

DEAR MR. Nemes, Can you send me your
Book, on SOFT HACKLE FLY Imitation, AUTOGRAPH
BY you + AUTHOR'S FLY, LIKE THE Ad I SAW
IN FLY ROD AND REEL MAGAZINE, I ENCLOSED 34.95
DOLLARS CHECK. IT WILL BE AN HONOR FOR ME
TO READ THIS BOOK AND TRY TO TIE THE SOFT HACKLES.

I ALREADY READ YOUR FIRST BOOK AND TIE SOME
FLIES AND HAVE PRETTY GOOD SUCCESS WITH IT.

I HAVE A QUESTION, WHAT ABOUT YOUR SECOND
BOOK, FLY ADDICTS, IS STILL POSSIBLE TO HAVE IT, OR NOT
BECAUSE IN MONTREAL, NOBODY HAVE IT. CAN YOU GIVE
ME AN ANSWER REGARDING THIS BOOK, WHERE CAN I
FIND IT OR DID YOU STILL HAVE IT FOR SALE. AND
MUCH WILL IT COST. PLEASE I WILL LIKE AN
ANSWER. THANK YOU MR. Nemes.

RETURN ADDRESS:

MICHEL GAGNE

525 de ROYAN #4

LAVAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

H7N-5G5.

Phone 514. 668. 0094

FAX 514. 689. 6658.

AND YOU AUTOGRAPH MY BOOK WITH THE MENTION

TO A SOFT HACKLE LOVER, MIKE
I WILL APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH, BECAUSE
I CONSIDER LIKE A FLY FISHING PIOPPEL!

THANK YOU AGAIN!

LONG LIFE TO YOU MR Nemes!

BRACADALE,
HILTON,
DORNOCH,
SUTHERLAND,
IV25 3PW.
Scotland.

2nd May 1997,

Dear Mr James,

You will doubtless have given up hearing from us, but Margaret has been up to the eyes in lambing for some time now, and has just started putting the cows out, and has asked me to send the enclosed on to you. I hope what we have done will be of some use to you. I have added a chapter from Angus Macpherson's book which I thought might interest you and perhaps amuse you! Angus was piper to Mr & Mrs Carnegie and in 1914 was given the tenancy of the Inverness Hotel, on the River Shin. He was quite a character, as you may gather.

Now, my own apologies. I should have written long ere this to thank you

for the super fly you gave me. I am delighted with it and look forward to christening it on my first fishing trip of the year at the beginning of next month. I go in a fortnight with friends every year and it is something we all reckon is the high spot of the year.

It was a great pleasure meeting you both ~~last~~ Margarets & trust the rest of your stay in Scotland was a happy one. Perhaps we shall meet up again one of these days.

Meantime, I had better get this in the post if you are ever going to get it. You may wonder at some of the papers we have copied but they struck us as being amusing & hope you will feel the same!

With all best wishes from

Margaret &

Yours
Blossom Gow.

From Andrew Carnegie's ~~grand-~~
daughter and friend

M. M. GREER
34 HAMPSHIRE ROAD
MADISON, CONN. 06443

June 7, 1990

Sylvester Nemes
Dept. F5
Box 3782
Bozeman, Montana 59772

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my check for \$18.95 (16.95 plus \$2.00)
for one copy of "Soft Hackled Fly"

My mailing address as above is:

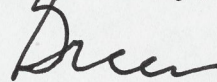
34 Hampshire Road
Madison, Connecticut 06443

Thank you.

enc.

MMG/ekw

yours truly,



Millard M. Greer

USPS June 12

5/25/90

Dear Sylvester,

Enclosed please find a
check in the amt. of \$18.95
for your book Self-Hooked
Fly.

Please ship to address
below.

Thanking you in advance,

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P O BOX 3782
BOZEMAN MT 59772-3782



Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
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Dear Syl :

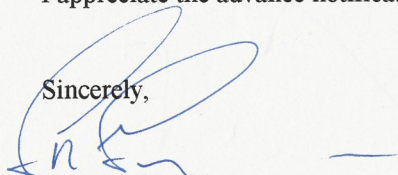
It was great to hear from you concerning your new book SPINNERS. I'm excited to have the opportunity again to learn further techniques and skills from you. Over the last two years I've studied and tied many of your fly's, which I've used with great success on many rivers.

As we discussed concerning several fly's that I have developed and fished with, I've enclosed a sample that has caught many fish during caddis hatches on the Big Hole, and Clark Fork. I use sizes 12, 14, and 16's depending on the caddis sizes. I've been unable to develop a body in lieu of the tinsel that would create a more natural look, but I'll continue to experiment. After I read your new book I'll give you a call and hopefully discuss the topics.

Earl Dorsey and I have had conversations about soft hackles and the fishing techniques we developed over the years, and enjoyed sharing your knowledge and experience.

I appreciate the advance notification of your book and look forward in hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,



Terry R Guptill
3031 Burlington ST
BUTTE MT 59701-3807

** Please have book sent to my home address:

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BUTTE MT 59701-3807

Gross
Box 231
Paul, ID 83347

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Nemes
Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59712



PLEASE MAIL
EARLY FOR
CHRISTMAS



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Dear Syl,

Please send 1 copy of Spinners
to the following address:
Steve Gross
Box 231
Paul, ID 83347

I've enjoyed your previous writings.

P.S. Were you on Nelson's Spring
Creek May 17, this year?

Thank you.

Steve G



Elliott Gritton
2630 Monterey Cir.
Reno, NV 89509-3942

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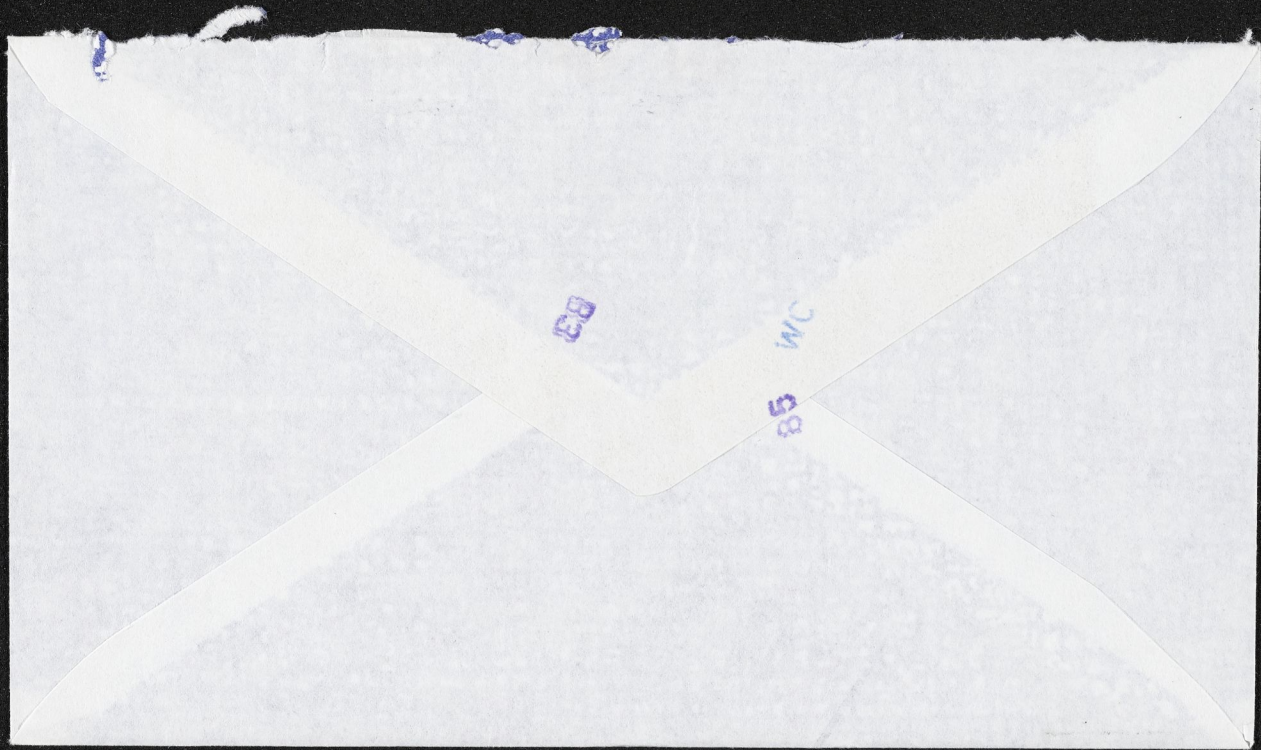
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SYLVESTER NEMES

P.O. BOX 3782

BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59712





2630 MONTEREY CIRCLE
RENO, NEVADA 89509
DEC. 21, 1995

SYLVESTER NEMES
PO BOX 3782
BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59712

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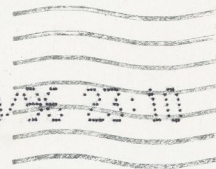
yes, I will take you up on
your pre-publication offer
for your new book "SPINNERS".
Enclosed is my personal
check for \$ 30.00.

Sincerely,
Elliott W. Gutton

JAMES H. GILFORD
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Mr. Syl Memes
P.O.Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772



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Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772
December 8, 1995

Dear Fly Fishing Friend:

Well, I'm writing you to tell you about my new book, SPINNERS, the first book dedicated solely to adult mayflies. I spent three years collecting, studying and identifying spinners (with the help of an entomologist from Montana State University). The book records dates of appearance, molting and mating habits and colors, shapes and sizes of nearly 40 species. There are more than 30 new spinner patterns which are quick and easy to tie from readily available materials. A new winging method (the most difficult part of tying a spinner as you know) is described using only hackle fibers which are divided, flattened and pulled with thumbs and forefingers. (No difficult figure 8's.)

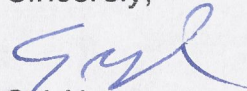
New patterns, like Syl's Gold Plated spinner and Syl's Gold Tail spinner are highly productive during a spinner fall and are also very effective during the hatch of duns. There are also dun/spinners with the body of spinners and wings of duns to be fished anytime, and doubles, two small flies tied on larger hooks for better visibility and better hooking.

The book is 6 x 9, with 157 pages of black and white text and with a 16 page color section featuring some rare macro photos of spinners including one just molting out of its dun skin.

The book features fine binding from Dekker Book Binding in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and should be ready to mail about Jan 12. (It's at the printer here in Bozeman, now.) This milestone book will retail for \$34.95, but I'm writing you with a pre-publication offer of \$30.00, post paid, which means you'll receive your first edition, signed copy long before the book will be available in stores and fly shops, if you send your check now.

If you want to order by phone, please call me at 406 587 8301, when I can tell you even more about SPINNERS.

Sincerely,



Syl Nemes

Ps. You might want to extend this book offer to members of your club, and please consider my new program on spinners.

*Thank you —
Jim*



MR ANDREW A GENNARO
100 CENTER GROVE RD 8-14
RANDOLPH NJ 07869



Sylvester Nemes

Box 3782

Bozeman, MT 59772



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Sybil Nemet,

Enclosed please find a
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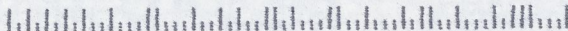


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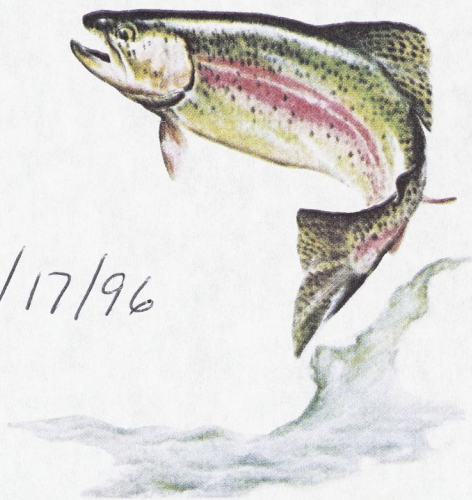
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*Syl NEMES
PO Box 3782
BOZEMAN, MT
59772*



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Hi Syl,

THANKS FOR LETTING ME
KNOW ABOUT YOUR NEW BOOK,
"SPINNERS". PLEASE SEND
ME A COPY.

My CHECK IS ENCLOSED.

TIGHT LINES —

RAY GEITKA
21860 RIVERVIEW DR.
BEVERLY HILLS, MI
48025

March 5, 1991

Mr. Names-

I had the opportunity of spending some time with Dave Hughes last month (just before he left for Chile) - He mentioned your new book to be released in hardbound - "Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations" -

I would like to be on your mailing list to purchase a signed copy when available - Please let me know when available -

Sincerely

card sent
Mar 25

DICK GORANSON
3200 W. METALINE PL.
KENNEWICK, WA. 99336

19 April 1976

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

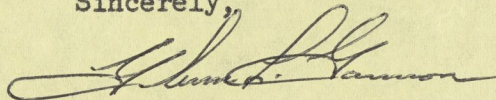
Dear Mr. Nemes:

On page 84 of the Pre-Season Issue of Fly Fisherman Magazine (Vol. 7, No. 2) you advertise for sale Soft Hackled Flies. I would like to purchase two of each of the fourteen SHF that were illustrated on page 23 of the Late-Season Issue of FFM (Vol. 6, No. 7). At \$10.00 per dozen, or approximately 85 cents each, I am enclosing a personal check for \$23.80.

I have two questions concerning the tying of these flies. Where can I purchase Snipe and Starling feathers? Since I am not familiar with the Alcock brand of hook, what hook would you recommend using that would be readily available to most tyers, say Mustad for example?

With best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Glenn L. Gammon", written in a cursive style.

Glenn L. Gammon

From

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2 MARKET ST.
SMYRNA, DELAWARE 19977



PLEASE RETURN THIS
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♦♦♦♦ TO

To

Sylvester Nemes
10824 HENDRICKS
CROWN POINT, IND. 46307

DATE

2/4/76

SUBJECT

ADV. - FFM - JAN '76

Message

Dear Mr. Nemes: Enclosed is check for \$10.00. Please send me assorted dozen of your soft hackle flies as per your ad in FFM. My fishing is done in limestone streams of So. Central Penn. and lower New York state. I will leave the sizes to your discretion. I have read your book and found it enjoyable and informative. Please send flies to _____

KARL GEBHART

PO Box 592

SMYRNA, DEL. 19977

Reply

Thank you! K. Gebhart

SIGNED

DATE

SIGNED

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SHFA July 30

Dr. Solomon Gross
DENTIST
1807 WILLIAMSBRIDGE RD.
BRONX, N. Y. C., N. Y. 10461
TALMADGE 3-1829

Mar 18, 1976

Dear Syl,

In late February I mailed you a check of \$10.00 in payment for one dozen #10 soft hackle flies. Here in the East the opening of the trout season is fast approaching and I believe these small flies would just "fit the bill". I hope you can accommodate me by sending them before the opening date of April 1.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,
Sol Gross

Dr. Solomon Gross
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February 28, 1976

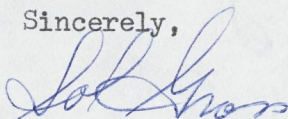
Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Syl:

Enclosed please find my check of \$10.00 for one (1)
dozen soft hackle flies.

If they are available in #12 size hook it will do
fine; if not, #10 size is perfectly acceptable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sol Gross', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Solomon Gross, D.D.S.

SG/hg
Enc.

J. D. GLENN O.D. & T.D. SHELLEY O.D. INC.

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GHEA July 31

Dear Mr. Nemes.

Having come to fly fishing late (age 40)
I spent a few delightful but unproductive hours
on two Michigan streams last year.

Always compulsive I have purchased gear
and will purchase more in pursuit of this
singular sport of beauty and solitude. I
have joined the Indianapolis edition of the FFF
and have discovered the delights of T.D. Brooks, Ill.

I just finished your book (at the
recommendation of Dr. Warren Vanderhill of Ball
State U.) My small experience tells me
that your fly and technique suit me very well.

I am not yet into fly tying; please
send two dozen of your best. Please send
your book also; my copy is defective
in that it lacks p. 97, the illustrations of
your flies. Tight lines, Mr. Nemes, and thank
you very much.

Sincerely,

John D. Glenn

Dr. Solomon Gross
DENTIST
1807 WILLIAMSBRIDGE RD.
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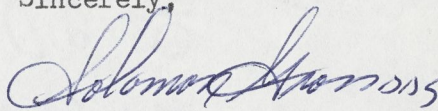
January 10, 1976

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Indiana

Dear Mr. Nemes:

Enclosed please find my check for \$10.00 plus
30¢ for shipping charges for one (1) dozen assorted
soft hackle flies. Send to above address. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Solomon Gross D.D.S.

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Enc.

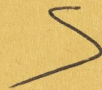


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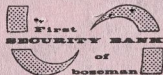
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PO Box 3782
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February 1, 1991

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.

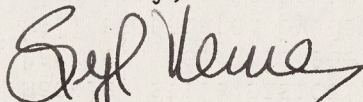
All of the new imitations are as easy to tie as any soft hackle, still basically a two part fly of body and bird or hen hackle. You will see all of the flies in color, photographed, as well as painted by James Marc, fine artist from California who also happens to be an avid fly fisherman. Included are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

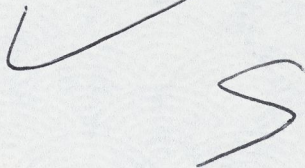
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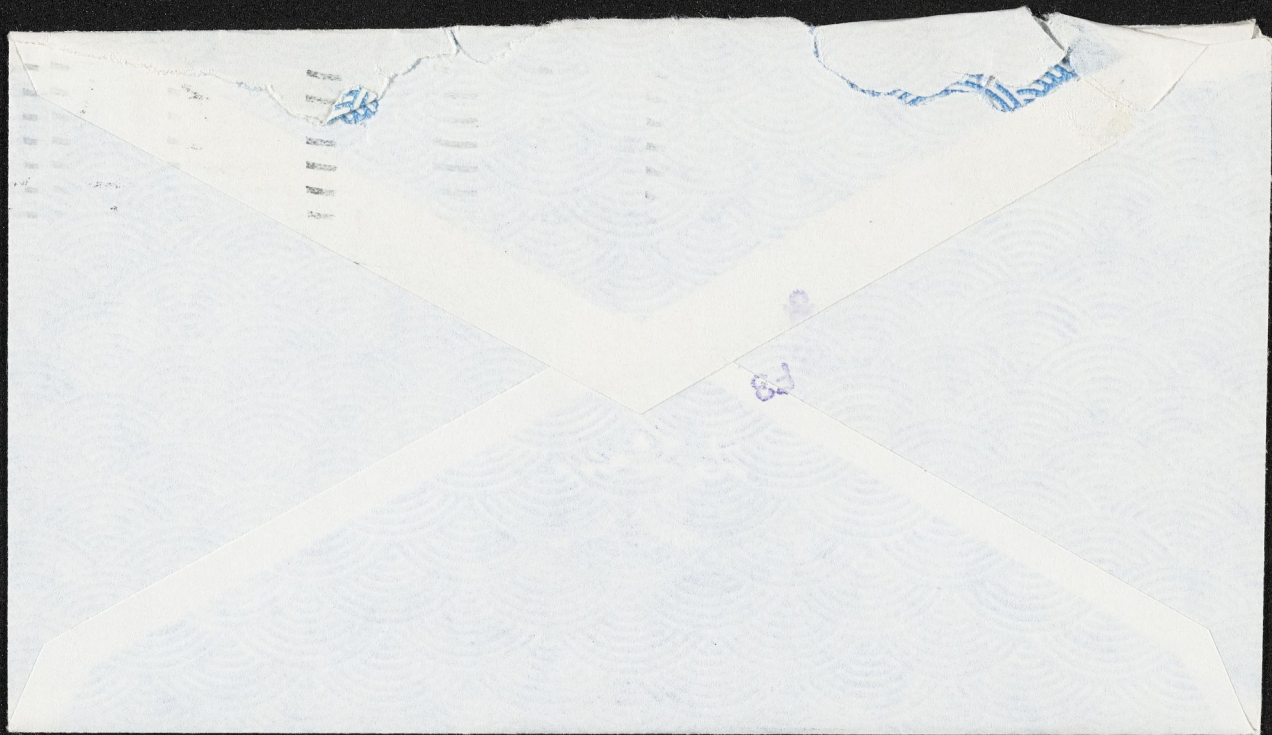

Syl Nemes

Yololive
920 Creek Dr.
B.C. Ca. 95006



Sylv Meme
P.O. Box 3782
Bozeman, MT. 59712





Please send me a
copy of "Soft-Hackled
Fly Imitations".

Enclosed is a check
for \$24.95.

Send the book to

Rich Golobie
920 Creek Dr.
Boulder Creek, Ca. 95006

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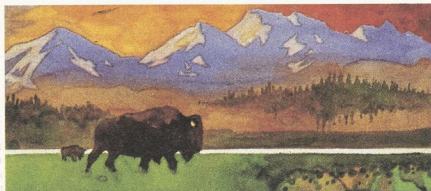
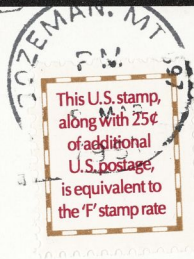
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Sey's new book
Soft-Hackled Fly
Imitations will be
ready around April
15th or so. The
price will be \$27.95.

Sey is offering a
pre publication offer
\$22.95. If you
care to send a check
will mail you a book
as soon as its avail.
Hazel Venable

Box 3782
Bozeman mt
59712



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Dick Goranson
3200 W Metairie Pl
Kennewick WA
99336

March 25, 1991

Dear Mr. Nemes-

Thank you for the reply - Enclosed is a check for \$22.95. In April, when they become available, please send me a copy of your new book Soft Hackle Fly Tying.

I would like very much for you to sign the copy.

Thank you

Dick Horan

3200 W. Metairie Pl.

Kennecworth, Wa. 99336

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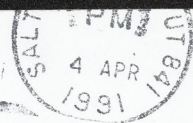
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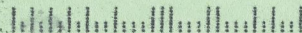
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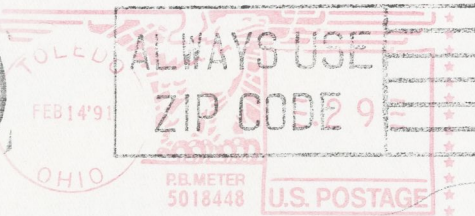
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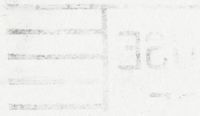
Thank you,
Elliott W. Gritton

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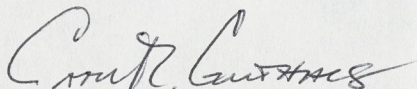
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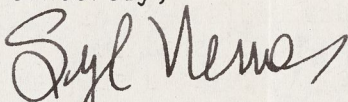
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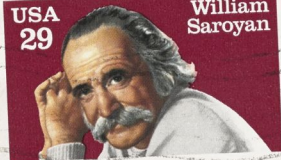

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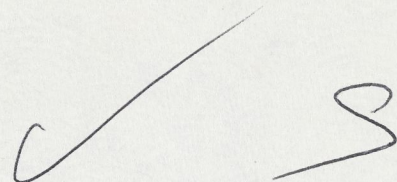
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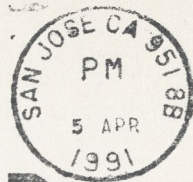
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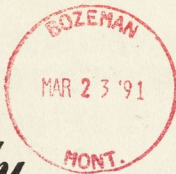
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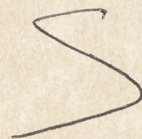
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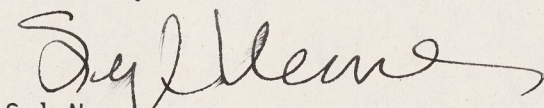
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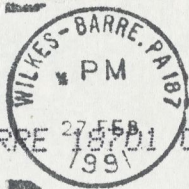
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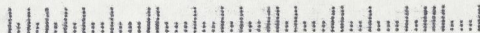
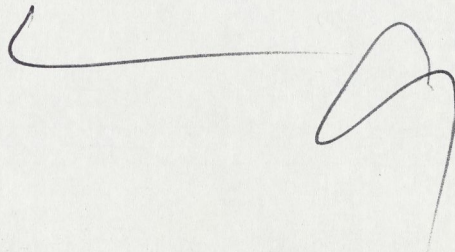

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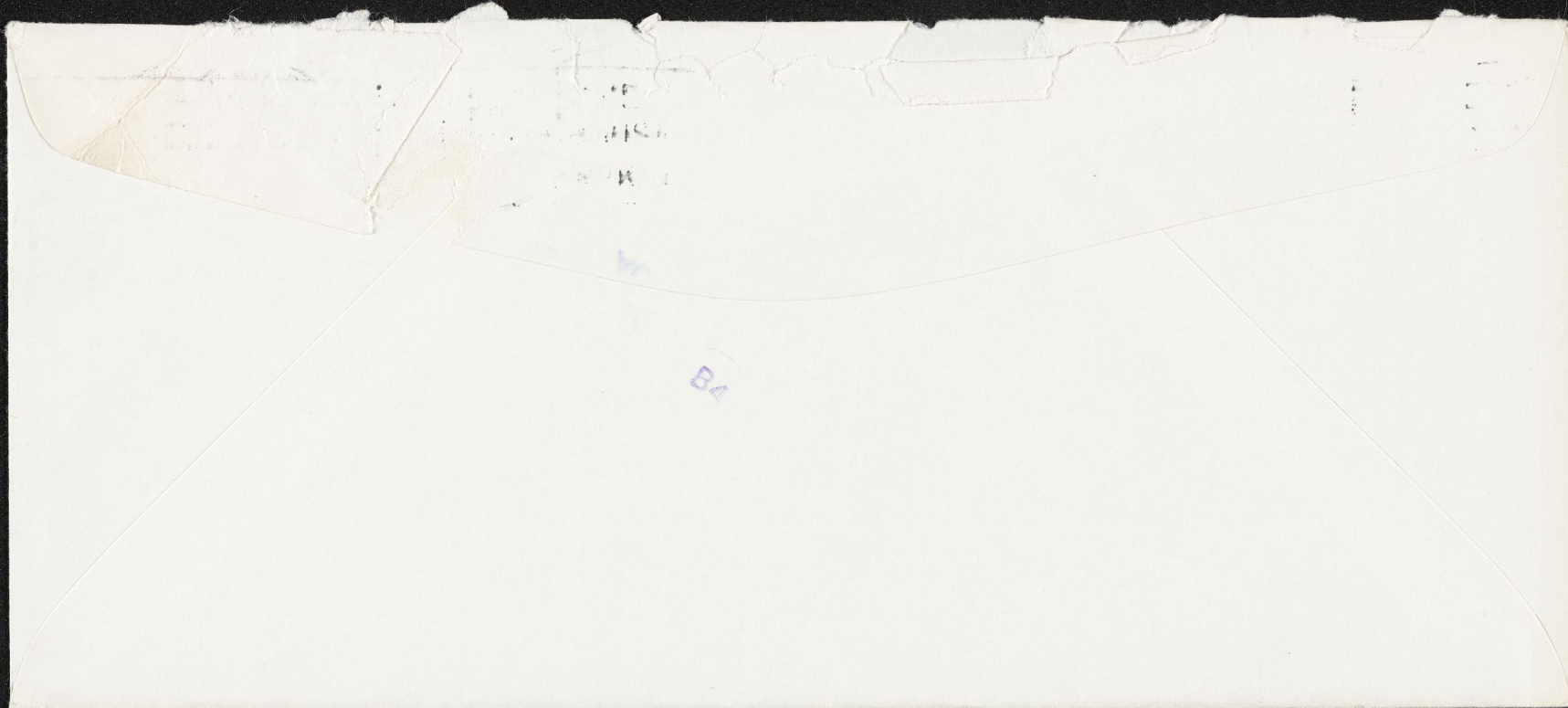


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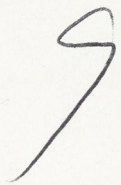
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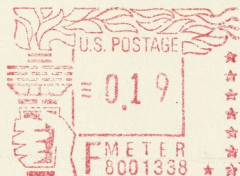
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Best Regards

Art Oenshaw

THE GUN SHOP



January 7, 1986

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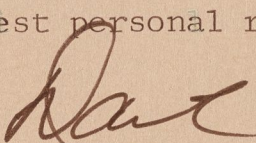
Dear Syl:

Just thought I'd drop you a note to let you know that I am going back to New Zealand January the 29th for seventeen days of "soft-hackling" the rivers of the south island.

If you have any secret soft-hackle flies that you think might be especially good, drop me a note.

I'll send you a picture and a report when I get back from my trip.

Best personal regards,


Dave Parker

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12 February 1996

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Dear Mr. Nemes,

I just received my signed copy of Spinners and commend you on a job well done. The book was most enjoyable and as one angling scholar to another, I'd like to share some things with you.

On page 28 under "Part Three: The Hatch Books" you state that Schwiebert's Matching the Hatch was the first American book on hatches. This statement is incorrect the way it reads because other books on hatches preceded it.

The earliest American hatch book in my library is Louis Rhead's American Trout Stream Insects which was first published in 1914. Although Rhead describes spinner falls, he does not separate the dun from the spinner stages. In fact, he classifies all mayflies simply as "drakes," caddisflies as "duns" and crane flies as "spinners!" He states that he is against using the terminology dun and spinner to designate the different stages of a mayfly as the English do.

Two other classics which preceded Matching the Hatch are A Book of Trout Flies by Preston Jennings (1935) and Art Flick's Streamside Guide to Naturals and their Imitations (1947). Both Jennings and Flick mention spinners, however Flick incorrectly indicates that with only a few exceptions they are unimportant. One of the exceptions is the Coffin Fly, the spinner stage of the eastern Green Drake, *Ephemera guttulata*. I was disappointed to not find a Coffin Fly dressing in Spinners as I'm always interested in learning the discoveries and ideas of other anglers.

Coffin Flies are huge, size 8-12, and they blanket the water by the thousands. In fact, there can be so much food on the water that the trout become bloated when the spinner fall first begins, and they don't feed on consecutive days even though the water is blanketed with naturals. This is one of the most important and heralded spinner falls here in the East since it brings many large trout to the surface.

Another "hatch" classic which was not mentioned in Spinners is Trout Flies, Naturals and Imitations by Charles M. Wetzel. This was also printed in 1955 and it contains several dressings for mayfly spinners.

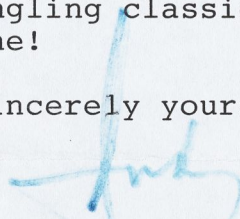
Quite obviously, Wetzel's classic is not mentioned in the bibliography of Matching the Hatch since it came out at the same time. However, Jennings and Flick are. Rhead is mentioned within the text of that book and acknowledged as being "The

first American to attempt a correlation between artificial flies and the naturals of our waters."

Lastly, I'd like to share with you that here in the East I frequently see male spinners on the water. Oftentimes, they are still coupled to the female as they float by. The males are also plentiful when the Coffin Flies fall, conspicuous by their smaller size.

Like your other books, Spinners is sure to become one of our angling classics. I'm already looking forward to your next one!

Sincerely yours,



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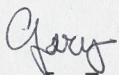
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LaSalle, July 31st. 1992

Mr. Sylvester Nemes,
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Bozeman, MT 59772

Dear Sir,

As a member of a group of about twenty senior members of the Montreal Fly-Fishermen, I was quite interested some months ago, when one of our members showed-up with a trade copy of your book, "THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY".

The book went around the group many, many times and created a lot of interest. As for myself, I have been tying and fishing for stream trout since the 50s, and one of my favorite flies as always been the "MARCH BROWN SPIDER", so You can imagine the interest that I had in your book.

I think that it would be very interesting if I can buy a complete set of the trade editions of your three books.

Please let me know what the cost would be.

I have enclosed a photo of some of our group, during a coffee break !

Hoping to read from you soon,

Yours Truly, *Georges Gaudreau*

Georges Gaudreau
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*Answered
Sept 26*

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Dear Mr. Nemes:

It was a great pleasure to meet and visit with you. The opportunity to share the experiences and talents you have with our Chapter was exciting. It is also refreshing to find great humor and enjoyment displayed by you about fly-tying and flyfishing.

I called our retired federal employee "Earl Dorsey" and discussed my delight and fascination of you and the soft-hackle. We talked about some of your fishing trips on the Missouri and Clearwater. He was thrilled to hear that I had purchased the set of your books, since we share many ideas and value art such as yours. He mentioned to say hello from him.

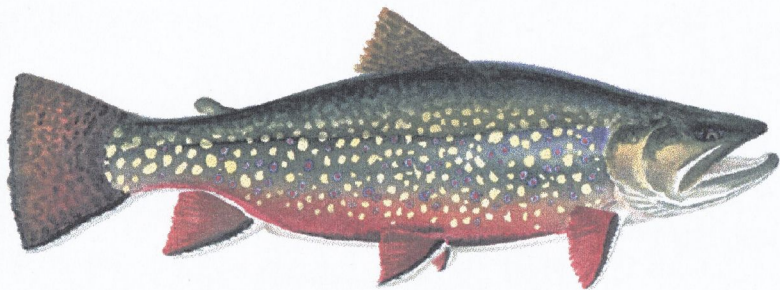
I've enclosed the remaining balance for the purchase of your books. I know you mentioned that they would not be a numbered set but if you had any possible chance I would cherish them.

The next time I'm in Bozeman I would enjoy calling you, and stopping for a visit.

When you mail the books would you please just enclose them with the order from Paul Redfern, Fish-On Fly Shop, 3346 Harrison Ave. BUTTE MT 59701.
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Sincerely,

Terry Guptill



X. J. Allen 199

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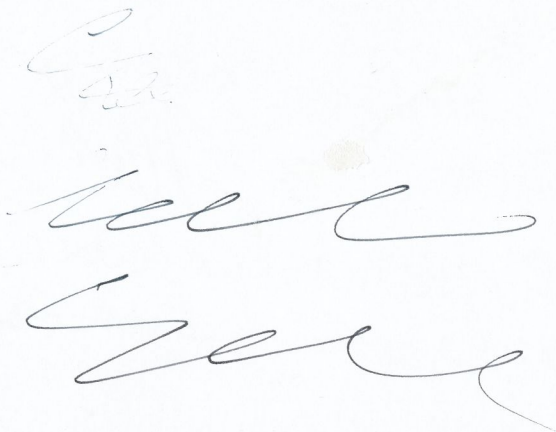
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My phone is (780) 929-1228

Thank you,
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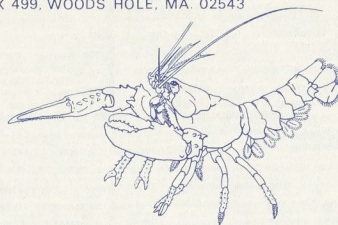
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Please send me a copy of The Soft-Hackled Fly, together with a dozen of your flies, noted as available in the "Classifieds" section of the Nov./Dec. 1989 issue of Fly Rod and Reel. I have enclosed \$29.95 for the book and the flies.

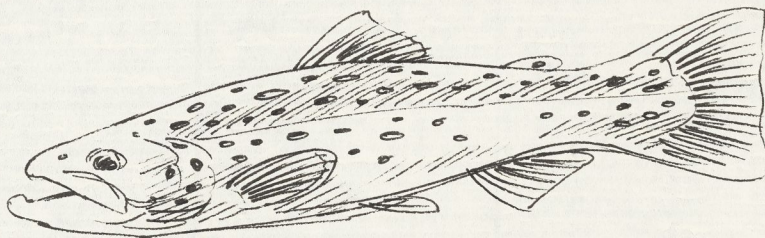
I recently attended an auction of the angling library of the late Joseph D. Bates; his first-edition copy of Yorkshire Trout Flies by T.E. Pritt was bid up to \$550.

Thanks in advance for the book & flies —

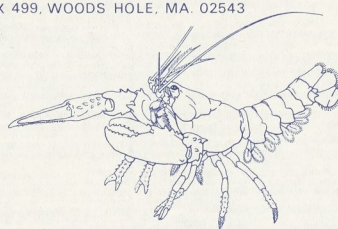
Sincerely,

Bob Golder

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P.O. BOX 499, WOODS HOLE, MA. 02543



November 20, 1989

Dear Mr. Nemes —

Thank you for your letter, which arrived a few days ago, and for the book & the flies which arrived today.

I am interested in illustrating your next book on soft-hackles, but the press of finishing current work before traveling to see family during the Thanksgiving holiday has kept me from responding quickly.

For the moment I am sending a page showing three line drawings of flies done for the catalog of Classic & Custom Fly Shop in Westfield, Massachusetts. I also enclose a color print of a Childers (featherwing Atlantic salmon fly), made by my wife, Linda Golder. A professional photographer for 15 years, Linda specializes in this type of work, which may be appropriate for your book. I hope to send you more material after Thanksgiving, but for the moment if you have the Summer 1988 issue of Trout (Trout Unlimited's quarterly magazine), you will see Linda's photos illustrating an article by Lee Wulff (see pages 67 and 69).

Sincerely,

Bob Golder

Dear Mr. Nemes

Enclosed is a check for \$29.95
for one copy of your fine book
"The Soft-Hackled Fly" and a dozen
soft hackles -

Please send to:

Tom Gong
1929 Carlson Blvd.
Richmond CA 94804

An autograph would be greatly
appreciated -

USPS

Good Fishing,

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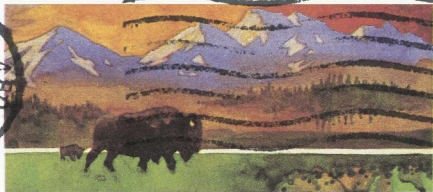
Tom Gong

Dear Mr. Nemes.

Please quote price of your book "The
Soft Hatched Fly".
Thank

Feb 15 answer

D.L. GASS
6265 Buxton Dr.
West Bloomfield, MI 48322



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Sylvester James

P.O. Box 3782

Bozeman, Mt. 59715

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Dear Syl:

Here are Chapters 1-7. Editing is such a thankless job; again. I've tried to retain your voice as much as possible throughout. The writing is very consistent, and I think for the reader it will be very interesting. The theme of the book as I read it is: tie these easy-to-tie flies, fish them as I suggest, and you'll get results upstream and downstream, depending on conditions. Same premise and promise as the first two books, and the patterns are terrific, as well as the tradition/history linkage you make throughout to E & L, etc.

Agree with me or not, previous titles notwithstanding... it is the soft-hackled fly with a hyphen.

It is soft hackle...when one says...."The soft hackles on the fly imitate both the wing cases and the legs of the insect." (without the hyphen)

But in my book it's "soft-hackled fly"....Soft-hackled Green Drake (all initial capitals). I've taken the liberty to bestow initial caps on all fly patterns...Trico, Soft-hackled Trico (note the "-ed") and have used the hyphenated "Soft-hackled" as a modifier of the specific fly throughout. But not "soft hackles."

I've also *italicized* genera and Latin-ized terms (Baetis, Callibaetis, etc.)

And as with the Addict, I've penciled in some Chapter Subtitles for your consideration. Te

About the "localisms." "On June 22, 23, 24 1990..."...I've edited to "mid-to-late June, 1990" because when you get that specific, without "prepping" the reader, you lend greater significance to those dates alone. You could "prep" it by adding a few paragraphs to the introduction, telling the reader that you kept detailed fishing notes (a la Art Flick), recorded dates, people fished with, results, and comments. They've found their way into the text "because without the help of the book would not have the validity, currency, or specificity that so many other writers have simply assumed." Then I think you could STET the dates...if and only if you're willing to make the book less timeless. Does Pritt give dates? Edmunds and Lee? Do they include names in the text? Or do they relegate "assistants" to a footnote or index or final chapter citing those who helped on each pattern? Including specific dates and people in the text might best be saved for magazine articles and newspapers. It might be handled best in an appendix where you can list each pattern, its construction, the dates and places you worked it out, and those who helped with the fishing research. I think that would be best. The "marketing" angle -- naming names -- won't suffer at all in this way, either.

Three men of the cloth have agreed to golf as a threesome. They appear at the course at 6AM ready to tee off. A Catholic priest, a Baptist minister, and a Rabbi. The foursome ahead of them is very slow.

So slow in fact that by noon, the religious threesome is only on the fourth tee. The Catholic priest yells up ahead to the slow group: "Play faster, you ugly muts!"

The caddy from the forward group comes back to explain.

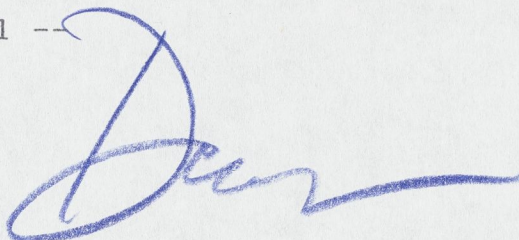
"Gentlemen, I'm truly sorry! Everyone of the players I'm working for is blind. I'm sorry it's taking so long."

Hearing such, the priest falls to his knees and starts a prayer of forgiveness for his rash and rude behavior. The Baptist minister starts his patented Billy Graham routine to the trees, beseeching a greater and more humane tolerance, imploring God to forgive his unthinking ways.

The Rabbi, however, drops his club and walks forward a bit and yells to the group: "So vy don't you play at night?"

With that, here's Chapters 1-7; give me more.

My love to Haz and all --



Montreal, sept 28 - 1990.

DEAR MR. NEMES.

FOR SALE: *The Soft-Hackled Fly* is back!
New re-issue of this hard-to-find classic. With
dozen soft hackles tied by the author. \$29.95
ppd; \$20 ppd for book only. Syl Nemes, PO
Box 3782, Bozeman, MT 59722.

REGARDING YOUR ADD IN FL-1 ROD
AND REEL MAG. (MAY-JUNE 90),
I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER
THE AUTOGRAPHED BOOK PLUS ONE
DOZEN FLIES TIED BY YOU
BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE
THE FLIES MOUNTED IN A FRAME.

COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME IF IT
IS POSSIBLE AND QUOTE ME
A PRICE.

Thank you very much.

TO:

 JACQUES GEROME
8846 BLOMIDON
ST-LEONARD (QUEBEC)
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CANADA.

Plus
Oct 12, 1990

68 MEADOWBANK CRESCENT
ROTORUA
NEW ZEALAND
1st October 1990

Dear Mr Werner,

I correspond on a regular basis with Wayne Wallen from Visalia, California and he mentioned that you would be very interested in neck beards from our native rail the Pukeko for your soft hackled flies.

I hope you will find the enclosed of some interest and use. If you would like more, just say. They are easily obtained every shooting season.

Although soft hackled wets are not as popular as other flies in NZ, they do have some very ardent supporters, and when all else fails on the river a small partridge and wrasse will often do the trick, particularly late season.

The majority of our fishing is in and around the many lakes in the Rotorua district but we do have some excellent river fishing to the south.

The lake trout, both rainbow and brown feed mainly on smelt (bait fish) and freshwater crayfish and the most popular flies are Matariki Streamers and Delta winged lures tied from Pukeko beards.

If you are unfamiliar with NZ lake flies I would be happy to send you examples of the most popular patterns.

I enjoy tying hot flies and experimenting with new and different tying techniques.

Although we are limited in our choice of indigenous materials I would be happy to send you any you may be interested in. Send me your wish list and I will see what I can do.

Kind regards

Garth Coghill

GARTH COGHILL

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*Señor Sylvester Nemes
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Señor Nemes,

There are 3 books that now grace the shelves of my private library. They are written by one, Sylvester Nemes (phonetically Neh-mesh). Two of them are signed by the author; one is not.

Will you be attending the 95 Conclave? It would please me to have you sign your book for me. A representative from the FFF has asked me to come and do rod building demonstrations as a result of my recently released book "Handcrafting a Graphite Fly Rod".

In your first book you recommend fly tying. After 20 years of building rods it is time for me to take your advice to heart. By winter I should have all necessary materials to begin tying. I do need to develop some skills at tying. At this point in my experience I have built about 1300 rods and while I still enjoy the activity I want to develop a modicum of skills as a tyer. Further I have decided to try the soft hackled flies as my entry into tying. I have but one more "thing" to purchase; a vice. I do want to take my time in deciding on the proper one for me. I have seen enough demonstrations to have pretty well decided on a Renzetti but I want to look a little further into the matter.

I have evaded the use of soft hackled flies but upon reading your books I am taking an unbiased approach and will try them. My first good test of the patterns will be in Chile and Argentina this coming February-March. I am retiring from my job after 32 1/2 years in January and in February I will leave for Chile and Argentina for a month.

Muchas gracias for having written the books and for participating in the conversation of fly fishing. That conversation constitutes an important part of my life. Is there likely to be an extended conversation from you on soft hackled flies?

I look forward to seeing you at the Conclave.

Con todo respeto,

A stylized handwritten signature, appearing to be 'L.A.', written in dark ink.

*L A Garcia
23 October 1994*

Dr. Solomon Gross
DENTIST
1807 WILLIAMSBRIDGE RD.
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November 15, 1976

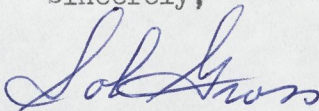
Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Ind. 46307

Dear Syl,

Thank you for sending me your postcard about the new innovations in soft hackle flies. Last season I found your flies very effective on the small Long Island streams I fish in, however, the most productive sizes were 16, 18 and 20. Using the directions from your fine book I made a few, but being a novice, they quickly lost their shape,

I would like to order several dozen in size 16, 18 and 20 assorted, if you can provide them that small. Please let me know, so that I may send you my check for an order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sol Gross', written in a cursive style.

Solomon Gross, D.D.S.

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TALMADGE 3-1829

January 5, 1976

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Indiana

Dear Syl:

Please excuse my familiarity, but being an ardent trout fisherman as you are, I feel all of us belong to a fraternity that goes back hundreds of years. Those of us enjoying the pleasure of trout fishing can often dispense with formalities of introduction.

I have just finished your book "The Soft Hackled Fly" and digested every word of it. Your methodology and philosophy of fishing this particular kind of fly intrigues me. The simplicity of the technique makes it so fascinating. The mere fact that I can stop becoming a stream pseudo-entomologist has given me a new and bright ray of hope. I first became aware of the soft hackled fly in the "Fly Fisherman" magazine and I made an effort to buy them commercially but to no avail. It seems they are hard to obtain.

Because my time is fully occupied, I haven't taken up fly tying, but I see I must. I would greatly appreciate any further particulars as how to get started. In the meantime, if you can direct me to a retail tackle shop, it would be most welcome.

Sincerely,

Sol Gross
Sol Gross

Dear Mr. Gross:

*I'm selling the SHF for \$10. a
dozen. Want some?
Syl Nemes*

Dr. Solomon Gross
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November 27, 1976

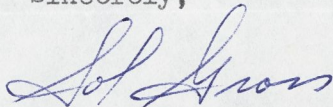
Mr. Sylvester Nemes
10824 Hendricks
Crown Point, Indiana

Dear Syl,

Thank you for your kind attention to my unusual request. I'm looking forward to a fruitful and productive upcoming fishing season.

I will be glad to inform you as to some of my results with the smaller size soft hackle flies.

Sincerely,

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Solomon Gross, D.D.S.

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