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Charles Coasey



Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, Mt 59772

Dear Mr Nemes,

May 20, 1991

We are in receipt of your new book,
Soft Necked Fly Imitations. It was
our understanding this book was to
be signed by you and to have a
fly inside; however, our copy
has neither. Please advise how
you wish to handle this matter.
Thank you.

DONNA + CHARLES CREASY
1730 SPRING GARDEN AVENUE
BERWICK, PA 18603

You will note from the pre publication
copy that a fly was not offered.
Return the book, Say will sign it
and we will refund the shipping
cost

Thank you

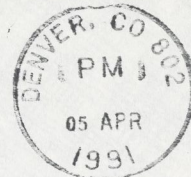
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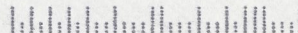
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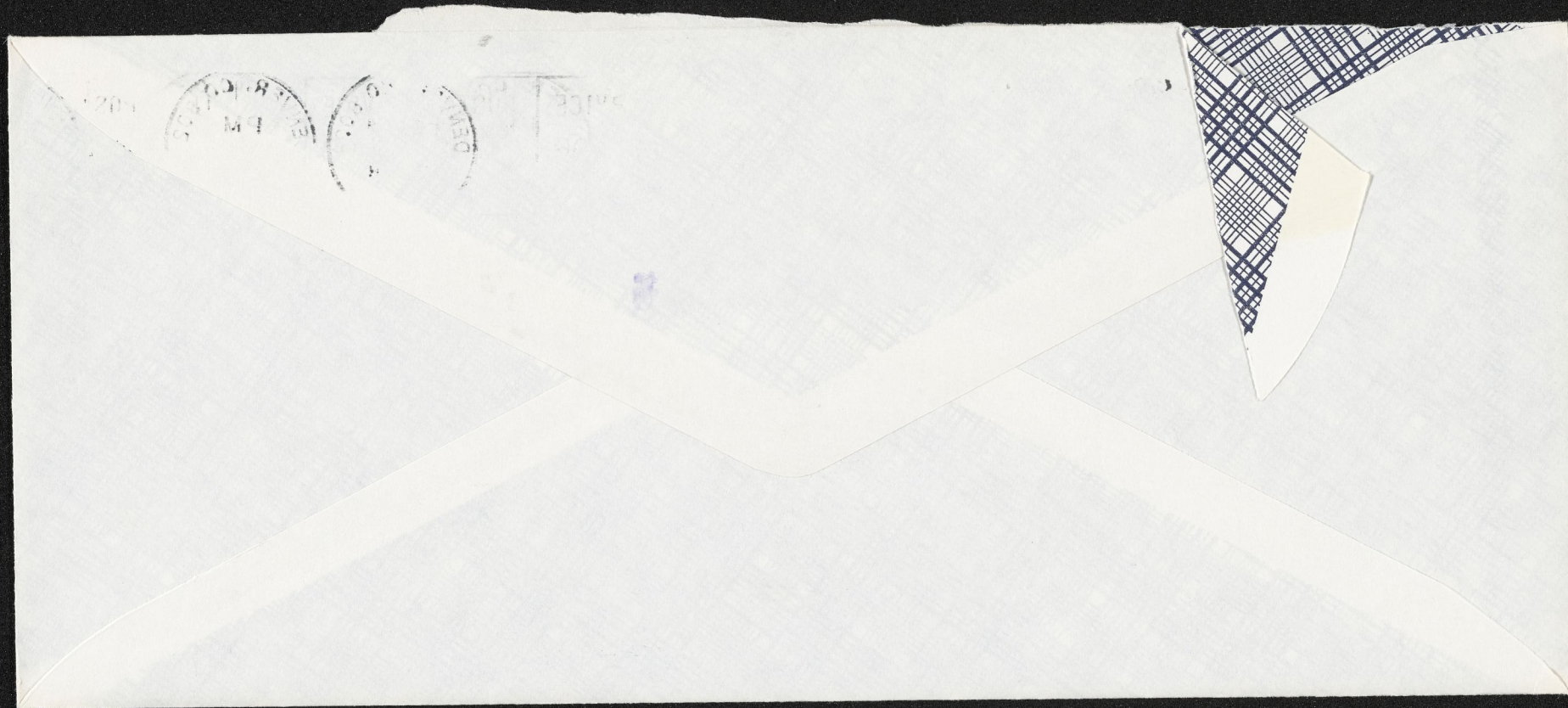
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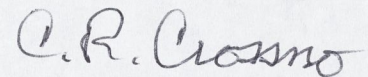
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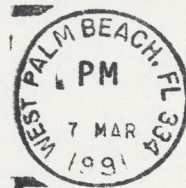
I would like to order an autographed copy of the book Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations. Enclosed is a \$24.95 check for the pre-publication offer. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. R. Crossno".

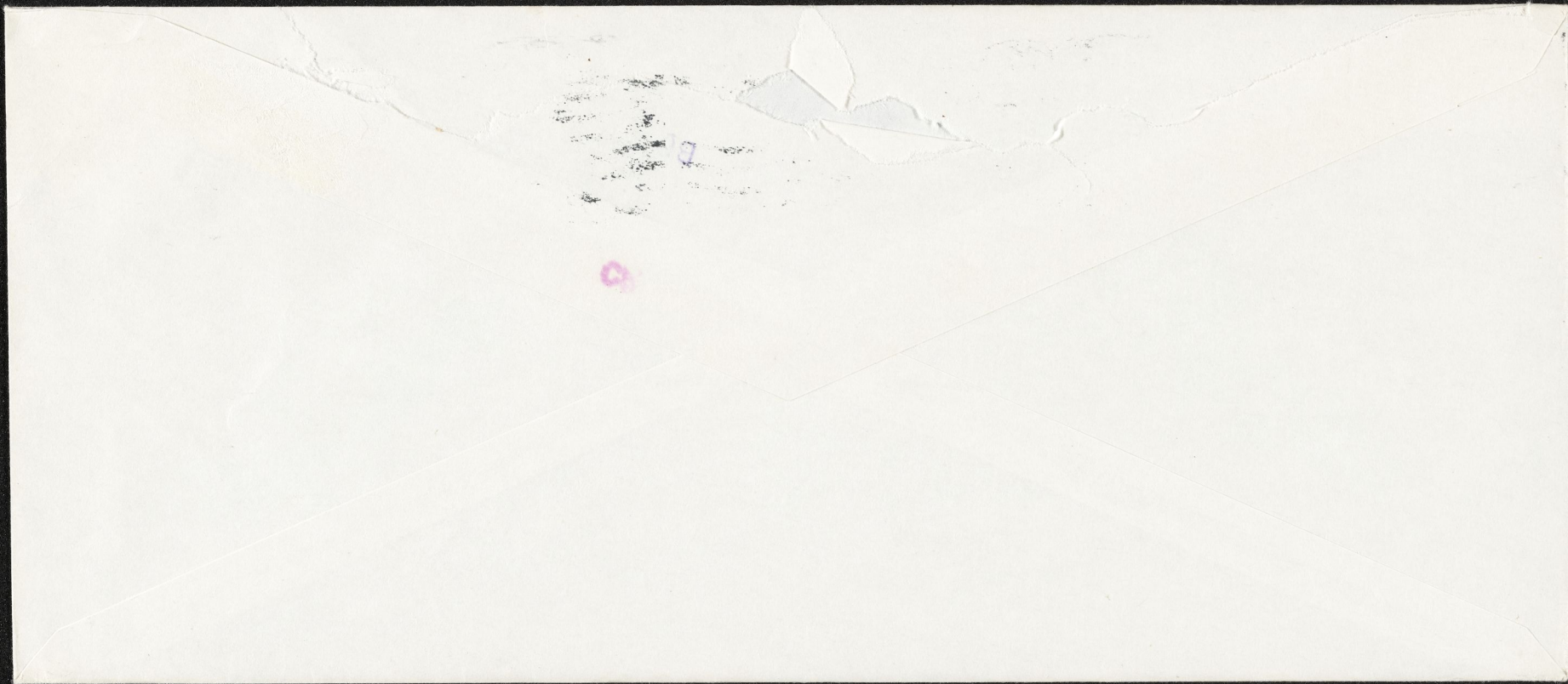
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George H. Crane Jr., D.D.S.
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George H. Crane Jr., D.D.S.
1431 Blanchan Avenue
LaGrange Park, Illinois 60525

March 5, 1991.

Dear Syl,

In 1975 I attended a "T.U." banquet in Chicago and I was fortunate to win a copy of the "Soft-Hackled Fly." You told me it will be mailed as soon as it is available. In 1981 I ordered and paid for a copy of "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict" also not yet published. The book was forthcoming about 2 months later. Now it is March 1991 and we are waiting for "The Soft Hackled Fly Imitations". All of this indicates that anything that Syl Names has to say about the Soft-Hackles is well worth waiting for. Not wanting to change the order of things, here is my order and check.

I am completely addicted and I have sent several friends down the primrose path. They are all happy.

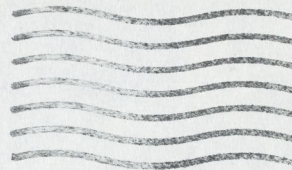
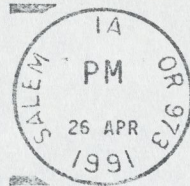
This April I will be on the P.M. for my 54th opening and the old River is still good, not quite as good as years ago but I love the old gal. Hope I will see you one of these times.

I see Doug Vanerka at or monthly meetings. Right now we are in Stuart Fla, have been here since middle Jan.

Best to a brother-hayler

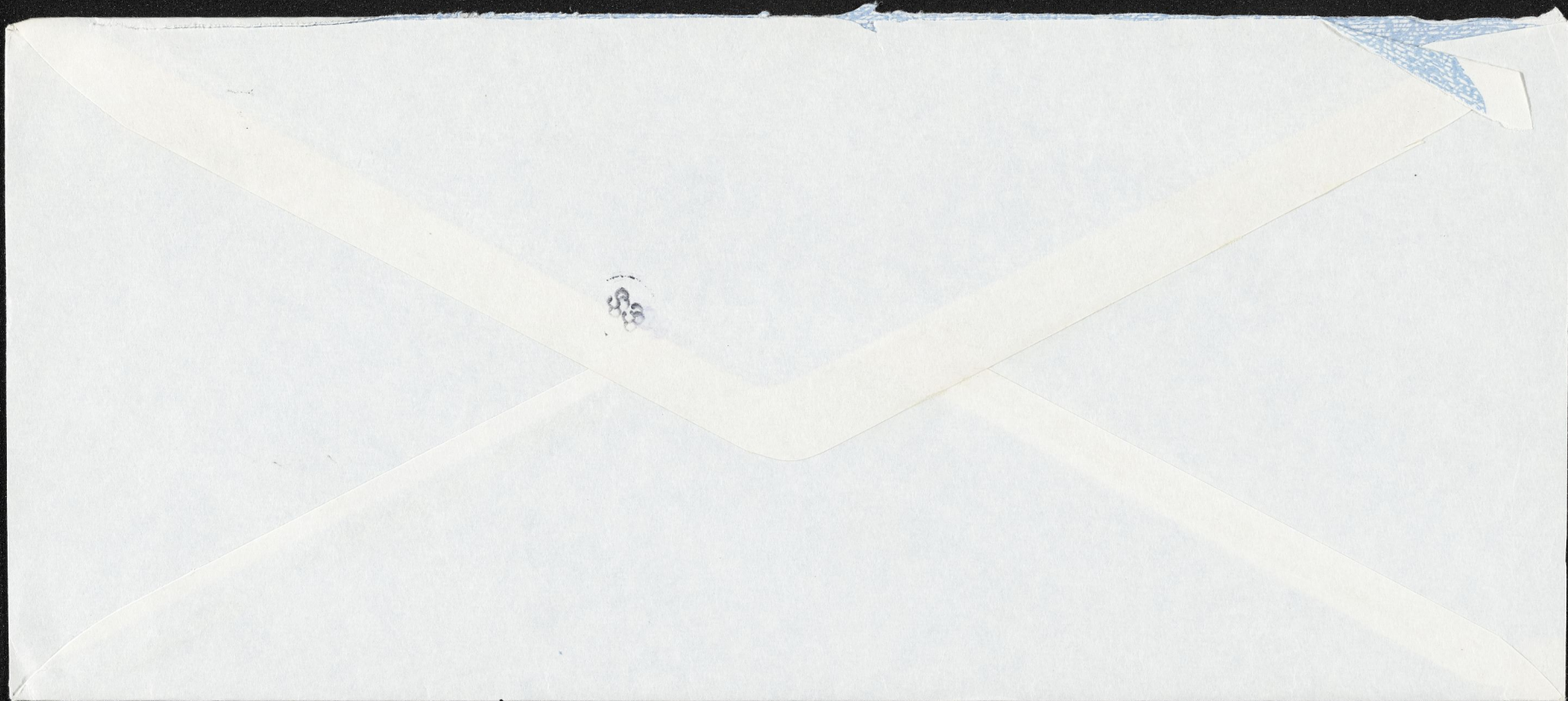
George.

Kenneth A. Crow, MD
1500 S.W. 12th Avenue
Albany, Oregon 97321



2 Books
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1500 W. 12th Ave.
Albany, Oregon 97321
April 26, 1991

Syl Hemes
P.O. Box 3782
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Dear Mr. Hemes,

This letter is to order two of your
new book Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations.
I notice I missed the April 15th date
but hope you can send me copies signed
by you. I would like one signed to me,
Ken Crow, and one to my flyfishing friend
and former guide out of West Yellowstone,
Gordon Seese.

A check for \$59.90 is enclosed.

Sincerely,
Kenneth A. Crow

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Enclosed is \$ 45.90 for two copies of your book Soft-hackled Fly Imitations. Please send them to:

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Thank you.

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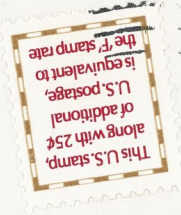
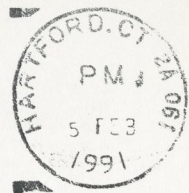
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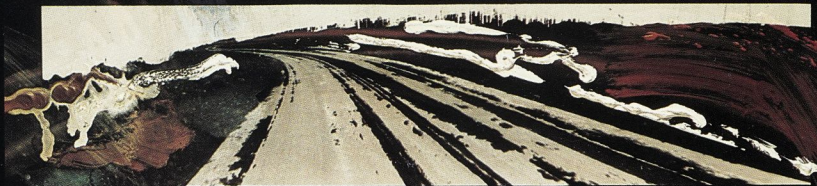
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Syl - thanks for yr
note about yr new
book. I enclose a
cheque. Look forward
to receiving it

very truly,

Bob Chaplin



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Syl Hatched My Invitation

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MESSAGE:

Syl,

I am really looking forward to reading your new books. Are you coming to Det in March? let me know. I am going to try & get out to Montana this summer.

Mike

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FROM

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4090 Azalea Drive
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Charleston, SC 29405

SUBJECT

Self-Helped by Dialectics

DATE

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MESSAGE:

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I am really looking forward to reading your new book. Are you coming to Oct in March? Let me know. I am going to try & get out to Monterrey this summer.

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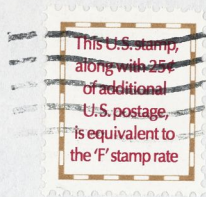
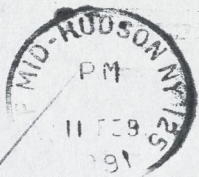
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Dear Maestro:

I treasure your book "The soft
Hackled Fly" and I'm sure this new
one is also something to cherish.
Please autograph it to Tony Castro
I'm now 73 and for as long as I live
I will never part with these books.
May God keep you fishing & healthy
for many years.

Thank you & Adios
Tony Castro

MR. SIDNEY S. CASTLE
3 Abeel Drive
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Syl Nemes
P.O Box 3782
Bozeman
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MR. SIDNEY S. CASTLE
3 Abeel Drive
Catskill, N. Y. 12414

Hi Syl

Great News. I have been waiting for your new book. Enclosed is my 22.95 AT pre-publication price.

I would like it signed to "Sid", if that is possible and a soft hackle added like you did for my other book (Your mother's day card). If this is extra, I have add a SASE. Please let me know.

I am still a couple of years away from retirement so I don't fish as much as I like, however, I do use soft hackles a good percentage of the time.

I have been fly fishing for about four years now and tying for a couple. I attended a class this winter, and when they were not going to illustrate soft hackles, I got an hour one class

And demonstrated how easy soft
hacks really are. I used your
books as reference and have got a
couple of my friends as "Converts".
I have given your address and new book
descriptio. Hope they order.

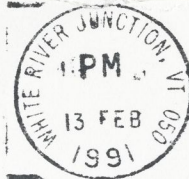
Thanks for everything, hope you and
Helen have a super summer.

Regards
Sid



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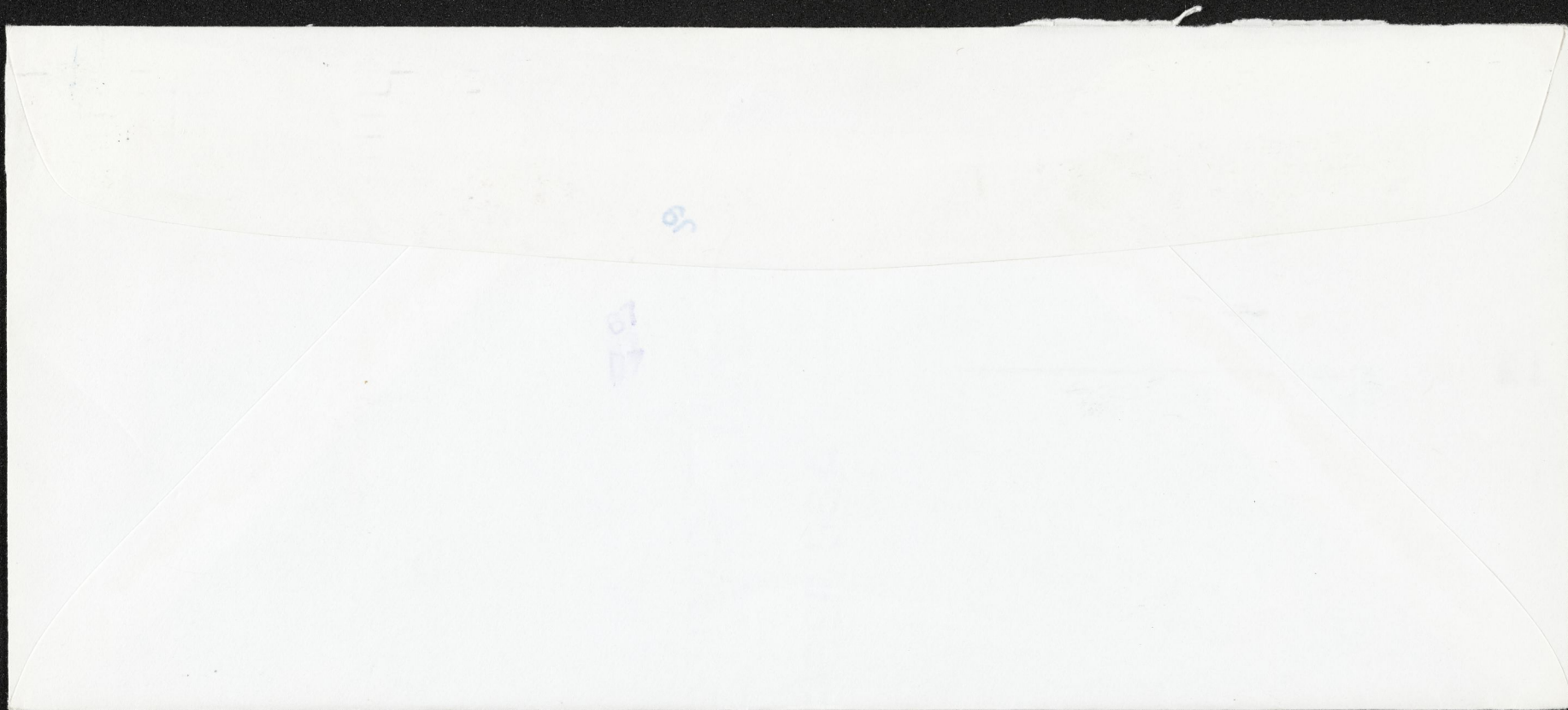
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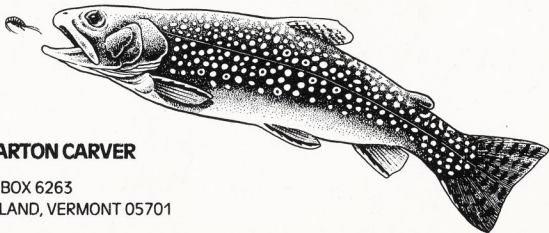
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WORLD-WIDE ANGLING

Syl Nemes
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Bozeman, MT 59772

February 1, 1991

Dear friend of the Soft Hackle:

You may have heard I have been working on a new book on soft hackles since my retirement here in Bozeman, Mt. Now, after three years testing new patterns and one year writing, SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS is finished and will be published sometime in April by me and my wife, Hazel.

This is the most advanced and perhaps the most enlightening of the three books I've written on the soft-hackled fly because each pattern was designed to be used during the rise of certain trout insects. There is a midge, pale morning dun, four baetis, two tricos, callibaetis, green drake, mother's day caddis, mahogany dun, rusty spinner, and freshwater shrimp. There are also six soft-hackled patterns for eastern waters designed by a good friend of mine who fishes in the Catskills most of the year. If I've left out your favorite hatch, there is a chapter on designing your own soft hackles to help you match the hatches in your own backyard.

All of the new imitations are as easy to tie as any soft hackle, still basically a two part fly of body and bird or hen hackle. You will see all of the flies in color, photographed, as well as painted by James Marc, fine artist from California who also happens to be an avid fly fisherman. Included are all of the new dressings and tying and fishing instructions on most of the great trout water in Montana and Idaho.

SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS also has an introduction by Dave Hughes, himself a proponent of the soft-hackled fly.

The 6 x 9 inch, 120 page book is bound in fine sail cloth and will retail for \$27.95. I'm writing you with a pre-publication offer of \$22.95 ppd. This means you will be first in the country to receive your first edition copy, autographed by me, long before the book appears in stores and fly shops, if you send your payment now.

Thanks for your previous purchases, phone calls and letters. Now, there is quite an army of followers and believers in the soft-hackled fly.

Sincerely,

Syl Nemes
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April 2, 1991

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
P.O. Box 3782
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Dear Sly:

Enclosed please find my check for \$24.95 for your new book.

I already figured out that the larger imitations of the actual insect are the way they ought to go.

I don't know about the "effective on the swing" except that I'm mending up river. I'm sure the "surer deeper" hooking is directly related to the type of hook and the upstream mending.

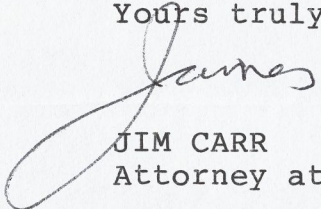
Thanks for the note on your card. I'm putting it behind my desk next to Johnny Voker's signed testament of a fisherman.

If you could put something appropriate along with your signature, I would appreciate it. Hope to see you at the Barns Holes or on the road by the Firehole between July 17th and August 3rd.

I'm also going to try your flies, floating the yellowstone, and in the second meadow of Slough Creek.

Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,



JIM CARR
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N. CARPENTER
19 DEVONWOOD
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Please send ^{2.} "Soft Hackled Fly Imitations"

Thanks, Norm

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Mr. Nemes

Enclosed is a check For 2 of your
new books One for myself and one
For a friend of mine.

Thank you
Ken Carlson

send to
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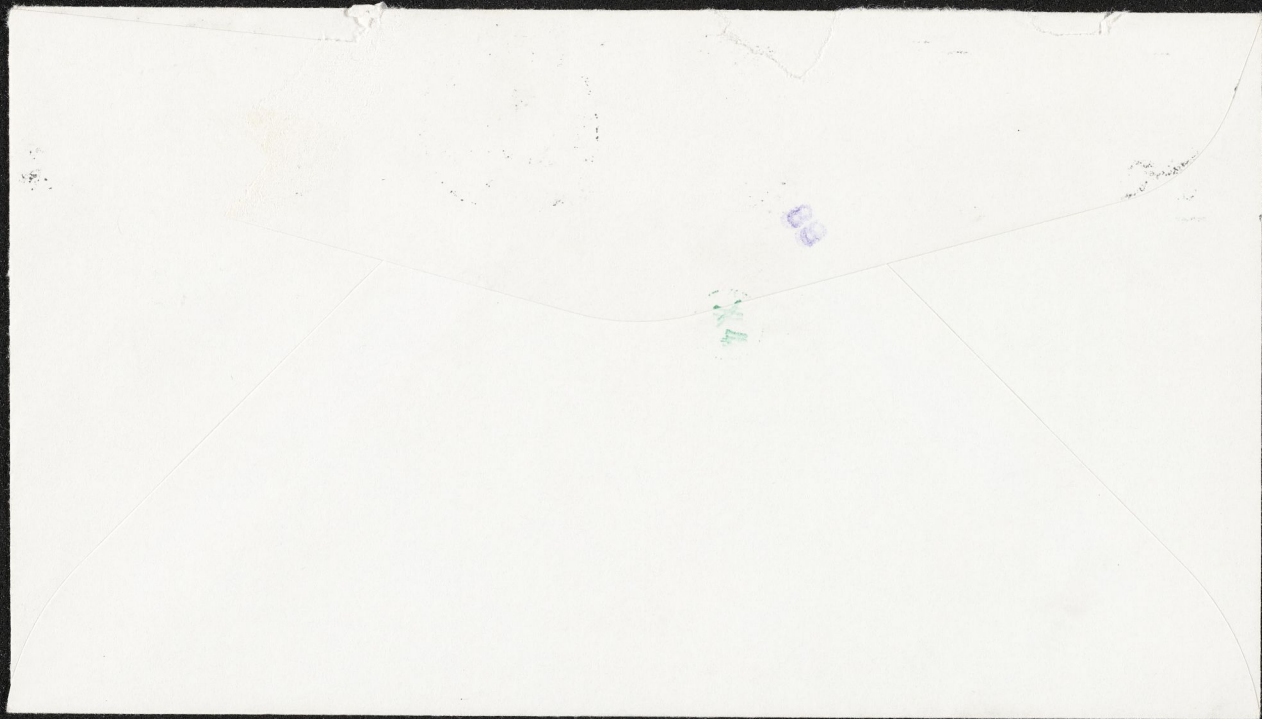
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11 MARCH 1991
Kingwood, WV

Dear Sir:

On the 11th of March we talked on the phone about your new book and a reprint of THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY. I've enclosed a money order for both books, \$41.90.

As mentioned on the 11th, I am on a job in West Virginia and therefore would like THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY sent here - TOM CARLIN
P.O. BOX 544
KINGWOOD, WV 26537

Your new book, SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS, I'd like to be sent to my home in North Carolina - 5613 NIX RD
FAYETTEVILLE, NC
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You mentioned that you've done four books and I'd like information on the other titles, if you have the time.

For your most kind consideration, I am

Sincerely yours.

Tom Carlin

J. CAMBRIDGE
ZOO HINES RD.
NEWFIELD, N.Y. 14867



Mr. Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT. 59772

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Dear Mr. Nemes,

I'm enclosing a money order to cover the cost of your new book on the soft-hackled fly. I was first introduced to them years ago by an uncle of mine in Scotland. I have both of your other books and have enjoyed them immensely; I am eagerly awaiting the chance to read your latest creation.

I do have a small favor to ask. Since I've been a devotee of the soft-hackle for many years, some of the local anglers have roped me into doing a presentation on the soft hackle for a gathering of fly fishermen taking place in Ithaca, New York on March 9, 1990. I'd like to have your 3rd book by then, both for reference and for displays. If you could expedite delivery I'd be most appreciative. In any case, I'm eagerly awaiting a chance to read it. As always, I'm sure it will contain valuable information and sound advice.

Best wishes for the coming season!

Tight lines,

Joe Cambridge
200 Hines Road
Newfield, N.Y. 14867

P.S. If there are any extra charges for expedited delivery, please bill me for the difference and I'll get a second check off to you. Thanks.

STEVE CHEW
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DEAR SYL and HAZEL,

I'm LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF
YOUR NEW BOOK. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR
\$22⁹⁵. SYL, WOULD YOU AUTOGRAPH THE BOOK TO
BOTH KEVIN and ME? BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN
VERY PLEASED WITH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
SPINNER PATTERNS ON CALIFORNIA TROUT.

HOPe TO SEE THE BOTH OF YOU AT THE
FEDERATION MEETING IN APRIL IN LOS ANGELES.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY WITH US DURING
YOUR VISIT TO SUNNY and VERY DRY CALIFORNIA.

SINCERELY,

STEVE CHEW

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Dear Syl & Hazel,

Got your message about the book. Here is my check of \$22.95 for the "Imitations". Been looking forward to this event.

Sorry again for what happened last October.

This August, I plan to fish Merrell Lake & Boulder River as I did last year. I will be in Livingston August 6 waiting to meet my gang. We will disband on Aug 18 when I will be free to return home or to fish somewhere else. Perhaps if you are not traveling around, we might meet for dinner or something around the latter date. I don't have to be home immediately most likely.

Sincerely,

Calvin

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- GILLUM 9ft2pc2tip - Line 7. I've used this rod as a Light Salmon Rod, and can report that it is a great tool. Casts extremely well and has enough "Wood" to handle fish. No Stamp on reelseat, in superb condition. \$2200.
- GRANGER 8ft6in - Line 6. An original GOODWIN. Varnish is crazed. All Sections full length. \$225.
- HANSON 8ft2pc2tip - Line 6. Fast Dry Fly Action by one of the country's premiere Hand Planers. \$850.
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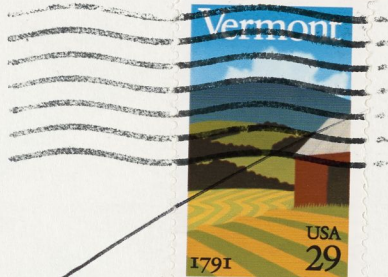
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- PAYNE 13ft3pc2tip - Line 9. Two Handed Salmon Rod. In great shape, with everything full, needing one wrap re-done. \$850
- PAYNE 8ft2pc2tip - Line 5. Model 102. Original bag, tag, ferrule plug and tube. Looks new. \$3200.
- POWELL 9ft6in2pc2tip - Line 5. An original E.C. Circa 1950. This rod weighs approx. 5oz. In excellent original condition. \$950
- WINSTON 9ft2pc2tip - Line 7. A San Francisco Rod built for Datus Proper. This rod is virtually NEW and will cast a mile. \$1000.
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- ORVIS CFO III, w/new WF6F. \$140
- PEAK 8ft9in2pc1tip - Line 8. A original Russ Peak fiberglass \$350.

I expect to be at the Midwest Fly Fishing Exposition and the Northeast Antique Anglers Show in March. See you there.

FH Chormann, Jr.
P.O. Box 601
Concord, NH 03302-0601



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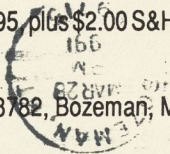
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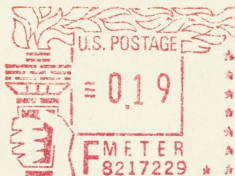
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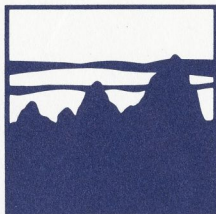
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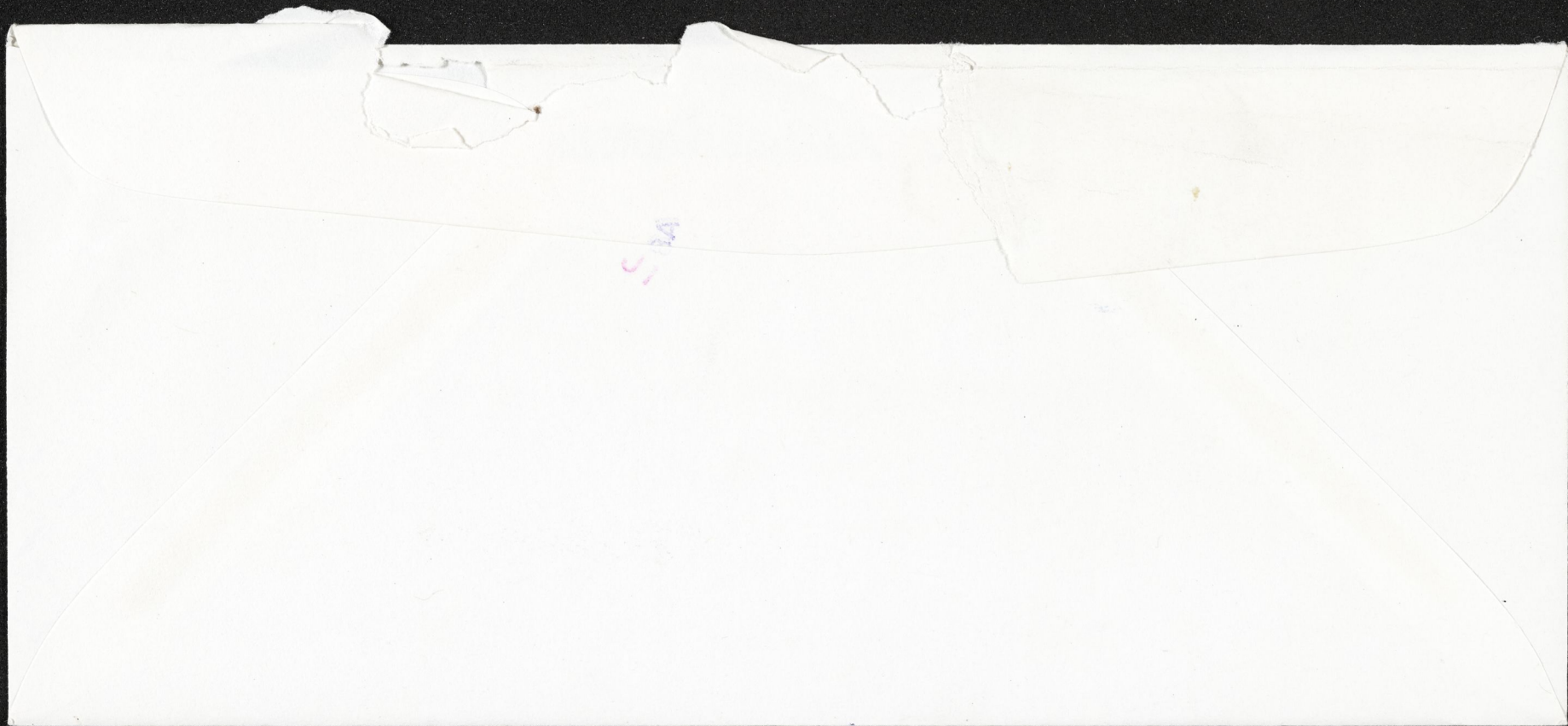


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Syl Nemes
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February 1, 1991

Dear friend of the Soft Hackle:

You may have heard I have been working on a new book on soft hackles since my retirement here in Bozeman, Mt. Now, after three years testing new patterns and one year writing, SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS is finished and will be published sometime in April by me and my wife, Hazel.

This is the most advanced and perhaps the most enlightening of the three books I've written on the soft-hackled fly because each pattern was designed to be used during the rise of certain trout insects. There is a midge, pale morning dun, four baetis, two tricos, callibaetis, green drake, mother's day caddis, mahogany dun, rusty spinner, and freshwater shrimp. There are also six soft-hackled patterns for eastern waters designed by a good friend of mine who fishes in the Catskills most of the year. If I've left out your favorite hatch, there is a chapter on designing your own soft hackles to help you match the hatches in your own backyard.

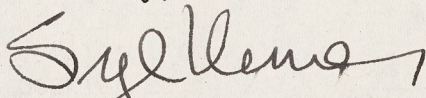
All of the new imitations are as easy to tie as any soft hackle, still basically a two part fly of body and bird or hen hackle. You will see all of the flies in color, photographed, as well as painted by James Marc, fine artist from California who also happens to be an avid fly fisherman. Included are all of the new dressings and tying and fishing instructions on most of the great trout water in Montana and Idaho.

SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS also has an introduction by Dave Hughes, himself a proponent of the soft-hackled fly.

The 6 x 9 inch, 120 page book is bound in fine sail cloth and will retail for \$27.95. I'm writing you with a pre-publication offer of \$22.95 ppd. This means you will be first in the country to receive your first edition copy, autographed by me, long before the book appears in stores and fly shops, if you send your payment now.

Thanks for your previous purchases, phone calls and letters. Now, there is quite an army of followers and believers in the soft-hackled fly.

Sincerely,


Syl Nemes

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Sylvester Nexes
P.O. Box 3782
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504 Dogwood Ave.
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April 1, 1991

Dear Sir:

I would like to order your
"Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations" book
you told me about in your
letter of February.

I am sorry I haven't
ordered sooner but I have
been away fishing myself.

Find enclosed check for
\$22.⁹⁵ -

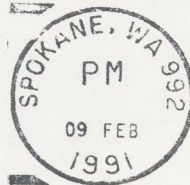
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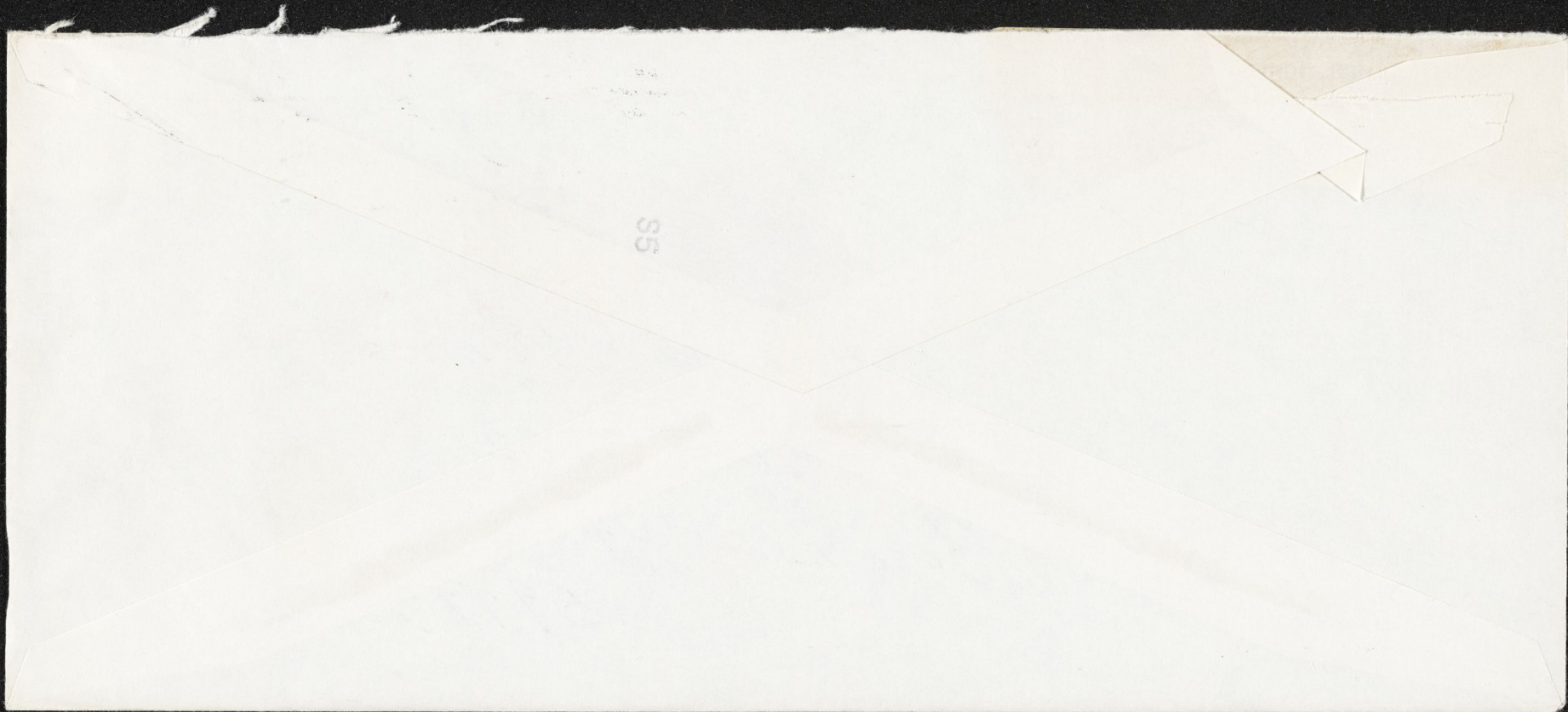
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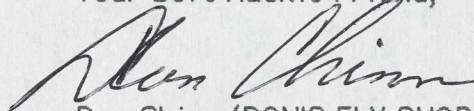
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Dear Mr Nemes:

I am excited to hear about your new book and I'm sure it will be in big demand. I will be glad to do a review of SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS in the column I write for THE OUTDOOR PRESS and in THE FLY LEAF. I will also promote it in my fly shop as soon as it is available.

Enclosed is my check for \$22.95.

Your Soft Hackle Friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Chinn".

Don Chinn (DON'S FLY SHOP)
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Mr. Sylvester Nemes
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Peter P. Chevis, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Nemes —

I am writing just to check on the status
of SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS. Not having
received my copy, I wondered whether it
has been published yet, or perhaps sent to
my old address & not forwarded.

If the book hasn't yet been sent, please be
sure to send it to me at the address
given above. If it has already been
sent, could you have the Post Office
conduct a service search?

Thanks very much,

Peter Chevis —

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Dear Syl,

I remember promising you a box of P.C. Tips tea. Its my favorite. I'm sure your wife will also enjoy it. I went fishing during Thanksgiving. Caught one rainbow on a tailwater stream near my home. It was in the 60's. Beautiful day. Nothing rising. If it warms up this month I'll try to fish another day before Christmas.

Maybe I'll make it to Bozeman this summer. I may go to Albuquerque or New Mexico. Ask you on the internet. If so, my e mail is cmike@vol.com. Take care
Mike

MR JOHN W. CUMMINGS

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March 15, 1979

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
c/o The Chatham Press
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Dear Mr. Nemes,

I just passed my 47th year of birth and being slow of mind and feeble of gate have just gotten around to being a fly fisherman for trout. I have pestered the fishes since old enough to walk and have used the fly rod on bass for many years. But it has finally come to pass that I should be a fly fisherman for trout.

As one nears 50 he realizes a pretty damn big portion of his life is behind him and he is staring the short side right in the teeth. Well, Sir, as a spin fisherman - basically small lures on ultra-light equipment - my season does not really begin till late April, early May and is over the middle of July, maybe August on the big rivers such as the Ausable and Battenkill. But why should it be?

This realization occurred last year during the month of October when it was too darn hot to hunt and the trout streams were in pretty nice shape. I went, but I got skunked and I don't like to get skunked - it's bad for my reputation.

So, to make a long story short, I built myself a new 8 foot rod, purchased a couple new lines, a host of fly tying equipment and numerous books. And pestered the hell out of a few friends who are fly fisherman.

Most of the books I have read have elevated the trout up to a level of a god. I don't believe it is so. I live 10 minutes from a small stream and I caught and released over 400 fish last season so they can't be too smart. The last book purchased was your The Soft Hackled Fly. I wish it had been the first. Sure would have saved me a few hours at the tying bench. I've got enough nymphs tied up to supply the state plus streamers and dries and wets and you name it. Simply, your system and flies make more sense than anything I have read and I plan to give it a good workout comes April 1st.

I am in a quandry:

(1) Where the devil do you get Snipe Wings?

I have checked every catalog going and no one seems to carry them. Is there an alternative? One book I read said snipe was Buff - another said Dun. Your pictures appear to have a Dun shade but white tipped.

(2) What is a jackdaw and where the devil can I get it? Or is there an alternative? The dictionary said it is a black bird. Can one use crow?

(3) Is there an alternative to your starling wing?

I have tied up all the rest of your flies - 2 of each size and color combos - but I cannot complete the series until I am afforded alternatives, or solutions.

On hooks. I use the 3906 on the 10's and 12's and 3906B on the 14's and 16's to get room for the thorax. Being new at this game I still haven't tied a 16 thorax as nimble fingers hasn't quite got the game down pat. Otherwise, the flies tied easily and quickly.

If you can help me out on the above questions, I would really appreciate it. You know I wonder just how smart I was getting into this fly business. To finish a thought - I want my seasons as long as they can possibly be.

Again, I enjoyed your book and have ordered two more copies to give to friends.

I agree with the release philosophy. I kept a total of 33 trout last year because I love to eat them. My son and I kept some nice fat brookies from West Canada Creek. They were absolutely delicious.

Have a good season with blue skies and tight lines and if you are ever in this area, give me a call. I'll show you a quiet little stream that has given me unbelievable hours of happiness.

Respectfully,


John W. Cummings

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Aug. 14, 1981

Dear Syl,

My letter of yesterday, in retrospect, was too short and terse for an exchange between two brethren of the angle. I am really looking forward to your new book. I treasure your original publication and as you will recall, I purchased several copies for various angling friends. I have had great success with the soft hackles, and I have done a lot of experimenting with variations of flies using the soft hackle basic theory & construction. One variation is a long bodied nymph #8 or #10 with a body of the new "Suzanne" material. If I have not lost them all or given them away I will enclose one with this letter. I had great luck with it on the opening on the P.M. this spring. Also I have done well in the spring with soft hackle #6 tied with grossly oversize hackles. No matter the size, the action & attraction is still there.

I am enclosing some feathers from a wild Turkey poult (road kill) that Joe Hammon & I picked up during our two week stay at Baldwin this July & August. We skinned the creature and it is still tacked down on the drying

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board, but I managed to pluck a few feathers from the skin which are enclosed. Hope you find them interesting and will try them.

I don't think they (small sizes) are too different from Partridge or grouse but possibly we could add a Michigan Wild Turkey pattern to the list.

My fishing this year has been somewhat restricted by the fact that my wife Jeanne had a total hip replacement operation on June 22nd. She is doing beautifully and looking forward to having the second operation on the left hip this fall.


I hope I have the Oak Brook Chapter of TU on the road to recovery. Hope you can make one of our meetings sometime.

Anxiously awaiting "The Soft Hocked Fly Addict".

Sincerely
Geo.

P.S. The shortness of the previous letter was due to the fact that I had two patients waiting

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November 13, 1975

Dear Syl,

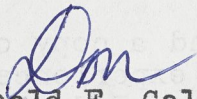
I read your article in the Fly Fisherman magazine, and a copy of your book arrived in the mail yesterday. Since your experiences and theories reinforce my own biases about soft hackles I decided to drop you a line. In a way I'm sorry you wrote the book, because it will let more anglers in on "it," however most fly fishermen seem predisposed to a particular type of fly fishing, so perhaps the information won't convert too many. Since I didn't have your address I sent this letter to Don Zahner at the FFM office for forwarding to you.

I learned to tie flies when I was about 15 years old. My older brother taught me right after the 2nd WW. After college, as I started career and family, I gave all my equipment and materials away because I lived too far from any trout water. Incidentally, I also fished the San Gabriel River a great deal, but it was mostly put and take. The California Department of Fish and Game are now considering making the West Fork a wild trout stream, with a no kill limit, and flies only. My interest in tying was rekindled when I moved to Bishop, California, nine years ago. I'm a public school administrator. I staggered around a great deal, trying to put together a simple system that would consistently catch trout. On one junket about 8 years ago I even ended up in West Yellowstone the last week of June, not really knowing where to fish or how to go about it. With the help of a friendly ranger, I was directed to a particular spot on the Firehole, where, more by accident than anything else, I caught some nice browns. Since then I've been back three more times, with the best so far a 19 inch rainbow from Biscuit Basin. I have had some terrific fishing in August in the Yellowstone River at Dragon's Mouth for big cutthroat, also. Things really began to fall in place for me also, when I read Schwiebert's "Nymphs." Those drawings of the caddis nymphs (pupa) looked quite a bit like the brown hackle peacocks I had been using quite successfully. My fly book is now full of my own ties of soft hackle wets. Rather than using floss, I dub most of my fly bodies, and rib them with light copper wire. The Owens River, my home water, is loaded with caddis. I believe the soft hackles imitate the caddis pupa more than other nymph types, although, as you point out, the soft hackles also imitate many other nymph forms. Hot Creek is about 35 miles from Bishop. During the season I pay several visits there. Although it is known as a dry fly stream, I consistently outfished my dry fly friends there. In June I followed a dry fly man down a particularly good run, catching two browns of 16 and 17 inches while he went fishless. Just at dark a hatch of caddis comes off all summer long. For about 20 minutes it is fast and furious with the soft hackles. Usually I am all alone because the dry fly men have already quit; they can't see their flies any longer.

Congratulations on a fine book. I hope to meet and fish with you some day. This summer I plan to be in West Yellowstone the week of the 21st of June (for the Firehole, the upper Madison, and the green drakes on Henry's Fork), and again in August when I take my

son to college in Rexburg, Idaho. I might even be able to hit Silver Creek one evening on the way to the FFF Conclave in Sun Valley.

Sincerely,


Donald E. Calaway
2756 Sierra Vista Way
Bishop, California 93514

PS After reading your article in FFM I tied up a couple of size 12 hackle only (no body) flies. As predicted, they caught fish consistently. I finally lost one fly, but the other day I noticed the other no-body in my fly book. I'll use it this fall and winter. The Owens is open year around.

Dear Syl:

A note I received via our secretary told me that on 5-29-75 at 1:00 PM a man called and said he was a school mate at Kent State by the name of Sylvester Nemes. It seems so far in the dark ages that I was tempted to tell her no one I knew in college could be still living, but she believes every word I say, so I didn't dare push her any further into flaming meno-Pause. I hired her so I have to be protective. Anyone with legs like a tackle who wears mini-skirts and blue panty-hose has to be special.

As drop-outs in the sphere of creative writing, I assume your book concerns fishing, although The Soft Tackle Fly has a John Updike kind of flair to it like Rabbit, Run which was not about raising chinchillas, as I recall. The very best with it, whatever it concerns. I'll even order a copy via the last word in book departments at O'Neil's in Akron, which thinks the Cocktail Party is a volume on mixed drinks. I have too friends who are ardent fishermen, or drink a hell of a lot anyway. I can bask in reflected glory, knowing the latest greatest author since The Compleat Angler.

My writing has never stopped but has never been lucrative. As a complete switch I went into painting, having sold 18 for ten to fifty bucks apiece. I came on a technique which does not require the need ~~for~~ for brushes, which always bothered me as much as a typewriter in writing. The one novel I completed only got sent away two times because I couldn't stand copying it over and over every time some god-damned assistant editor fucked up the manuscript. At the time it was highly gross material. Now it would rank next to Pollyanna.

I have to assume you are still free-lancing in the business photography field, although why you shouldn't be Cecil Beaton's chief competition is a good question at this stage of the game.

I,m second shift supervisor in Respiratory Therapy at the hospital, after twenty sven years of endeavor. Night life and booze have always kept me away from the day-time world of bright success. It's currently three o'clock in the morning and will be five before I convince the old body to lie down.

One nine year common-law marriage and an affair or two are all I have to add to the annals of time. Are you a grand-parent or better? My diaphragm has always stayed in place so my brother has had to carry on the name.

Let me know the publication date of your book. I want to give a couple of copies to friends as well as have one for myself.

The very best.

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are Big Manistee - 3rd Boice River - smaller
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Well, inform Sylvester that those two fellows
he gave the flies to - were 2 Mich State Police ^{Troopers}
on their fishing days - there are more trout fisherman
on - This section ^(capital of Mich) - Lansing - about a line acrossed state
Muskegon to Detroit 75 miles North - than there are
trout in the streams - all the Steelhead come out of
deep Lake Michigan in spring & fall.

My son patrols with one of them ^(Troopers) and he was telling
him to get this book. They are so pleased with those flies
their praise for Sylvester flies was the finest.
So I'll need his book too:
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