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SYLVESTER NEMES P.O. BOX 3782 BOZEMAN, MT. 59772 Sylvester Nemes PO Box 3782 Bozeman, MT 59772 406 587 8301 July 3, 1998

Dear fly fishing friend:

First, I want to thank you for buying a copy of 'SPINNERS', around three years ago and I hope it has proved enjoyable and useful for you in your fly fishing endeavors since then. Umpqua Feather Merchants thought six of the patterns were good enough to be included in its wholesale lineup of trout flies and apparently they are selling quite well to fly shops across the country. I used the PMD spinner just a few days ago on the Firehole and the Henry's Fork, with a nice fish from both rivers on the fly.

The reason for this letter is to interest you in a similar offer for my new book, "SIX MONTHS IN SCOTLAND...An American View of its Salmon Fishing", to be published in a week or so, and to be bound in blackberry vellum.

The book was the result of exchanging houses with another family near Aberdeen, Scotland, where I fished the Don (two miles from the house) and the Dee (around 20 miles), and several other rivers in that beautiful country. I caught three Atlantic salmon on my own fly, (Salar's Nemesis) and hooked a couple more.

Included is a chapter, "Salmon Fishing in Scotland today" due to be published in Fly Fisherman later this year, which gives readers current information about the salmon fishing on many rivers, including hotels, costs, phone and fax numbers, salmon fishing outlook and fly patterns to take to that gracious and beautiful part of the world.

For the book, I also researched the serious and troubling subject of salmon decline, interviewing fishing rights owners, gillies, salmon anglers and government officials to produce an historical and revealing picture of the country's commercial and recreational salmon fishing. I think you'll find this book a rare piece of fly fishing literature, because it describes our sport on a different continent, in a different culture, in strange and unknown waters and under an ancient, feudal system which most of didn't know still exists.

Six Months will retail for \$29.95, but this pre-publication offer is for \$25.00 postpaid. You can pay with a check, or with Visa or Master Card, by calling me or Hazel at 406 587 8301, and receive your autographed copy around August 1st.

Thanks again and Sincerely yours,

P.S. I forgot to mention there are 8 color pages of gorgeous Scottish salmon rivers, of me landing a salmon and of the ancient, netting system called net and coble.

(gVDZ)

Bob Hoback 1435 CHAMBERLAIN ROAD PASADENA, CA 91103

The soft hackle flies have always been great patterns. I have a copy of each of your books, and look forward to this new one.

Thanks for keeping my same on your list.

Bob

Bruce E. Harang 370 Sondley Drive East Asheville, NC 28805







MR. Sylvester Nemes P.O. Box 3782 Bozeman, MT 5-9772







7eb 5/1991 Dear Syl;

Enclosed 15 my check for \$22.95 for An Autographed copy of your new book "Soft Hackle Ily Imitations". Since my serious Auto Accident last July I have not been Able to fish, but I will be fishing come spring.

If you would like someone to help with testing in the Smokey Mita's let me know. I will send reports if of value to you. otherwise I will send reports if of value to you. otherwise I will just keep fishing the soft packles. I have been giving talks and demonstrations I have been giving talks and demonstrations. I have been giving talks and demonstrations on soft huchles in this area since I seewed on soft huchles in this area since I seewed and the TH chapters, the TH 2 yrs. Ago, including the TH chapters, the TH class I started and the TH Conduce at Gattinbuyl the I started and the TH Conduce at Gattinbuyl TN last June.

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to this one.

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250 Grant St. Induana, Pa. 15701 December 26,1975

Dear Mr. Nemes.

Yesterday, Christmas Day, I received a copy of your wonderful book THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY. I simply could not put it down even though other packages awaited opening. But alas I had to, and after all the excitement of Christmas dinner, and a house fullof company, the evening gave way to a quiet one. The company had departed, the rain and sleet beat on the window, and I relaxed before the flaming hearth with your book. I consider it very well done. I relived with you your boyhood, I found your research on the soft hackeled fly to be as meticulous as any scientist. Your instructions on thying the fly very well done. In fact I first became acquainted with your flies through the article you wrote for the FLYFISHERMAN magazine. I have read and re-read it several times. I tied several of these flies, and although I didnot have the opportunity to try them on trout, I can assure youthey are well suited for blue gill.

My problem is two fold. When you talk about grouse hackel and partridge hackel, are you using the terms interchangably? In New England, the partridge is the grey phase of the ruffed grouse (Bonasa umbellus) the brown bird of Pennsylvania woodlands. To confusethe issue even further. I see in my fly tying catalogs, that they list grouse wings and partridge wings as seperate items along with English grouse feathers, and Hungarian partridge feathers. The problem is not the flytyers alone, for ornithologist have the problem to hassel with all the time.

My second problem deals with retriving the fly after the cast is compleated. Should it be retrieved in a slow figure eight left hand retrieve, or jerked back up stream like a streamer, or retrieved back up stream two feet and alowed to tumble back down one foot? What do you suggest in thisregard?

Thank you for your time in answering these questions. If at anytime you are in thispart of Pennsylvania, feel free to stop in to see me. Fly fishers are always welcome, and soft hackled fly fishermen more so. I'll share our trout streams with you, but they are nothing like the ones you fished in the west. We are about 50 miles east of Pittsburgh , and about three hours drive south of Kane.

Again I thank you for such a wonderful book. It is well written in a beautiful easy going style. It will have a proud place on my book shelf along with Bergman and Marinero But most of all I'll be using those soft hackled flies when trout season open in Pennsylvania next April. In the meantime, it is back to the fly tying bench for me. Sincerely, Son Jua

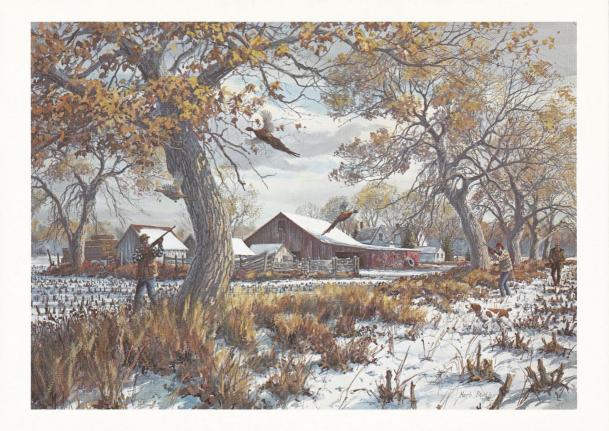






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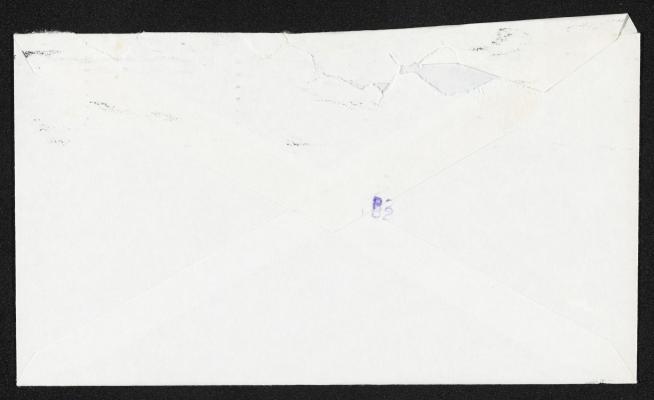
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BOZEMAN MT. 59172



seid may 25 9/ PO Box 3782 Bozeman, MT 59772 February 1, 1991 Dear friend of the Soft Hackle: You may have heard I have been working on a new book on soft hackles since my retirement here in Bozeman, Mt. Now, after three years testing new patterns and one year writing, SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS is finished and will be published sometime in April by me and my wife, Hazel. This is the most advanced and perhaps the most enlightening of the three books I've written on the soft-hackled fly because each pattern was designed to be used during the rise of certain trout insects. There is a midge, pale morning dun, four baetis, two tricos, callibaetis, green drake, mother's day caddis, mahogany dun, rusty spinner, and freshwater shrimp. There are also six soft-hackled patterns for eastern waters designed by a good friend of mine who fishes in the Catskills most of the year. If I've left out your favorite hatch, there is a chapter on designing your own soft hackles to help you match the hatches in your own backyard. All of the new imitations are as easy to tie as any soft hackle, still basically a two part fly of body and bird or hen hackle. You will see all of the flies in color, photographed, as well as painted by James Marc, fine artist from California who also happens to be an avid fly fisherman. Included are all of the new dressings and tying and fishing instructions on most of the great trout water in Montana and Idaho. SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS also has an introduction by Dave Hughes, himself a proponent of the soft-hackled fly. The 6 x 9 inch, 120 page book is bound in fine sail cloth and will retail for \$27.95. I'm writing you with a pre-publication offer of \$22.95 ppd. This means you will be first in the country to receive your first edition copy, autographed by me, long before the book appears in stores and fly shops, if you send your payment now. Thanks for your previous purchases, phone calls and letters. Now, there is quite an army of followers and believers in the soft-hackled fly. Syl Nemes Copy - incluses present! **Roland Henin** 2231 Wildwood Ct Salem OR 97306-1006

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Dear Syl,

I am happy to take you up on your pre-publication offer of your new book. Please find enclosed my check for \$22.95.

I have tied and used soft hackled flies last year in this area and found them to be very successful. I look forward to reading your new book and putting that new knowledge to use.

Thank you for this opportunity. Perhaps our paths will cross at some future FFF or TU convention.

Sincerely,

James R. Highley

September 24. 1976 Sylvester Nemes 10824 Hendricks Crown Point, Indiana 46307 Dear Syl: I have returned home recently, after having been in Hawaii for some time, and found your letter in my mail. Sorry I wasn't able to give you an earlier reply. Your comments regarding the soft hackled fly, along with your observations regarding the angling conditions in Yellowstone, were much appreciated. No doubt my own ineptness was at least as much to blame as the conditions and time of year, and I thank you for taking the time to answer my letter. Please find a check for the sum of \$5.00 to cover the cost of the sh flies you sent along. Perhaps some day I may have the pleasure of your company on stream, and there better acquaint myself with the subtleties surrounding the use of this old, but time-proven pattern. Again, thank you for your time and concern.

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Jyl,

I was going over my mail at the office and found your
letter about the new book. Congratulations! Of course
I'd like a copy! Please send one out right away. Any
number would be fine. Hope things are going well for you and
yours. We didn't make it out last upon but you were often in
my thoughts.

may 28, 1976 JOHN M. HANLEY 10353 FIELDCREST COURT OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68114 SHPA Mr Sylvester names 31 10824 Hendricks It Crown Paint Indiana 46307 Vear Tyl: Many thanks for your good letter dated may 13, and for the 2 degen blies and the book "The Teft Haskled Fly". This approach to fishing looks entreenly interesting and Jam very anjours to read the look which you kendly autographed and then get some of your plies in the mater this fall. I doubt if I windlike close enough Test 25 to cet 17 to join you on a Rishing trip lut frinkle certainly keep these dates in mind. I also appreciate your advising that you fish the 5HF conveighted

with a bloating line. You see I had formed an erroneous impression from seanning the article in Fly Fisherman's magazine. many thanks for your advice and for the back and blies - I hope I have sufficient luck mith then to order more - lent it mill he fall lefore I get to try thom. In the man time + can dream! Timerely John M. Hanley

SHEA JULY 3 August 3, 1976 1320 Monterey St. Redlands, Calif. 92373

Dear Mr. Nemes:

We have never met, and possibly never will, yet as we both enjoy as much as anything else the pursuit of trout in our leisure time--perhaps you would be willing to find a moment to share the concern of a fellow angler as relates to a commom problem facing all anglers, namely "how one catches fish not wanting to be caught." There is little more frustrating than frustration.

Some three weeks ago, I returned from a fishing trip to Yellowstone Park, where my family was camped in the Old Faithful area, and from whence my brother and I went fishing daily in the surrounding streams. All told my stay encompassed some 17 days from July 1 through 17, during which I was out on the stream 14 of those days from sun up to sun down. Most of the time I was trying with almost no success to use your soft-hackled fly. Total score for the soft-hackle after 14 days on the Gibbon Madison and Firehole was one trout caught and released (3 inch baby rainbow), one other hooked (but got away) two or three strikes, and a couple of slight nibbles--hence the source of my frustration. There leaves little doubt; as a successful or even semi-successful fisher of the soft-hackled fly I am totally inept. In retrospect however, I keep asking myself why?

Having read your article on soft-hackled flies in an earlier issue of Fly Fisherman magazine, I decided to buy your book The Soft-Hackled Fly and read it through (which I did some 3 times) because the material in it sounded remarkably like that in Pete Hidy and Jim Leisenring's The Art of Tying the Wet Fly and Fishing the Flymph. Earlier, last year I came across an earlier copy of Jock Scott's Greased Line Fishing for Salmon, and as mentioned in your book, picked up some very valuable tips as far as mending and fly presentation are concerned. Nonetheless, none of this information seemed to help produce fish. Before leaving home I tied up several of my own Maxima leaders ranging in length from eight to fifteen feet in length, and tapering from 251b. to 21b. test depending on the water conditions. Quartering my line up and across stream and using either an "S" or a "hook" cast, I let line and leader continue down stream, holding the rod high and parallel to the water and mending as necessary to keep the line and leader from "bellying" and at the end simply checking the rod slowly so that the natural swing of the fly downstream would alow the fly hackles to work in the current as the fly rose slowly toward the surface. But once again, no luck. Once in a while, particularly in a little slower water I employed the Leisenring lift technique to add a bit of animation, but with the same result. On the faster and larger stretches, an 8 2 ft. Fenwick graphite, carryinga DT6F line was used, while on slower stretches, I employed a Winston 8 / 2 ft. phenolic glass rod of slower action, and carrying a DT4F line.

As a matter of fact it wasn't until after I gave up using the soft-hackled fly each day and changing to nymphs, that my luck changed at all, and even then action on stream continued to be very slow-but I did start catching fish.

Local weighted patterns such as Montana nymphs and Wooly worms fooled a few fish, but mostly whitefish. The only consistent success I had as far as trout was concerned came via using a yellow-bodied weighted stone fly pattern tied by George Grant, as well as a group of unweighted flat-bodied nymphs of colored raffia grass tied by Ed Sisty of Denver. These Sisty nymphs were used until they were lost on an underwater obstruction of some sort, or else sheared from a leader by a large fish.

Materials used, as I have learned often make a whopping difference as to the effectiveness of a fly. For that reason I am sending you a sample of each fly used for you to inspect, as I myself have little or no criteria to use for judgment as to this type of fly. Perhaps you could comment as to their quality. The flies (Partridge and Orange, Partridge and Green, Partridge and Yellow, Pheasant Tail, Tupps, and Starling and Herl) all were ordered through Fly Fisherman's Bookcase and were sizes #10, 12 and 14. Several summers back, while attending the Fenwick Fly Fishing program just outside of West Yellowstone. I met Pat Barnes, and remembering that he carried your flies (soft hackled), I stopped by to look at them in the glass counters. As far as I could tell, they pretty well resembled the one I am sending along to you except maybe mine have a bit sparser hackle, I'm not sure. Bud Lilly told me at the time that you were fishing in the area, but didn't know exactly where you were. His only reply to my questions concerning the soft hackle was "The only thing certain is that nothing is certain." This reminded me of a statement made by Leon P. Martuch just before his death in his last written magazine article for Scientific Anglers publication, when he said summing up over 40 years of angling, that the only thing predictable about trout is that they are "totally unpredictable." Perhaps he was correct in his observation, and perhaps it would be better to leave the matter there, yet in my case I can't help feeling there is something that went wrong.

In closing, I see that you are going to be available for soft-hackle fishing via Pat Barnes Sept. 25--Oct 15. A real pity that my job of teaching prevents my ever being able to be in the area just as the big brown trout start their run up the Madison River. I managed to cover most of the broken water area mentioned in your book on the Firehole, as well as that stretch on the Madison from just inside the west entrance of the park to some 400 to 500 yards upstream where the riffles become shallower and the grassy islands sit in the river. No doubt, September or early October would see a bit more action. Thank you for your time once again, and any advice or observations which you could spare would be greatfully received.

Sincerely,

Jim Hynes

April 2 nd Dear Mr. Nemes, please sevel me a tegen soft-hackled flies and an antographed copy of your book as advertised in the last. Fly Fisherman. SHFA Total 17 95 July 3 Thank gow, Emerson Heilman 5516 Satinwood A. Columbus. O. 43229

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Dear Mr. Nemes, My name is Bill Hale, I am the Ways and Means Chairman for Egark Fly Fishers, St. Louis, Mo. I met and talked to you and Ed Story at Feather Craft about your transcriptor to "Spinners" which you had at the time I enjoyed your company, Anyway, thank you for your limited edition Series of books offer. We'll Enclosed is the check and I will see if we can get you for one of our meetings! Ance Again, Thank fow and Tight Jines! Dill Hale (314)353-5619 4709 SEIBERT AUE. ST. LOUIS, Mo. 63123

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