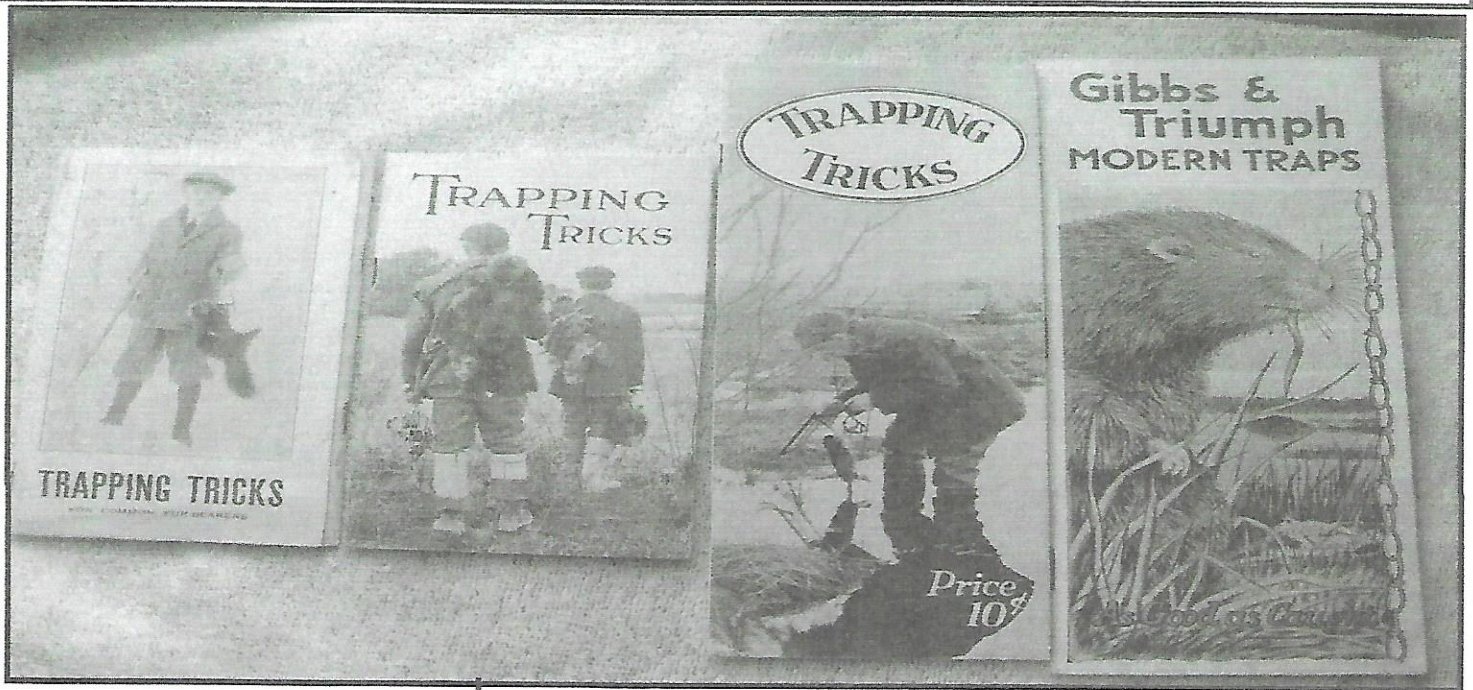


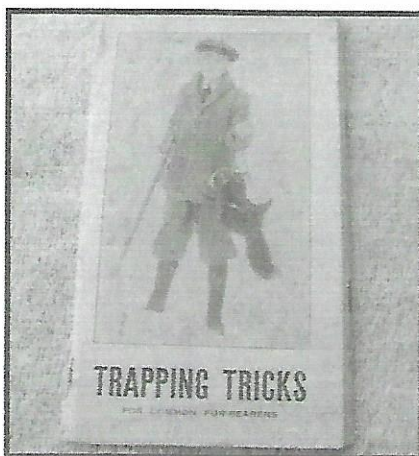
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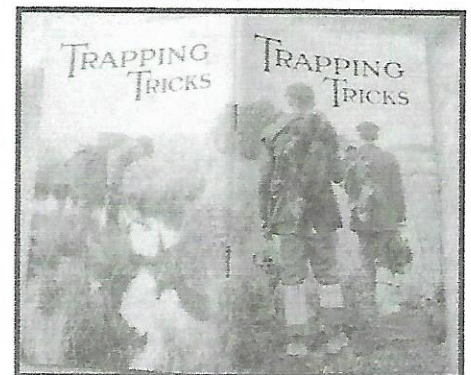
The Triumph Trap Company made a booklet to promote their traps and also give trappers tips for catching all of the common furbearers. Dick Wood, who was a Field Specialist and Wildlife Photographer for Triumph, was credited with writing the earlier ones. There are several editions, with the first edition coming out in 1918. The first edition had a trifold cover with a boy on the cover holding a rifle and a skunk in a trap. The skunk still looks to be alive!! It had 50 pages.

1918 Cover, 1918 Outside Cover,
1918 Inside Cover, 1918 Dick Wood



All editions following the first had bifold covers. The second, third and fourth edition covers had a man and boy with muskrats hanging down their backs on the front and a man with a pipe setting a trap on the back. If the booklet was opened and laid flat, a person could see that it was one photo. The 1919 edition had 62 pages. More information on Triumph traps was included. The 1920 edition also had 62 pages, but the material had been rearranged.

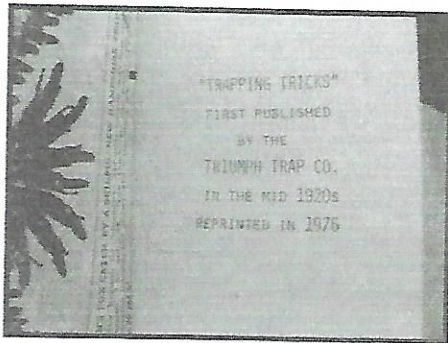
1919 Outside Cover



The 1925 edition was the first to be marked with an edition number. It was marked as the third edition,

but would have actually been the fourth. It had 74 pages and included information on coil spring traps. This was the first booklet that did not have Dick Woods name or photo in it. This correlates with when Dick Woods left Triumph. A modern reprint of the 1925 edition was done in 1976. This is evident by the second sheet of the booklet along with the lower photo quality due to copying.

1976 Reprint



Editions four through eight should have been printed from 1926 to 1929 but I do not know if they were or not. I do not have copies of those editions, if printed, and was wondering if any association members had these editions. If so, I would greatly appreciate a photocopy or picture of the outside of the front and back covers along with an image of the page with the edition number and year on it.

The ninth edition came out in 1930 and had 68 pages. It was a larger size than the original booklets. It had a single man on the front retrieving a trap with a muskrat in it. The back cover included drawings of wild animal tracks. This booklet included the Easy Set and Super Grip Traps.

Some of these booklets included leaflets from the company that was selling Triumph traps and distributing the booklets such as Montgomery Ward and HC Metcalf and Co. along with memberships to the

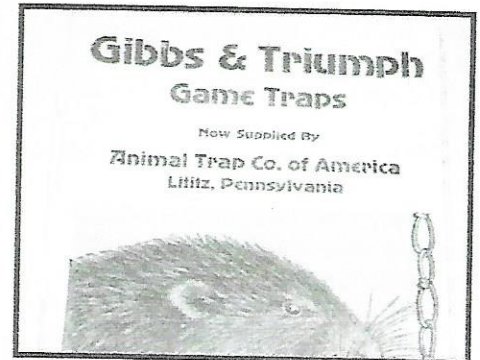
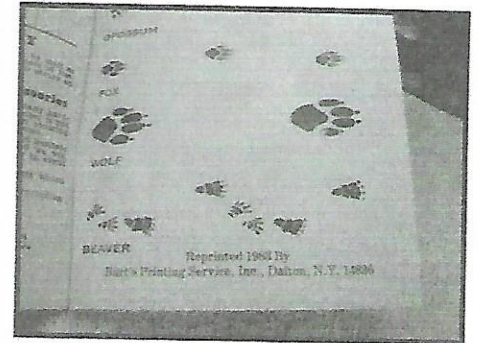
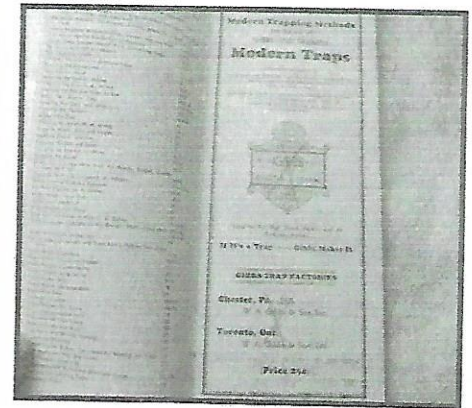
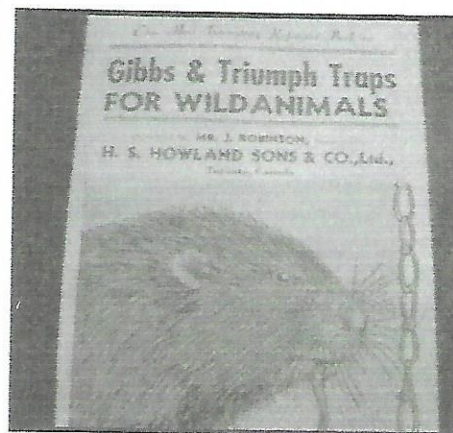
American Trapper's Association which included a subscription to Fur-Fish-Game.

Leaflets



After Gibbs purchased Triumph, the booklet was redone to include Gibbs traps and the title was changed to Gibbs and Triumph Modern Traps. This booklet was a little larger than the last one done by Triumph and had 114 pages. There are copies of the booklets that have names of the companies which are selling the traps on the front cover. When Gibbs was bought out by Animal Trap Company (ATC), ATC crossed Gibbs out in red and stamped ATC's information inside both covers in blue. A modern reprint was done in 1983 and is noted inside the back cover on the bottom of those reprinted booklets.

Gibbs, ATC, 1983 Reprint



I encourage members who have information contrary to what I have discussed above to send me an email or respond in the magazine. I also encourage members to share photos of their trapping literature with me via email or everyone in the magazine.

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