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Plymouth Products
Plymouth Cordage Company Catalogs, 1908-1929

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1 Box (5 linear inches)

Historical Sketch: The Plymouth Cordage Company was a rope manufacturer established in 1824 and was located in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Established by Bourne Spooner, the Cordage Company gained a reputation for producing the highest quality cordage in the world. The Company was also known for, at the time, its unique business model, which in addition to providing employment, also supported its workers through providing company housing, education, recreation, and medical facilities.

One of the first large orders produced by the Plymouth Cordage Company was for Kingston ship builder Joseph Holmes who had requested a “gang” of cordage – all the rigging, etc for one of his schooners. The total came to 2,149 pounds of rope at ten cents per a pound.

The Plymouth Cordage Company became so successful that it subsequently acquired cordage companies in Canada and Louisiana. Despite many hardships the Company continued to survive until it was sold to Columbian Rope Company in 1966.

Plymouth Products is a series of bulletins giving information concerning the company and its products.

Scope and Content: Published by Plymouth Cordage Company, each *Plymouth Products* catalog discussed the cordage products produced by the company and how the products were used worldwide. Each issue contains a number of stories and photographs that provide insight to local and worldwide happenings. Also of note, in each catalog a listing is provided of Plymouth Rope distributors.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Advertisement: Plymouth Rope Goes to the South Pole <i>Plymouth Products</i> Catalog: June 1927 (No. 170)
	n/a	<i>Plymouth Products</i> Catalog: May 1908 – March 1914 (No. 1-24)
	n/a	<i>Plymouth Products</i> Catalog: April 1914 – May 1916 (No. 25 – 50)
	n/a	<i>Plymouth Products</i> Catalog: June 1916 – December 1918 (No. 51 – 81)
	n/a	<i>Plymouth Product</i> Catalog: January 1919 – July / August 1921 (No. 82 – 112)
	n/a	<i>Plymouth Product</i> Catalog: September 1921 – May 1924 (No. 113 – 139)
	n/a	<i>Plymouth Product</i> Catalog: June / July 1924 – February 1927 (No. 140 – 166)

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n/a	<i>Plymouth Product</i> Catalog: March 1967 – November 1929 (No. 167 – 193)
2	Pamphlet the <i>Romance of the Rope</i> printed by Cordage Company 1932 Pamphlet <i>Plymouth Cordage Club</i> 1924 Pamphlet The Plymouth Cordage Company One Hundred-Anniversary Celebration 1924

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