Dear Mr. Names:
I was happy to receive the copy of "Six Months in Scotland" the other day. Thank you! Now l' Il have something to do on the long train commutes to work besides twiddling my thumbs.

About "Two Centuries of Soft-Hackled Flies", actually I got a copy from my parents for Christmas -- after pointing them to my amazon. com wishlist. For some reason, I've been especially interested in the corncrake and orange and tried to approximate it with orange silk and a pale feather from the underwing of a starling skin I have.

By all means, please pass along the story and my address to Dave Hughes. I'm not sure it's up to par for a magazine, but what the heck! I gather that his wife is Japanese so she may be able to spot the weak points in my research!?!

It's been almost too cold to fish lately and I'm having to work every day anyway, but next week I have a couple of days off and weather permitting, I'm going to try a soft-hackle (maybe a \#10 pheasant tail) on the bigger rainbows holding in a channel of the river I described -- I've watched them from a walkway above and on the other bank from where I fish and they seem to stay on the bottom, perhaps because the water is so cold. I'm wondering if a sinking tip will get the fly down to them, and my poor mending technique will accidentally twitch the fly near their noses and entice them into a take...

Today during a lull in the English class, I showed my teenage students some soft-hackles that I tied this week. They understood "orange silk", and "rabbit fur", but I had to look up the Japanese word for partridge before they understood what kind of bird it was.
Interestingly, there's a train that runs from the Japan Sea down to Osaka named after a "ptarmigan" because it's considered fast.

Anyway, thank you again for "Six Months". It's a beautiful book! And whenever I get back to the states I just may take you up on your generous offer of a look at the Montana soft-hackled fly water.

Sincerely,


PS: | typed this up so as not to subject you to my handwriting a second time! Also, today I got a postcard from a little tackle shop out in the countryside west of Tokyo. The owner wrote that the season for the "Katsuragawa" river (where I caught my first trout on a partridge and orange) will begin on the 1st of March!

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Sir:
Ire wanted to write to thank you for some time Now, and here I have Finaly gotten around to potting Den to paper!!
I hope this letter finds you well and you are Fishing as much. as you wish to: Ire read your pool", The soft Itackle fly "and feel lick I want specifical thankyou simply because you've changed Profoundly the way I fishy and the way IFeel about, thick about and Look at Hishin. Like you I quean up Near cleveland, OH. chandon, Oft to be exact. My Bad was born on Saith Boss Island, and he
Kept a house up there, so Iqrew up fishing. I fled the midwest at 17 in 1977 For Colorado, and have fly fished since. I moved to Boraman in 1984- Hen to the flathead Vally in 1998. Fishing has been central to my recent life and is at the core of who I am. Of Course, I Fished Dryflies, + Nruphs tor the most pant, and was (still am) pretty succestull at it. I took op the two handed Rod a couple of years ago and pursue Steelledid with it. I.m consumed by steelhead by the way. Any way; I read your book lost Feb (OS) and promptly tied up a bunch of Flies. I. Fished them Very succestully on my home water starting in Fed and still. I have Not Fished anything but a soft hackle

For trout since feb!. I madifyed an Altaidstin and my fishing tackle Now consists of Rod \& Reel, Tin of Fly, Nippers, + Tippet! I fish them all the time, In m Cabmen, more Satisfied, and I dare say a More fulfilled Trout fish.' as a Result.' Remarkable! Thank You!! As I mentioned. I also suttee from the steelhead malaise. I stated out fishing pretty traditional Steelhead $f l y s$, but on a whin tied up some Soff Hackles on Alec Jackson $5^{\prime \prime}+7^{\prime 3}$ and Imediath, in areared my hookups! Out Rageous! My Steelhead box is now made up of Mostly Soft hackle type flies. My trout Fish in and My steelheading are So Similar as to be inchestingurshable but For the Rod + Red!! Thank you Aguibu!! Sorry for the obvious excitement, but I assure you Sir, Arm a better man for the soft Hackle fly. If you're ever in the flathead valhy, please feel free to hook we up. Id love to buy you dininen t Walkabout cleveland, fishy, etc.

Best Regards

Peter P. Chevies, J. 1307 Pine Chase Houston, Texas 77055


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\& received your introductory letter - informing us of your new book bring released. 1 m un/ excited. My husband this his own flies and makes his own fly poles (or rods). El too like to fish, but don't fly fish. She laves it.' (that isn't bad for a boy who grew up in th Brony and learned to cast a fly rod in a swomiming pool atop a New York mid-town Ahycrapen.)
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Dear Mr Nemes,
Please excuse the formality of a typed letter, but I am at present laid up in bed nursing a badly cut thumb on my casting hand:). Even more frustrating as the fishing season is well under way here in Connecticut. But, it's giving me the opportunity to complete reading your excellent book "The Soft Hackled Fly". Being a recent fan of the Wet Fly (I guess being English, it's a part of my blood any how), I found your book inspirational. I've found the soft hackle very effective in the small streams and rivers here the Natchaug, Willimantic and Farmington Rivers seem ideally suited. Up to now I've been using Leisenrings favourite 12 , meticulously copying both the style and materials- some of which have been hard to find except from English sources - seal's fur, good Starling hackle, handrail, dotterel, natural raffia etc. I never did find a source of . .woolly down under the bristles of a pig': :

I was lucky enough to find examples of your flies that I use as models (Partridge and Green, Iron Blue Dun, a Partridge and Herl(?) ad of course, a Pheasant Tail in the copy of the book) from a Theodore Gordon Flyfishers meeting in $\mathbb{N} . Y$.

One point of clarification that $I$ wonder if you can help me with if you have the time...it is unclear in your book whether you wind the hackle back towards the hook - I believe this is how Leisenring did his; or towards the eye, as it looks in your illustrations.

Would it be possible for you to send me other examples of the other 12 odd flies you recommend. I would of course reimburse you. What fly or flies would you consider you favourite?
regards


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March 30, 1992

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
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Dear Mr. Nemes:
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Enclosed please find the onlychapterffrom an unknown book. This is the chapter of the book I talked to you about at the Southfield Fly Fishing Show.

I can tell you that on page 24 , the Partridge and Yellow is a deadly fly on the upper Manistee. It seems to work all year long.

Late in the year, however, 20 or 22 is much better than the 12 or 14's.

If I am able to find the book I will get the author and the publication date for you. However, I thought I'd send along this chapter now so that you could enjoy it.

My invitation will remain open. Scottie Swanson and I will be more than glad to take you to our secret places on the upper Manistee should you ever have the opportunity and desire to accompany us. Have a good summer.


# Robert $H_{*}$ Colsor <br> 3 374 Eriderby Road <br> Shaker Heights, Ohio $441 E 0$ <br> (216) 561-18E8 

March 57,1990

Dear Syl.
I thought of you yesterday when teaching a fly tying class on wet files. Of course, we tied some soft Mackles! Everybody enjoys their simple elegance so much. I showed them your book and gave several your address, so you may receive some inquiries. I've also enclosed copies of the whit ten material passed cut along with the course. Note the reference to one Sylvester Nemes on page six of the article by Bob Nicholson and men

Tom Clark will probably be out there when you get this letter. Ask him about the Tuesday Fly for me. He' H better have ane!

If you have the time and inclinations please send me a copy of the Soft-Hackled Fly Addict. I dom't know what they cost. but will send you a check by return mail. If you prefer, serb me a price by letter and I' II mail you the check first. I've got a copy of the Scft-Hackled Fly-it"s a Chatham Press edition so I was one of the guys that paid off that $\$$, Sob advance!

Ism looking forward to Montana fishing ir September/ October:


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## LARIE PINTEA

 ALWAYS LOOK BACK
## When lumps of coal really did

## threaten to replace Christmas toys

The snow had been falling off and on, on our E. 9th Street neighborhood for the past week. The sidewalks were shoveled a couple of times a day, but it was difficult to keep ahead of the white stuff.
Woe unto the poor neighbor who didn't keep his walk cleaned of snow. Since almost everyone walked, it was not just a gesture, but a necessity for a pedesrian society.
All the kids in our small part of Erie knew for certain Christmas was near when the paper candles and Christmas wreaths were scissored out and pasted up on the windows of Wayne School.
The school decorations triggered a sudden reaction in all the store windows along East Avenue. Shucks, even Miss Gleeson started smiling at us in the fourth grade class.
Much earlier in the year the Pintea kids made the nove from Pennsylvania Avenue, to us a great adventure, the Old Lady who lived in our attic notwithstanding.

## The Depression

It's easy now to put a time frame on 1937, to paste the calamitous label "The Great Depression" on that period of time.
But since we really had no real awareness of what grown-ups called "hard times," Ma's and Pa's kids lived in a simple, happy sphere, the goodness of our everyday lives entirely a reflection of our parents who tried desperately to shield us from the poverty of the times
They did not tell us we had "lost" the house at 1027 Pennsylvania Avenue. The explanation came years later.

We were only aware that suddenly we moved out and to 907 E. 9 th, away from the Romanian enclave, away from people who just as easily spoke the language of their Transylvanian homeland over the back ence as English.
Given their financial straits, it was fortunate we moved into The Old Lady's house in springtime. Although the coal bin in the cellar was almost empty, we got by until the warm summer set in.

## The problem

But with Christmas only days away, now months later, we had become aware that the coal bin was almost empty. The big round, sheetmetal furnace gulped coal down like a hungry monster.
Ma and Pa solved problems in different ways. Pa tended to believe that every problem got fixed if Ma didn't fuss over it.
Ma knew that unless she forced the issue, nothing got solved. His periods of silence were no help at all. Although I had no warm air register to listen through at the Old Lady's house, I was close enough to the kitchen to listen to their early morning conversations.
Ma was not happy when decades later I told her about listening to their breakfast conversations at 6 a.m. "You were always a nosy child, and I should have known you would become a reporter," she scolded.
"If I had known you were Mr. Big Ears during those years, I would have closed the warm air register and let you freeze in that bedroom." Ma was only half joking. Well, sure, but wasn't that what happened anyway? Pa went down in the cellar and stoked the furnace shortly after $10: 30$ p.m. Then he went to bed. By four or five o clock in the morning, you could hang a side of beef in any room in the house and it would have kept nicely.
It got so cold in the bedroom, a kid could see his breath rising from the place his nose stuck out of the cocoon of blankets. Once you got burrowed in, you dian the mine for fear of letting in a freezing gust of air.
see outside unless he licked a small spot open in the
frost. This wasn't likely to happen because the only thing then visible was a window at Twohig's house next door.
Ma had gone to tend the furnace - and came up upset.
Ma was just shy of five feet tall. There was no time in my life she didn't feel like she was at least six feet tall. As her voice got softer, she grew taller.
She told Pa, softly, "We have about two more days'
worth of coal in the bin. When that is gone, what do we do?" she asked.
Pa didn't see it as a big problem. Send one of the older kids down to Number Five Firehouse at 9 th and East Avenue and use their telephone to call Larkin's Coal Co. Few people in the neighborhood had phones.
Who would they call if they did? Pa didn't say a word. "And don't forget Nana Genea (The Old Lady) in the attic. What will happen to her up there when I have to try to heat the house with the gas oven of the kitchen stove?"
Pa looked up
Pa looked up at the steel register which had been set in the ceiling which allowed warmth to go up to the tiny attic room of our perenially black-dressed old andlady who lived in near solitude.
We were aware by now that she took baths in the middle of the night, walking down carrying a candle. The Old Lady thought electricity was terribly expensive and seldom used it.
Pa had a special fondness for The Old Lady the never called her that) because she had come to the Pintea family's rescue when we left Pennsylvania Ave-
She had scared the Beegeezus out of us for months before we began to adjust to her nocturnal wanderings - almost.
Ma set Pa's lunch bucket down on the kitchen table while he put on an olive-drab, ankle-length coat that looked like it had seen service in the trenches in a previous life.
He pulled down his gray, snap-brimmed cap to his ears, said "No tank you" to a proferred scarf and headed for the door
Ma offered the scarf every winter day. He refused every day. "Tuff guy don vere scruff," he told Ma.
"Don vorries," he told Ma. "Vee got kol tomorroes. black lunch bucket with his usual gusto, taking a deep breathful of snowy air, calling a greeting to a neighbor across the street, and hoofing it toward a nearby factory.

## 'Positive thinking'

Pa, you see, drove Ma crazy with his positive think ing. Sure, he goes off whistling to work (Pa was workand who has to sit here and do all the way, at that time) and who has to sit here and do all the worrying?" she "That man is going to have me talking to myself efore I'm 30," Ma warned Mr. Szumigala "We lost every last cent we had in the world almost a year aso and you would think we are rich the way he goes around whistling!"
Mrs. Szumigala laughed and admitted that Pa's whistling, even in small doses, was enough to set your teeth on edge like a musical saw.
Pa was tone deaf (he refused to believe this) and his whistling sounded like a fractured tea kettle. But it soothed him, especially when he didn't have someone around to talk to. I listened to it for years and never distinguished a whole bar of music, Transylvanian or otherwise.

## Christmas!

There was no time in our young lives when we were more focused on Christmas than those hard years of the 1930's. If Christmas and hard times were incompatible, you couldn't prove it by us.

The stories we read the plays
little stage of Wayne School, all encouraged us to believe in Christmas as a wonderful time. Perhaps we dreamed of and the stark realities of a whe whe dreamed of and the stark some Americans starved.
stood in front of Donnelly's all disappeared when we stood in front of Donnelly's Hardware Store on East there. there.
It was a daily stop on the way home from school and we often stood there in the snow until our toes got so cold they felt like frozen carrots. We could almost aste those toys right through the glass.
The Christmas feelings only deepened when we ould hear kids practicing caroling in school, everyone getting ready for the Christmas production on the last day before vacation.
We stood there in the snow at Donnelly's, noses pressed against the glass, hands jammed into coat pockets, and prayed.
In the middle of the window display was a Gilbert Erector set, the tin lid opened so I could see the neaty stacked parts along with the book of instructions. In my mina, it was already under the Pintea Christmas ree, my name on the tag
But even that wasn't enough. Every day I made up a new list of toys, leaving it where Ma was sure to find

Ma, we knew, had terrible Christmases when she was a little girl in Elyria, Ohio.
She had told us of the dolls she never had, the toys that other kids got.
She had vowed, we knew, that her children would have wonderful Christmas mornings, complete with all the gifts she never had.

## Coal truck

The coal truck was up over the snow-covered front lawn, its double wheels backed close to the front of th house, the long, polished chute hung in place to the basement window

A coal truck was an event in our neighborhood that we didn't want to miss. We got there in time to watch the last half truckload of coal swish and thunder down the chute into the cellar coal bin.
Ma was at the window, supervising. She motioned us to be sure to pick up the few pieces that had fallen in the snow. Every lump counted.

The men on the coal truck were coal dust from head to foot. Only their smiles were spotless when they grinned and pretended to grab one of us to throw him down the chute
The driver went to the door, got his money from Ma and gave her a receipt. It wasn't until he turned to leave, calling a "Merry Christmas" to Ma, that her eyes blinked back tears and she quickly shut the door.
A couple of minutes later, after coming in the back door, first stamping off all the snow from our shoes, dumping coats, scarves and hats in heaps in the back shed, we went looking for Ma.
She tried desperately to appear as though she had not been crying. We knew better. She shushed us away from the baby's bed and told us, "Everything's just fine. Maybe I got some coal dust in my eyes."
That was good enough for me and sister Sylvia, who
was even younger. If Ma said "everything is fine," ell, it must be so.
About 15 minutes later, Ma still hadn't come out of the bedroom. Sylvia and I were compiling still another list of Christmas toys. We were going to give it to Ma after supper, our last complete list.
Older sister Muggie picked up the list and looked at thing know, the two of you must be goofy or some thing. Don't you know anything?
she had saved for Christmas paid out all the money she had saved for Christmas for that coal. Do you have to make it even worse for Ma by giving her this dumb list?"
Although she was too Little Sylvia sat down and cried. Although she was too old to believe in Santa, sh wasn't so old not to expect miracles at Christmas
"You mean - uh, you mean we ain't getting noth
Sister Ilene was a little more blunt somethin'"
Sister llene was a little more blunt than Muggie.
'You see all that coal that went into the cellar? That's what we got for Christmas. And if either one of you two says one word about Christmas presents at the suppertable, I will bop you right in the kisser! Under stand?"
We were so shaken, we didn't even bother to turn on the little Emerson radio to listen to Renfrew of the Mounted.

## Pa comes home

Pa noticed something was wrong the moment he took off his workshoes in the back shed and came into the house
"Vat's mettar? You flonk reetmateek een Mee Glasson cless? She gafe you spenk?" Pa grinned at us and waited to hear the worst from Wayne School
Little Babe opened her mouth to tell all, when she got a silent command from Ilene. She meant it, too. mouth three or four times. Then shen and close her infamous silent crying which drove the rest of her sibl ings crazy. "Cry out
Cry out loud," we would warn her. She couldn't The sobs were all inside of her and only the tears and poccasional hiccup let you know she was crying
Pa glared at the rest of us. "Vy bebbie cries? Some
body hoort leddle goorl?" We ran for cover.
Pa took her on his lap and coaxed her to tell him the problem. She tried several times before finally gasping out between sobs "I-am-not-getting-anything-for Christmas."
Pa patted her blonde head. He looked shocked. "Who tail you dat?" he demanded. "Don beleef vat dey

Pa scowled and shook a huge finger in the direction of our hurried hiding.
"Sande Clus brang you all toy you vant," he told her with a big hug.
Unfortunately, he uttered his all encompassing "all toys" declaration just as Ma walked into the kitchen to finish supper.
Ma promptly burst into tears and ran from the "Vaom. A perplexed Pa sat there shaking his head. Vats mettar now? Now vat I say?

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Dear Mr. Nemes.
I'm Patrick Casey - I called and talked with you on Jan $14^{\text {th }}$ about buying a copy of "Six Mouths in Scotland". (called from Japan!)

I guess Ill take care of business first! You mentioned the price as $\$ 29.95$. About the shipping, the online used book seller that let me down was quoting a shipping rate of $\$ 12.50$ for Global Priority to Japan. I checked the USPS web site and couldn't really figure out what the rate would be, but it seemed to be in the $\$ 10-\$ 15$ range.

* my address is on the back

Patrick Casey 6-13-6-106 Minami Karasuyama Setagaya, Tokyo 157-0062 Japan

Global Priority may actually ${ }^{2}$ be cheaper and faster than regular airmail, but I'm not sure... I'll enclose a check for $\$ 45$ and hope that covers it. By all means, please let me know if it comes up short and Ill send you another check with the difference. You can choose whichever is cheaper, regular airmail or Global Priority (which sometimes has special rates for printed materials. They'll both show up in about a week anyway. I appreciate your trouble, thank you! I'll tell you a idle a out my situation here. I've been in Japan for $5 \frac{1}{2}$ years. I
grew up in Kentucky, went to college for engineering ia Terse Harte, Indiana. I spent 2 of my university years in Germany, worked for 8 years as an engineer at Lexmark Cformerly IBM typewriter/printer division) in Lexington, KY. Then "up and met" a Japanese girl, simultaneously got fired of working at Lexmark, and moved to Japan to "teach English" (note the quotation marks I told you about!)

I fished for bass and bluegill with bait and lures when I was a Kid, but didn't do any fishing in my late teens and 20's. At same point

I got into a Hemingway mood and read most of his bodes. Although he seems to always write about fishing with bait on a fly rod, I still built up this mystique in my mind about fly fishing. It's not so well known (or so I thought) in Kentucky as up north. Now I'm learning that there are decent brook trout fisheries, as well as introduced trout species, along the Appalachian range..

Anyway, on a summer
visit back to KY. in 2001 , I was wandering around the Walmart sporting goods dept. and saw a "ready to fish", \$25. made in China,
fly fishing kit, with a Fiberglass rod, a reel, line, leader and a few flies. On a whim I bought it. For the next week of my vacation, I was out "fly fishing" on Elkhorn Creek in my hometown, Frankfort. In my early teens, my friends and I would walk along the railroad tracks to where a big trestle crossed the creek below the Old Grandad distillery and fish with worms and Sobers. I've read lately that the Elkhorn is considered a premiere smallmouth bass stream.

Anyway, never having fished for trout, it was trout
fishing that I really wanted to try.

Bacle in Aichi, Japan (in Toyota City...) I fished for carp or whatever there was in the Tomoe River, took a trip up north into the mountains to a trout stream (stocked. with rainbows and either native or hatched "yamame" (like a rainbow trout) and "iwana" (a char, like a brook trout somewhat in habitat) Never caught any trout, though... since I'm self -taught, I'm not particularly good...
on a trip back to the states in 2002. I fished in Kentucky again, taking smallmouths on swinging wet flies and I
flew out to Oregon where I caught my first trout in the Mckenzie River near Eugene. It was a small rainbow, but very exciting for me because I was starting to apply things Ind read about strategy. If was a hot, sunny day, so I flicked a dry fly in shaded pockets under trees near the bank. In one pocket I missed one, two rises. On the third I had him, my first trout. Back in Japan, I moved to Tokyo and did more research on the location of trout streams and slowly caught more and more fish as I learned more.

Last winter I ordered your bode, "The Soft Hackled Fly" (found mention of it in Dave Hughes' books) and through the Spring, ended up collecting all the others except' Six Mouths in Scotland". I've had a lot of success with rainbow trout and Yamame on soft hackles, Particularly the partridge forange. On my last trip to kentucky in Sept. Oct. 2004 they worked well for rainbows and browns in southeastern KY. I even caught a nice little brown trout on the Cumberland pattern at the Cumberland River!

This fall + winter I'm trying to learn to fish them
mending instead of swinging. I bought "Greased Line Fishing" based on the reference in your boole. But I'm still trying to learn how to mend properly, not having anyone to teach me or any videos to see how it works.

Well, I apologize for
the "novella" I've written here! Thanks again for your time and I look forward to reading "Six Mouths".

Sincerely,
Pafricle Casey
PS: you mentioned on the phone that you might be able to throw in a s few sot t hackles you've been using. If
it's not too much trow bile Id really appreciate it

PPS: I think I'll include a little story I typed up about my early winter fishing on a $C+R$ stream north wert of Tokyo.

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Wear pye and Arajel,
My freends from West Viggnea are joinng me for some freshen on Therrell Sake $x$ an the Boulder, August 4 thru 15. If 9 come earlies and le av later, we cased get togethes for some fushorg. That is, if you are not busy donn g something else or out of tron. Last year, on the Missouri 1 did well festring reffers as opposed to reins. Oh yea, theine wars little or no algae $x$ the flies mere mot garnered. enjoyed it very much. Also, the Imitations marked well. A used the Aylis midge very effectively.

Recently, on the Frumenty River for a meeteend of fishing, I tied some 5.H. Caddis emerges, actually your March Brown Apides renclered meth my case and jartwidge leys. for good results. Io ok aver $70+$ fish 8-11 inches math one gang 14 inches, a rainbow. There were some browns and salmon smote. The rambows were hatchery stalked. Hook sje iz'e.

Revers are very high and fast; water flows bank to bank; you mush Know where wadeable spots are to go fishing. Fotsof shad in rivers but hard to get. If we gertipethen, can gererme olive oil or other for yaw from S.F. Let me harrow.
smeerely. Calm
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at long lact! I im on a seturn trijs to Montana. My daughtes, theura, waske at The IFFC in west yeloustone dusing the summer. This yean $g$ 'll be visiting anguct 12-20. Her rehedule for that turne period is nit get sit becance she doesn't know if she ill have rispursibitioin fon the FFFis Fly Fishing show in firingiton.

In any cuse, ot'd be
thrilled and delighted to toss some soft-hackles with you for a couple of days if jon have the hume and interest. 2 'd also like to catch up with your various literary Affects, especially the nevil.

Tom Clark won't be with us, unfortunately, so we. won't be able to drink this patron of the wine dill bring along.
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## Charles M. Clover, Ir.

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February 27, 1989
Englewood, CO

Dear Mr. Nemes, You may (or may not) remember our meeting and conversation at the show in Denver a few days ago. I would like to say That I thouroughly enjoyed that talk and watching you work at the vise.

As a mostly self-taught tyer, I have had very little opportunity to observe other, better tyers than myself, at their craft and never go away from the experience without having learned something.

I purchased a copy of your book, The Soft-Hackled Fig, took it home, and devoured it! I had used Soft-hackled flies before our meeting, but had not enjoyed much success. After finishing the book I can see why my success was so limited: I was fishing them more like nymphs (toodeep) and wetflies (too much action). My next trip astream will certainly see that change!

Also, I found the writing delightful. Your style of writing and your use of past experience and good friends combined to make enjoyable as well as informative reading. In a day when technology and science seem more important than experience and feeling, your fine book was a real breath of fresh air.

During our conversation, I asked if you ever used flies using chartruce as a color. You replied that you didn't. In my experience, chartruse and flourescebt colors are often overlooked, misunderstood, and misused. Back home in Minnesota, flourescent colors are used according to water color and light conditions. The thinking goes that in order for a trout to strike at a drifting food, it must first be able to see it. Nature gives things colors to protect them, so it follows that, say with a nymph, it's coloration will render it invisible on the bottom so long as it doesn't move. During the Lake Superior

Steelhead run, spring runoff stains the water to nearly the color of the bottom. This, of course, creates problems with visibility. natural colored lures are often refused and I suspect this is due to the inability of the trout to see whats being offered. However, switching to another color such as chartruse, flourescent orange, or pink will oftentimes due the trick. Another example is the White River in Wisconsin (perhaps you've fished there). The lower stretches are deep and off-colored; perhaps from tannon in the water. My favorite subsurface fly on this water is Queen $O^{\prime}$ Waters. It produces very well and I credit this to the higher visibility provided by the fly's body color (orange). I guess what I'm trying to say with all this long-winded rambling is that in addition to movement, color is extremely important. This is esspecially true when using flies of an attractor type. I have enclosed for your amusement, two soft-hackles tied in a chartruse color.
These flies weve tied on some Allcock \#5874's that I have. I still feel that these are without equal for Wet Flies. I have also sent a few bare hooks for you.

In reading your book I read a few references to Steelhead flies. As a tier of Steelhead flies, the mere mention wás enpugh to set the old wheels a'turning. I would be interested to know more about this application of soft-hackled flies if you have any thing you could pass along. I've tied a few flies in a "Soft-Hackle" style using traditional color combinations, but I won't have an opportunity to try these out for some time (summer 190). For low-water situations such flies, besides being easier to tie and less costly, might just be the clear rig. Damn! I wish I lived nearer to some good Steelhead water !!!!!!

The day I met you at the show and the time I spent with you was both enjoyable and enlightening. I had hoped to get back to you per your invitation to talk some more, but time would not allow it. So, having questions you could answer I write this now in the hope you'll reply. I've been tying and fishing flies for twenty years, but I feel I still have a lot to learn. This has become even more true since I moved to the west. Reading your book is something I should have done years ago.

There is much more I'm sure I could write about, but I've gone on too long so I'll close.
I'd like to say it was both an honor and a pleasure to make your acquaintance. I hope you can find some time to write back as I'm qurios about your opinion and answers to my questions.
looking forward to your reply, and remaining yours


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Dear Dye is Hag.
Evens the delay; better late than newer. Rose ko are doing well and so is our Brian in L.A. Lash meek Rose returned after vesting him for a long weekend. She cooked $x$ baked all his favorites while these.

A Nee tragel made Jarry's Big. Fin h List. Thar wee only a fur purple I secojnije on the bidet. Al peemsthat most of the fish wee taken firm the Inadicon. A of Leasune took $420^{\circ}$ trout via soft hackle. By the may, bact october al tick a $25^{\prime \prime}$ on a purple k partridge singe 6 at the function Pose by the rock on the bonk.

Try baye are planning to meet in Beyeman on Gaby 30. . we have yet to announce the place $x$ time if meeting. They will let me know. A careple of days on the Thisurni seams to fe in the offering. Haverit yet ben then. after that, we ill fish The Hallatin a bit. Do right now, I am in the dash as to the itinerary. Ill call you when we meet in Bojemea This year, $A$ hope you can come to the Boulder River Ranch \& will arrange an over-nght stay fr e you tivo as my greet. Brant you opinion on the tier.

This coming Fall. I plan to fish for steelhead on The Arnuty River here in California. A cation in Wranomille has been resewed for the monehof october. The last few years then waresigeable sums on this River. Navever, -Ley are mostly hatchery fish but sprinkled with wield steclies and chinook salmon.

Shad havenit come up the Ancerican River yet. Been out last wednesday but the river gave up no fish. Will try again nathmeak. Wats too low only 300 enbie feat per second as opposed to 1800 when you were here.
Calvin
"Brown Trout" from an original painting by Roger Gruwys. Prints by Mr. Grwoys are available from your local art gallery.

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Saturday Gene 8
Dear Aye $K$ Hay,
Received your new Imitations in excellent condo-
tron. Hlanced over it several times already $k$ liked the contents as a knowledge-laden, how- to book on fly fishing for trans, glue an meperation for wavelike soft hackle fly innovators. Condpratelations!
on July 29 or thereabouts, 1 will be in Byemax to Tret my WV buddies for a fer racks near Jiongston. one of our numbers suggested fishing the Halation for a few days. Can you recommend some productive spots forms? I guess we will commute from Begemax for 3 days before the rest of the group arrowed on the 3ndang. of course, I'd also want to see you $x$-penkaps have dinner together. They are amisar to meet you. Becile, ins can decide on a day you both can fish with us $k$
spend a day or two at the Boulder Riven Ranch while the group is there. We trued last year but nothing came of it you must come this year as ny guest. Actually, itiwas set up last your if you recall?

Been shad fishing on the American $x$ eth hasid been good. Not like the old days. Our 5-year continning drought is to Hame. Whereas the ojstimum flow is around 1800 CFS for shad, it is now 350 on week days, 800 on weekends; but last weekend 2000 CFS wasreleosed suddenly $k$ thematu became treachousus for wading. Med lex to say that the cater declined shastreally. I got only one last time out. The YO-YOing effect is confusing the fish; whether to spawn or not. therme know about fishing the sallatin as V'd like to hear from you soon. Sincerely.
P.S. Can set you something from s.F.? Calvin
"Brook Trout" from an original painting by Roger Gruwys. Prints by Mr. Grows are available from your local art gallery.

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March 15, 1991

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
P.O. Box 3782

Bozeman, Montana 59772
Dear Mr. Nemes:
I looked at your picture on the back dust cover of the soft Hackle Fly and thought you'd be a fellow I would enjoy on a fishing trip.

After having read the book and tried the flies for a season, I am convinced.

Last week in the "flies only" water of the Pere Marquette, just west of $\mathrm{M}-37 \mathrm{I}$ hooked two steelhead, and landed them, on a partridge and yellow tied on a number six 3906 B mustad with the partridge hackle at the eye and wound also in the middle of the body.

I can't believe that this thing is good for steelhead also.
This summer, Jimmy and the Swedes (Swanson, Jobson, and Nelson) are going to fish your ground on the Fire Hole and in the Barnes Holes. Needless to say my swede friends, after I supplied them with soft hackles all last summer, are also convinced and we are taking a goodly supply.

You should feel good about yourself. You have opened up a new world to me and to several of my fellow flyfishermen in the Mackinaw Trail Fly Fishers.

Best regards from Cadillac, Michigan. If you're ever in the area and are willing to be blindfolded, I've got a couple spots I'd be willing to take you to.

Yours truly.

JAMES E. CARR
Attorney at Law
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Bob Churchill
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May 5, 1992

Sylvester Nemes
P.O. Box 3782

Boseman Montana 59772

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Approximately three months ago we spoke on the phone about the hen necks you referred to in you latest book. You indicated you had some available for sale and would send me some samples to look at as I was interested in possibly buying some of them.

As some time has elapsed, I feel there has been some complication, such as a lost address or I may have transposed a number when I verbally gave you my mailing address. If you could send the samples we spoke about I would greatly appreciate it. My current mailing address is:

Bob Churchill
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If you want to contact me by phone my home number is (907) 279-8927. I believe there is a two hour time difference between Montana and Alaska.

Again, I would appreciate it if you could send me the samples to look at and I will be in contact with you.

Sincerely,

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Dem Mr. Names,
A really enjoys you new Book. The espy ${ }^{l}$ have is on loan to me from a thy shops in Calrado. (Stern rishi) Mu. Stain has asked me to tic him up some of your patterns and $l$ am having problems finding some whiteferem witt misty edge Hen Hackle, starling are Wistrhew that yen specify in your Patterns. Can you Please send ne some small amorists of ll tho hacblax yo specify in your brit. Can you also Send me some info on where el can order some from to error my futon needs. If yon have any Questions Pleas Call me.
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How Is Fran. Do You Eu er Hear From Her? Does Hazel like It There?

I'm Going Outside Now To Get Rid of The Snow, We HAD 6" FALL LAST NIGHT, SO I'LC GET My Little Tractor Aw d Snow Blower Out And Clear The Driveway.

It was Nice Hearing From You and I'cl Be Looking Forward To My Autographed Book From My Good Author Friend. Good lucia And Goo BLESS $A \angle C$ OF You.

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# ALBERT J. COHEN 

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August 21, 1989
Slyvester Nemes
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Dear Sylvester:
I must thank you very much for the personalized autograph in your book which my very good friend (and fishing and hunting buddy) Don Blankinship presented me. I certainly have enjoyed the book, particularly the research done for Chapter VI. During 1981, I decided to take lessons and learn how to tie trout flies - the very first fly that I ever dressed was a partridge and yellow, using your book as the guide. The partridge and yellow is a killing fly for bream and crappie here in the South.

In 1985, I began dressing salmon flies, and in 1986 became a serious student (my wife would not use that word to describe what has become my avocation) of British and Irish salmon fishing history, which evolved into fishing in general. With the advent of Paul Schullery's book "American Fly Fishing; A History," I also became very interested in North American fishing history. I have accumulated at least 150 volumes, primarily 19th and early 20 th centuries - now, I wish that I had the time to read them - my reading rate is approximately $30-40$ books a year, so $I$ have some hustling to do. I must say that I have enjoyed your articles in Fly Fishing Heritage; perhaps someday I will get an opportunity to see the hallowed waters of England, Scotland and Ireland.

This year, I purchased a collection of fishing flies in fly boxes marked 1918, prepared by a Dr. Mills, of Clarion Pennsylvania. I do not know if he dressed the flies or had them dressed for him, but they were very well done; and not "commercial" ties; amongst the collection were several size

10 full dressed salmon flies such as the Popham, Dusty Miller and Silver Doctor. Also included was a soft hackle which I enclose for your examination, photography etc. please return when you are finished.

In the older North American books on fishing (Forester, Brown, Roosevelt, Norris, Scott, etc.) there are numerous references to the fly you call a "soft hackle." Since a few of these authors copied Hoffland and then each other, this should come as no surprise. For whatever its worth, and this is sheer speculation, the soft hackle must have been one of the earliest flies used by man, perhaps thousands of years old. It is just too simple a fly - a bit of wool with some hackle wrapped in the front of it.

The simplicity of the fly and the availability of ample populations of grouse, quail, dove, meadowlark, etc. in the United States would lead one to believe that the soft hackle was one of the flies of choice for most of America during the 19th century. I for one do not believe that the writers of the 19th century, (both British and American), were representative of the fishing population as a whole, but in fact were a minority in that they were literate and they also wrote for a minority - those who could read. There were very few writers such as John Younger who, in my opinion, was more representative of the vast majority of fisherman, say than a Roosevelt, Kelson or a Francis-Francis.

In any event, I believe the soft hackle was a commonly used fly in the 19th century America and with the ability to read becoming somewhat universal in the 20 th century and also with the advent of the dry fly school (Gordon-Gill) and the imitationist school (e.g. Rhead - Jennings), the soft-hackle ceased to be "fashionable" and, in its dormancy, awaited for the right "disciple" to aid its resurgence, which you have done most admirably. The soft hackle is definitely a "workhorse blue collar fly".

Personally, I am a believer in the soft hackle as a trout fly - both wet and dry, which should not be surprising as the majority of flies that I use are supposed to represent emergers. In any event, although I used to visit Montana for two to three weeks a year, since 1986, I spent one week in 1988 in the Livingston area and doubt that I will make it this year.

As my fishing time became less and less frequent, my desire to dress Salmon flies became more intense, albeit I probably do less than a dozen a year. I enclose a few photographs which you may keep. Again, thank you for the personalized note in the book and for helping make my friend Don's vacation a happy one.

Best Regards,


Albert J. Cohen
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Sylvester hames
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Bozeman, UT 59772
Dear Kr. Kemes,
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two of your new book "Two Centauréa of Soft Itaccle plies", As your lar done for me in He past A would want you to segi one for me and one for our mutual friend bordon Geese.
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Robert H. Clark
Dear syce
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I have enclosed a check for 175.00 to cover the rest of the cost. I am dro enclosery one of my marabou spinners. I wonted to guv you one at the tying sessions but mussed you on saturday oftervionn. Its's not near as beautiful as your patterned - but it fishoo well! Let me know If I con work on one of your book designs. It would be fens. lie talk to you soon.

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$I$ WAS AT THE M.O.R.E. SHOW THIS WEEKEND,
TYING SOFT-HACKLE FLHS IN THE MAGIC QTY FLY FSHENS' BOOTH, AND HAD YOUR BOONS LYING UN THE TABLE. STANLEY BURKARD OFEGOORGVRLD INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND TOD ME YOUR BOOK WAS IN THE PRESSES.

THAT WAS GOOD NEWS, AND REMINDED ME THAT ID BETTER GET A CHECK OFF VO YOU. TYING YOUR SOFT-HACKLES AT THE SHOW ATTRACED ALMOST AS MUCH T ATTENTION AS THE GUY SITTING NEXT TO ME WHO WAS TYING ALL SORTS OF COMPLCATZD FLIEST ALSO A LOT ETASLETV,

THIS LETTER HERD is FROm My otto VICE I MODEL RAILROADING. I PLAYED AROUND WITH VAL DESKTOP PUBLISHING AND DID IT FOR LAUGIFS. IE VEN $\angle I E X A L Y$ NO GOTTA RAILROAD, BUT IN IN NAE MODULAR CLUB THAT IS SETUP IN THE LIVINGSTON DEPOT MUSEUM FOR A COUPLE MORE WEEKS. ITS SORT OF MEATH THERAPY - I' MA $1 T T E$ BLT CRAZY, BUT T KEZDS ME FROM GOING INSANE. ANY WAY, HERES' MY CHECK. BEST OF LUCK WITH THE BOOK.


I'm doina dte Monttana Trout VNLIMited Nows CETTEN, AND DHE NEXT ONE WILL BE OUT IN SUNE. IN I HTOVE Youk Book in TIME, I'L DO R REVIEW ON IT FOR THE NEWSLETIER.


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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 $6 \times 9$ inch, 120 page book is bound in fine sail cloth and will retail for $\$ 27.95$. I'm writing you with a prepublication 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,


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Anyway, a couple of the best fishing days lIve enjoyed AII This season were with (your) soft-hacklesi
Cue incredibly memorable afternoon in a riffle on the Bitteroot, Whew nothing else seemed to work and no. one elk se was catching fish - 1 waded into a calf-high riffle and hooked 'cuts' with each cast on a very sparsley dubbed anis sparsely wound partridge \& orange. (Muck more sparshy (sp?) dubbed Han the illustrations in SHF seem to call for) TWo Weeks ago, these put me into a remark able number of fish on one of those dags that can seem like absolute magic when they occur - This fine, in Missouri.
Anyway, I want yow to know I enjoy your stuff; the quality s of 1 at hand anecdote \& description The research and obvious labor of love ...'
Fest records. (nit to mention théphotagraphs)

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This note is prompted by the announcement - flyer for Your new book openers, which arrived today and which, in its personal-leter format seemed to invite a personalised response.

I want you to know how useful lie found The soft, Heckled tHy and how much pleasure lie derived from being able to fie and use them. "Tour book opened A? door for me - I feel like I "m "non a secret". Which is odd, since your publications are widely cirenlated. and avail able - yet its not as though every one's' using them ... or maybe just nIt the folles I seem to encounter. I hawn't even moved on to the particularity of the content of ooft-Hrackled ply Imitations, a copy of which live had for the last couple of years now, While I hate to admit to being such a slow 'study' - I simply doit get the sustained practice I hope to indulge in someday. Perhaps if I could spend more days each year on the stream, Ind somehow "use-up" and employ The material at 2 faster rate, Actually, rather Than jumping (drifting?) Ahead to spinners. I should fill my gap in your trilogy With The Goft-Hackted Fly Addict: tell me how much to make the check out for an inscribed copy,

