Department of the Institute for Linguistic Research of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg) is the collection of Russian texts (fiction, memoirs, scientific literature, political literature, laws, etc.) in electronic form to allow searching for words and idioms. The collection already contains more than 8,000 files representing Russian books from the 18th to the beginning of 21st centuries and continues to grow.