

Nick Lyons Books

24 September 1982

Dear Syl:

Thanks so much for the signed copy of THE SOFT HACKLED FLY ADDICT, with the fly (which is lovely but won't catch any trout where I'm going to leave it). I'd ordered a copy for Tony a few weeks ago but that kid's so busy all the time he never writes, so I don't know his reaction. I'm sure he'll be pleased to see himself mentioned so nicely on the first page.

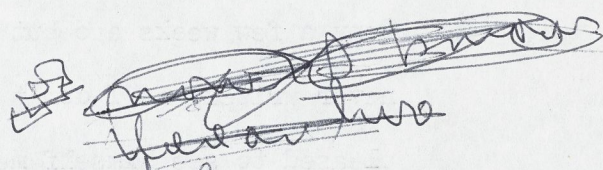
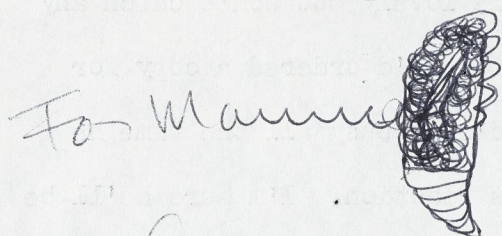
I'd suggest you try to get the book prominently listed by dealers like Barry Serviente (who has an extensive list of customers) and Judith Bowman. Gary LaFontaine leased all (or part of) the FLY FISHERMAN list, offered the book (on a postcard) with a signature and a fly, and sold about 3,200 copies of his CADDISFLIES (but that's an expensive way to get to them).

Winchester has been bought by New Century Publishers, and I've arranged to give them all my angling books in the future. I've also given them my list, so it's theirs now. You might write to Craig Woods (Box 553, Manchester Center, VT 05255) about marketing your book; I think he's set up a little company to handle his own and he might want to sell yours, too.

Best, always,

689-0998

Pour Maurice:
 Je vous ~~vous~~ souhaite
 Beaucoup de ~~bon~~ de temps
 les Prox plaisir avec
 les mouches.



Cher Maurice: ~~Je vous~~
 the bonds of fly fisherman
 a good friend of ~~George~~
 are universal
 you must be a good friend
 friend of mine.

from one tiger to
 another

It's hope that
 someday will ~~be~~ compare
 our fly specimens

Fly fishing and fly tying
 binds us all into ~~good~~
 friends. ~~I'm glad you~~
 across rivers and oceans.
 among us

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30 September 1985

Dear Syl:

I enjoyed hearing from you--and from such a wonderful part of the world! I think I'd been giving people an address in California for you (I get asked about all sorts of addresses). I don't know those spring creeks but I've been hearing more and more about them; Datus Proper apparently has some water on one of them and reports some fascinating fishing.

I really can't offer to read you book. It's clearly outside of our range and I just don't have any spare time, Syl. I'm still teaching full time and we're short-staffed here (Margot Page, Sparse's grand-daughter, ran off with one of our authors!), and I can barely hold on with my fingernails (let alone do a bit of writing of my own).

The only two agents I know who might want to handle it are:

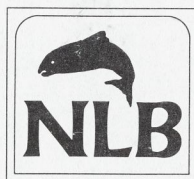
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Richard Balkin
The Balkin Agency
850 West 176th Street
New York, N.Y. 10033

You can mention my name with them both. I know a few others, but they've advised me that they're not reading lately and have more authors than they can handle.

Eventually, if it's still available, I'd like to do a paperback of the *SOFT HACKLED FLY ADDICT*--but we're overcommitted to reprints right now. You might try Charles Walther at Winchester Press and Judith Schnell (whom I assume you're dealing with there) at Stackpole. I'm glad they're doing your new book.

Best,



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19 June 1984

Dear Syl:

A couple of dealers have asked me for your address and I could only give them that in Chicago. I'm glad I have your new one. The dealers--as I remember--were Skips & Fly Shop in Erie, PA and Angler's Pro Shop in Lansdale, PA. If you haven't heard from them, you might contact them directly.

I can't do your book. We have what we think is an excellent little beginner's book, THE L.L. BEAN FLY FISHING HANDBOOK by Dave Whitlock, and this would overlap it directly. You might try Chet Fish at Stackpole, Contemporary Books in Chicago, or Arco Books in New York. I doubt if the very large places, like Random House or Harper's, would want it--nor are they interested in distribution deals on one title. Stackpole has an excellent distribution system these days.

We've bought NLB from our absentee British landlords, moved to large old cheap offices, and are plugging away. It's hard.

I envy you being in Bozeman--a beautiful part of the world. I spent a few weeks in Big Sky last summer and fished the Gallatin a lot.

Best,

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13 August 1998

Dear Syl,

Wonderful book! Having finished Six Months in Scotland yesterday afternoon I congratulate you on writing a most enjoyable story. I found the subject matter fascinating and your presentation just the right mix of fact and narrative.

The last two chapters were my particular favorites.

I may not have told you this story but one third of my visit to Europe this May (nine days) was spent in Scotland. Specifically, I was based in Glasgow and gave tying demonstrations to the Fly Dressers Guild branches there, in Ayrshire, and Aberdeen.

While in Aberdeen two members of the local Guild took my host and I to visit the Carinton beat on the Aberdeenshire Dee. We visited the famous tackle room with its photos of A.H.E. Wood, ubiquitous fishing log, and huge spools for drying fly lines; as well as a bothie. We talked at length with the gillie about the fishing (fifty hours per fish at his reckoning), and the problems and future of the fishery. Most fascinating. My only regret was that all of the clients appeared that morning otherwise I would have had the opportunity to cast a Dee fly into the Dee.

All of which made reading Six Months all the more enjoyable.

I will admit to some degree of bias because of my travels and passion of dressing salmon flies but I render no apology for the pleasure I had reading Six Months. Had the book been merely satisfactory this letter would have been merely curt.

Your thoughtfulness in giving me and inscribing the prepublication copy of Six Months is both typical and deeply appreciated. Thank you my friend.

Most sincerely,

LASER
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25 January 1994

Dear Mr Nemes,

Some years ago I purchased your first book on Soft-Hackled Flies. I soon started tying and fishing them with success. I then started to experiment with dubbed bodies to simulate the local caddis flies with green, olive, tan and gray bodies and improved my success (and fly durability). As soon as your Imitations book came out I purchased it and was most pleased to see the formal evolution of the Soft-Hackle and the thought processes you used. It's been a really fine book for me.

A couple of thoughts and experiences for your amusement and enjoyment (I hope):

- My success with the caddis fly imitations has led others to tie and use them extensively. It seems to catch fish throughout the cast cycle - dead drift, rising, swinging and holding.
- My fishing club's pond has water boatman (discovered by looking through the ice one winter) and small gray flies (#16, 18) as the main insect fare for trout. My soft-hackled imitations have become the #1 producer on the pond. I shouldn't have told anyone what I was using I guess.
- Dun-hackled flies have been very effective for me but seem to be overlooked by many.

as you noted in your book - maybe because

The partridge looks so nice to the tier.

Blue-wings and other gray flies imitated with hen blue dun have been successful for me.

- In 1992 I tied a Soft-Hackle to simulate the predominant mayfly in the Southern South Island, New Zealand during February & March and some of my caddis fly imitations. In one early evening below Gore near a coal reef I landed 5 fish from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs on the caddis while my friends were having a discouraging time $\frac{1}{4}$ mile down stream (out of sight). The mayfly simulations still need more trials but have showed promise. The fly is *Deleatidium Vernale* - see "Trout Stream Insects of New Zealand" by Norman Marsh.
- Another Soft-Hackle saved the day for me on the Oreti in 1993 - a slightly weighted peacock herl body with dark banded partridge hackle. This same fly (weighted and unweighted) - does well in Connecticut during the Alder Fly (Caddis) activity starting in early June.
- On one particularly large backwater on the Mataura River in 1993 we found at least 15 browns ranging from 3 to 8 lbs. We couldn't get a look from cruising fish despite what seemed to be feeding behavior - even some rises

to some thing. We gave up fishing and went into observation mode. We noted only some small (#18) underwater bugs that scurried in the mud when we walked in the shallows. I recalled my club pond experience and returned the next day with some small Soft-Hackles that were back at the sheep farm I was staying. Bingo - I hooked 5 and landed 3 on a #18 dirty yellow/brown lightly weighted Soft-Hackle before their struggles spooked the others. Unfortunately we were heading back to the U.S. The next day - Can't wait til I return in 95.

- The sparse (important) poly shuck was a great idea - wish I thought of it first.
- I sometimes use kevlar thread colored with a Pantone pen for ribbing. It seems to survive the trout's teeth better than ordinary threads. I've also used fine copper wire (it's probably my peculiarity but I've always favored copper over gold or silver on nymphs and emergers).
- What do you think of using a Pantone pen to color hackles to get your white with rusty edge hen hackles? Could you possibly send me one hackle?

This year I hope to fish Silver Creek in Idaho

during Trico time. I'll be with a friend who has spent time on The Creek over the past 7 or 8 years. I fully intend to give your Trico's a workout, while I'm sure my friend will use the "conventional" imitations - should be interesting. Have you tried using the hackle from Trico #2 with the body of Trico #1 when a smaller fly seems appropriate?

Your books (never did get Addicts) and flies have given me more enjoyment out of something I already enjoyed over any of my pursuits. It's not often that such simplicity creates effectiveness and versatility.

Sincerely
Curt



MR CURTIS R NELSON
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May 28 ,1994
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Canada
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Dear Syl

Thanks for your reply I really liked the stamp on the envelope, I think its one of the special series put out by the U.S. Post Office . I saw an article in one of the flyfishing journals,like "Rod & Reel" or "Flyfisherman", and they reported that these stamps had sold out quickly, due to interest from the flyfishing community.

It sounds pretty straight forward as far as fly selection is concerned so I'll tie up a stack of PMD's , caddis , and tricos . The rest of my patterns I'll pick up locally at fly shops and tie copies at night after fishing during the day. It's a hobby of mine to visit local shops and pin flies into a sheet of paper with hand written notes ,descriptions and name. I then file them at home. This idea came to me when reading about Theodore Gordon. He corresponded with Halford and Halford wrote back detailing his patterns and then hooked an actual fly beside each description in the letter. What a simple but great idea.

I'm pleased that you were able to acquire a copy of Martin Mosley's book I know that it's something you wanted, and it isn't easy to come across a copy.

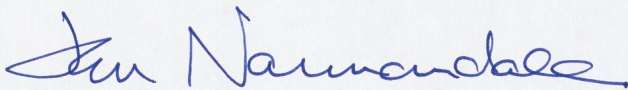
I have mentioned before that I have a very extensive collection of old British flyfishing literature. Should you come across references to books you don't have let me know , and I may be able to help you. This stuff is getting harder and harder to get partly due to the recent interest in flyfishing. Fortunately I started this "hobby" or should I say " affliction" in the very early 1970's so I've had time to acquire books that people weren't interested in , but now are. Anyway I will enclose a partial list to give you an idea ,in case you're interested and if you don't see a book write to me I may have it but

it just isn't on the list.

I certainly am excited to hear that you're working on a new book focusing on "Spinners" and I hope its going well. Perhaps I will get a chance to see your draft when I'm out in Montana this July, and see some of the flies you have created first hand, I would really like that if it is possible.

From the advice I'm getting from friends it looks like my first stop will be the Bighorn River, too many of them have advised this "stop" for me not to listen. Other streams recommended are Rock Creek , Ruby River, Slough Creek, and the "spring creeks of Paradise Valley", after that the Beaverhead, Madison, and Yellowstone Park. All in all quite a bit of travel for 3 weeks so some waters may have to be missed , time will tell . I hope this letter finds you in good health and once again please write if you need information on books ,it will be a pleasure to help.

Best Regards



Jan Normandale

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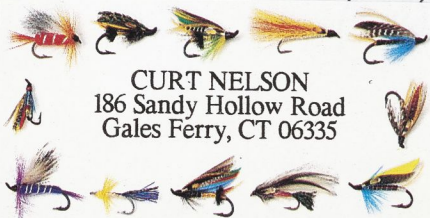
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Here's a check for
"Spinners". Who in my TV
Chapter (Rames Valley #282)
is receiving your donated copy?

Best for the
Holidays. Curt



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Paxton's Buggy Nymph
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Dear Syl:

I will anxiously be
awaiting my copy of
your new book in the
mail for UPS.

Please autograph it
to "Jim" Paxton.

Thanks

Jim Paxton
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81 Freshwater Road
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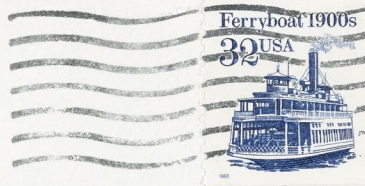
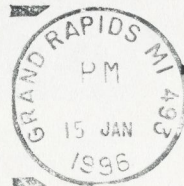
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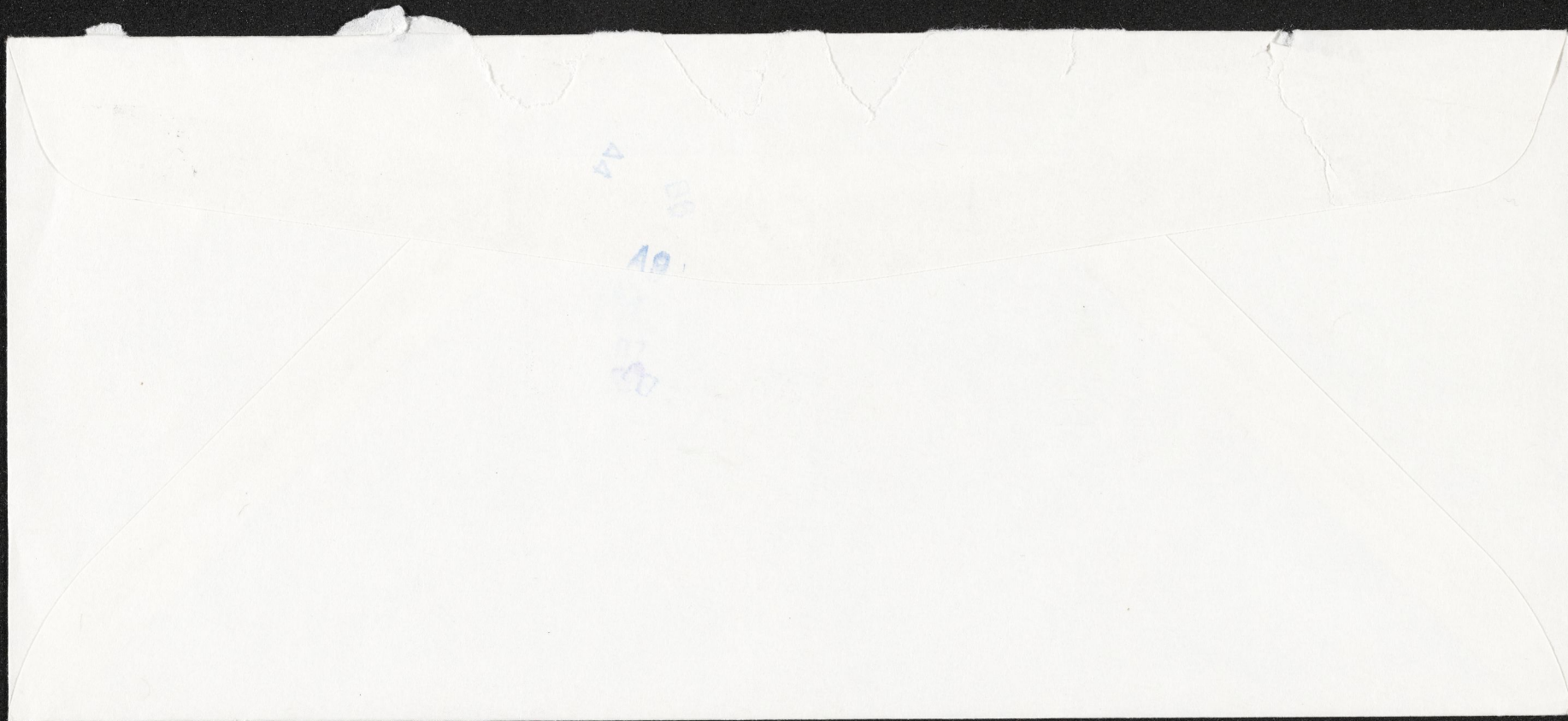
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earlier works and find
them very useful & productive
and Tom Clark says you're
O.K.!!! (That's high praise.)
Send me a copy of
Spinners. My check
is attached.
Left for Nicholas

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
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406 587 8301
Jan 10, 1995

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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 wetted or waxed thumbs and forefingers. (No difficult figure 8's.)

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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 vellum binding from Dekker Book Binding in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and should be ready to mail about Jan 25. 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. You will also save several dollars.

If you want to find out more about the book, please call me at 406 587 8301. You can also charge the \$30 to your Visa or Mastercard credit card.

Sincerely,


Syl Nemes

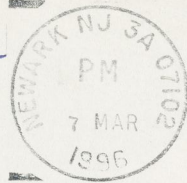
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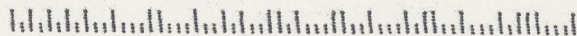
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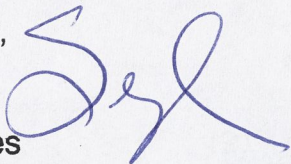
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Dear Lyl,

Please send me 1 "Spinner" book.

\$30. — enclosed.

P.S. Your "soft Hackle" book proved
to be a lifesaver on the Lehigh on a
very windy day. I was the only person
catching fish!

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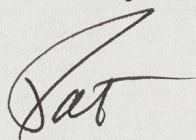
January 13, 1996

Dear Syl:

You may remember that I called you soon after receiving your letter announcing the new book, *SPINNERS*. We talked about our late mutual friend, Buddy Fought, and how he put me on to *SOFT HACKLES*. He gave me a copy in which you pasted a soft hackle fly into the book and personalized, commenting on "soft hackle addiction".

Enclosed is my check for your new book and I would appreciate it if you would personalize it by writing something about "Cowboy". I sure miss that guy!

Thanks Syl

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sat", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

P Nolan
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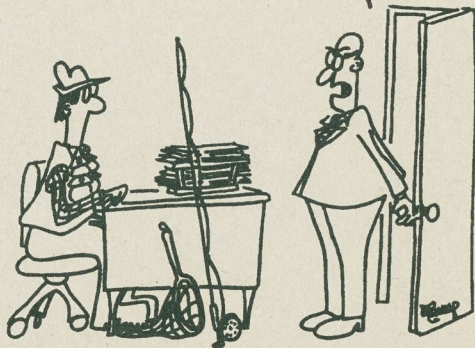
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Syl.
Thanks for best books
and the file and personalizing
them!

See ya around

Pat



**I don't suppose your request for sick leave has
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Jan, 2, 96

Dear Syl,

Happy New Year.

You sent me two notices -

Ray & Raymond Nye - I am
the same person. Either
name is fine, so take one
off of your name list.

I've talked to you over
the past few years at the conclave.
I don't know if you have
associated my name with the
person you talked too. I am
Senior Vice Pres. for Utah and
also a Div. of WPMC.

Ray

Norman Netz

Granville, Massachusetts 01034 (413) 357-8780

MARCH 5, 1977

MR. SYLVESTER NEMES
10824 HENDRICKS
CROWN POINT, IND. 46307

SHFA July 31

DEAR MR. NEMES:

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND MY CHECK IN THE
AMOUNT OF 7.95 FOR (1) COPY OF YOUR AUTOGRAPHED EDITION OF
SOFT-HACKLED FLIES AS ADVERTISED IN THE RECENT ISSUE OF
FLY FISHERMAN MAGAZINE.

I HAVE BEEN A FLY-FISHER AND TYER FOR
30 YEARS, AND HAPPENED TO PICK UP YOUR BOOK (PAPERBOUND) LAST
FALL (TO LATE TO TRY OUT THE FLIES) BUT AT ANY RATE HAVE TIED UP ALL OF THE
PATTERNS FOR MY SONS AND I TO TRY OUT.

SURE HOPE WE HAVE THE SAME SUCCESS THAT
YOU HAVE ENJOYED - LORD KNOWS, I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CLEAN-OUT
MY FLY-VEST POCKETS FOR A LONG TIME. ALL KINDS ASIDE THOUGH,
THE PRINCIPAL IS VERY SOUND - PUTTING ASIDE THE FLY-FISHING "MYSTIQUE"
WHEN THE WATER TEMP. RISES, SO DOES THE TROUTS METABOLISM, AND IF IT
LOOKS EDIBLE, HE MOUTHS IT. I HAVE BEEN FISHING NYMPHS EXCLUSIVELY FOR A
NUMBER OF YEARS NOW, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE MYRIAD OF PATTERNS, COUPLED
WITH MORE COMBATS EVERY DAY, I USE CONTINUALLY, THE BROADCAST, WOOLY-WORM,
AND GOLD RIBBED HARE EAR, ALL OF WHICH REPRESENT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING THAT I'VE
EVER SEEN IN A STREAM OR RIVER - BUT LOOKS EDIBLE TO THE FISH. - I OFTEN
HAVE TO ASK MYSELF WHICH END OF THE ROD AND LINE THE "FISH" IS ATTACHED TO.

AT ANY RATE, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FISHING
WITH A DRY-LINE AGAIN, AND CERTAINLY TRYING THE SOFT-HACKLED FLY.

QUESTION - INASMUCH AS MOST ATLANTIC SALMON
FLIES ARE BASICLY ATTRACTORS - HAVE ^{you} TIED AND/OR TRIED ANY SOFT-HACKLED
FLIES FOR SALMON -? AM GOING TO THE METAPEDIA IN JULY - WILL TIE SOME
UP ON SALMON HOOKS AND TRY THEM.

TICHT LINES,

Norman Netz

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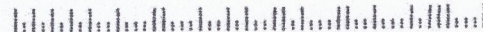
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**TWENTY NEW SOFT HACKLES for the
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Now, after three years testing, SOFT-HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS is finished and will be published around April 15, by the author, Syl Nemes.

This is the most advanced of the three books on the soft-hackled fly because each pattern was designed to be used during the rise of certain insects. There is a midge, pale morning dun, four baetis, two tricos, callibaetis, green drake, Mother's Day caddis, mahogany dun, rusty spinner, freshwater shrimp, plus six soft hackles for Eastern trout streams. There's even a chapter on designing your own soft hackles, and an introduction by Dave Hughes.

Three major advantages of these flies have emerged during the testing: 1. Larger imitations than the actual insect. 2. Effective on the swing. 3. Surer, deeper hooking.

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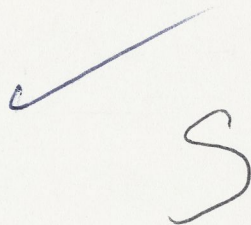
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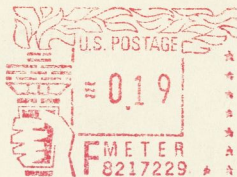
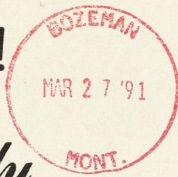
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March 30, 1991

Lyl Kemes

P.O. Box 3782

Bozeman, Montana 59772

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find my check in the sum of \$22.95 for a copy of your new book "Soft-Backed Fly Imitations," as described in an advertisement I recently received (copy enclosed).

Very truly yours,
Walter Nahadil Jr.



Mr Walter Nahadil Jr
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Mr. Syl Nemes
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March, 7, '91.

Mr. Nemes,

My friend, Mr. Al Cohen of Dallas,
informed me of your latest work is
coming soon.

I enjoyed your last work & still
use the book almost everyday to this.

Please find enclosed check for ~~the~~
first edition copy.

I'm looking forward to receive one.

Thank you,

Tai Nakamura

Richard Neville

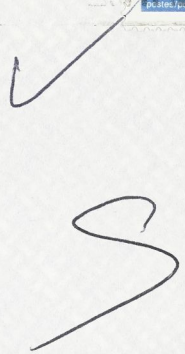


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February 11, 1991

Sgt James
PO Box 3782
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Dear Sgt

I enjoyed your first two books
very much. I enclose U.S. \$ 22.95.

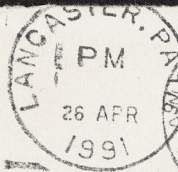
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I am looking forward to seeing you
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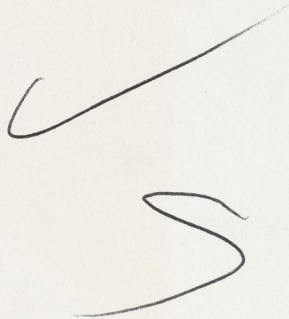
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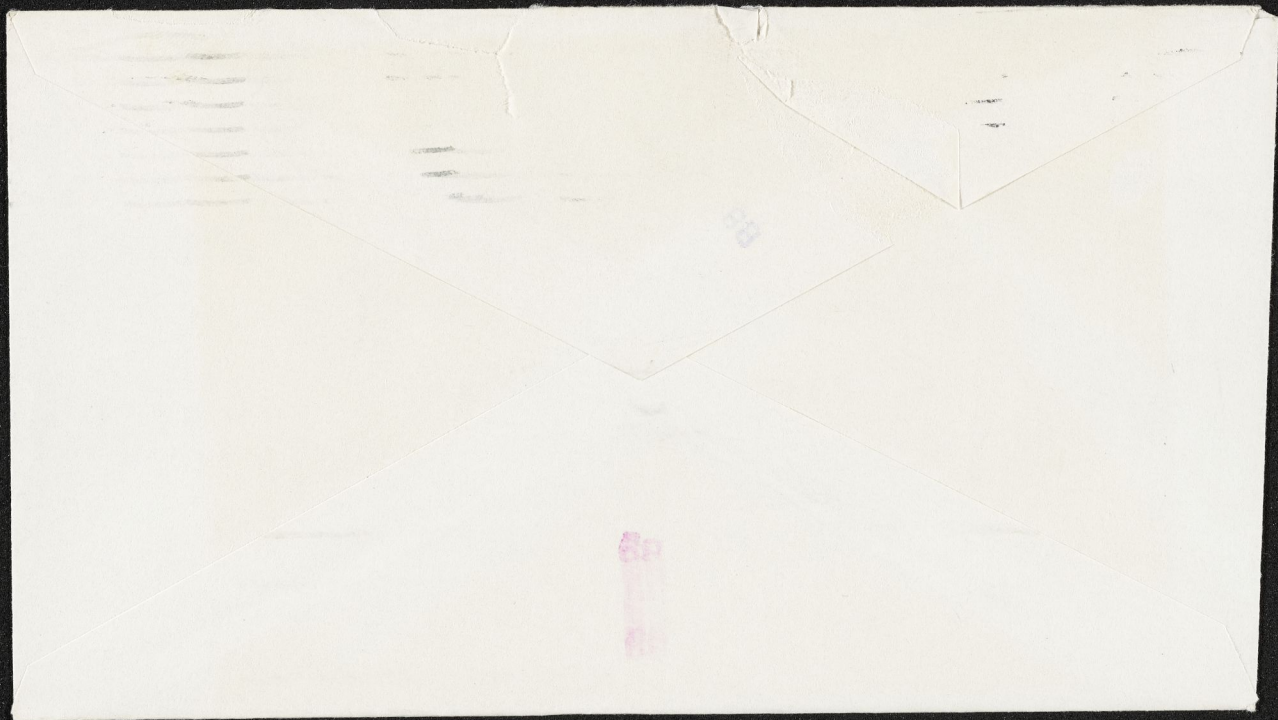


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Syl Nemes
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Dear Mr. Nemes,

I would love to own your
new book - "Soft-Haired Fly Imitations"
Thanks for the pre-pub notice!

Please send to Steve "Slow & Spotty" Nickliss
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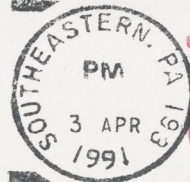
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MIKE NOFTSGER

4/2/91

Mr. Gomez,

Please forward one copy
of your "Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations"
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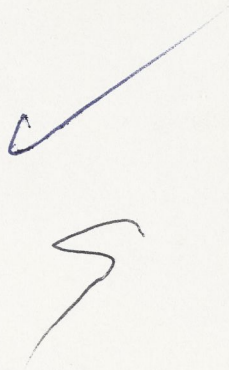
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Daniel D. Nowakowski
1038 Lakeview Drive
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April 1, 1991

Mr. Nemes,

I am writing in regard to your postcard announcing, "Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations." I wish to order a copy, signed by the author, ppd, at the pre-publication price of \$2.95. Enclosed is check # 1040 in the amount of \$2.95.

I greatly enjoyed your first two books on soft-hackled flies and never go astream without a large selection... it's my favorite style of fly-fishing. I am looking forward to receiving your new book, especially interested in the six new soft hackles for Eastern trout streams.

Jim Nowakowski

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DEAR MR NEMES

I have recently purchased and read copies of "The soft hackled fly" and "Soft hackle imitations". Thank you. They were both excellent and inspiring. I grew up fishing "North Country Spiders" in County Durham, England with help and advice from my grandfather. I later moved to the North east of Scotland and applied the techniques here. Over the years I have tried all types of techniques successful and otherwise. However I have gravitated back to my roots in soft hackle spiders over the last few years. Your books helped to inspire a more imitative approach to my flies and I have developed a whole series of spiders in the Moustique de Jura style using CDC feathers. These have now replaced all my dry fly's and are far more effective. I noticed in "Imitations" you too have soft hackle 'dries' and tried many methods to keep them near the surface in use. Using CDC for the body and spinning it for the hackle creates possibly the ultimate in soft hackles and floats naturally in or near the surface. The softness of the flies seem to reduce rejection by fish as well. I thought I would share this with you to see what you think? I have enclosed a couple of my patterns a blue winged olive and a sherry spinner which have been my most effective patterns to date on Scottish Rivers, too see if they work as well in the U.S. I usually fish a 3 weight or 0 weight outfit and have lots of fun. The sherry spinner accounted for a Brown Trout of $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs this season from The Aberdeenshire Dow. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you again for the inspiration.

Yours Sincerely.

P.T.O.

ALEXANDER NELSON (SANDY)

P.S. DAVE HUGHES GAVE ME THE ADDRESS
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Alexander Nelson
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United Kingdom

3/24/2005

Dear Sandy:

Thanks for your letter and your sample soft hackled flies. The Sherry spinner reminds me of Tupps Indispensable and I think your idea of using CDC feathers might be a good one. I will do some testing in a month or so here in Montana. I might use a partridge hackle and the CDC feather at the same time. Anyway it will be an interesting try out.

You did not comment on my new book, Two Centuries of Soft Hackled Flies which has been out now for several months. I reviewed 40 books back to 1747 and found many soft hackle patterns in many of them. I think the use of them is greater than most anglers think.

Part of my payment from the publisher was 50 copies of the book, unbound, which I turned into a limited edition with blue leather covers. Inside, I included a page of four of the flies from as early as 1747 and tied them and included them on the special page. We have sold 42 of the books, and have 8 left. The price is \$159, including shipping if you want one.

I also traded houses with a Scot near Aberdeen a few years ago, from which I wrote "Six Months in Scotland." I don't think you can find it there, but I would send you one for \$29.95 plus several dollars for shipping, with a salmon fly, Syl's Nemesis, tied by me. At an auction in Scotland recently the book with the fly sold for 55 pounds. If you know anyone who might like to sell the book in Scotland, please let me know his name and address.

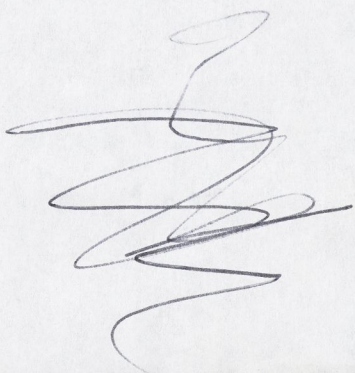
If you ever make it to Montana, please call me so we can have a visit.

Sincerely,

Syl Nemes

One of the neatest ways
to tie a tiny basket
on these tiny flees, is
to use the whiting

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flees with



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Mrs. Syl James
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October 12/89
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Dear Sir

I am enclosing a money order for U.S. \$29.95. Would you please send me a copy of The Soft-Hackled Fly together with 12 of your flies as advertised in the current issue of Fly Rod & Reel.

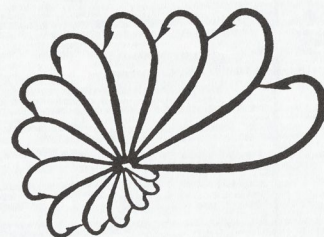
I would appreciate your personalizing the book for me and, since I plan to have the flies framed, would you provide a signature card for them.

I am also interested in buying The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict. Do you have it for sale? Please let me know the price & whether there are any similar offers & I will remit. Thanks

R.R. Neville

Marvin Nolte

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24 March 92

Dear Syl,

The limited edition and flies arrived in fine order yesterday. I was most pleasantly surprised to find the complete set of patterns from Imitations. Being the first such set added gold ribbing to my already fully tinselled joy. Thank you, that was most generous. Please tell Hazel that Marvin sends his greetings.

Warmest regards,

Marvin

184 St Clair Ave E.
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April 6, 1996

Dear Syl ,

It was good to talk to you after a year and a half . The Izaak Walton annual flyfishing show is coming up again in a couple of weeks and that means that the fishing season is just a couple of weeks away . I can hardly wait. This year it seems that the winter here has been a lot colder than usual and all of a sudden we have just had snow after almost no snow since January . That made most of the guys that I fish with more anxious than ever to see the season start.

Your new book Spinners arrived on Thursday of this week and I have already read it once . There is so much information that I will read it again this usually helps since I miss a lot of subtleties on the first reading. One thing that comes to my mind immediately is how much time you have personally spent researching and analysing your data for this text. Most people will probably read it and think that "there's nothing to this writing business" anybody can do it. Well I know the answer to that , "think again" .

The patterns shown on the back cover are "simple but elegant" to use a phrase that I learned from a mathematics teacher who used to say that finding a clean and self evident solution to a problem is something to strive for since people seem determined to embellish or take a protracted route to solve a problem instead of an uncomplicated and self evident solution.

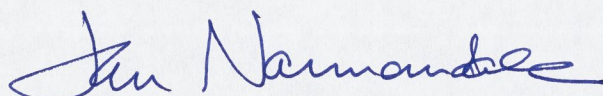
In addition to the actual subject of spinners I believe that you have again started something , just as you began a re-examination of the wet fly and specifically the North Country style , you have now planted the seed of re examining how to tie flies . There is a story I'm sure you have heard about Cotton keeping a fat commercially tied fly hanging in his window to show what not to tie , specifically avoid overdressing your fly or it will not look like a natural.

Well I think that you will get justifiable kudos for the specific matter in your book but I believe that the concept of tying has been given a wake up call by you and that this is a significant and influential aspect of your work here. I think that your patterns and the work to develop them will be influential in real and specific terms but the concept and technique of sparse tying will affect waters all over the US and Canada as well as the UK, Europe and New Zealand. I'll know for certain in about 5 years from now when I look at the patterns and dressings in fly fishing magazines and then compare the flies to those designed during the past 5 years from 1991 to 1996.

I'm sure I should pass on a "thanks" to Hazel for all the hard work and help that she must have provided en route to the book's culmination , it's easy to underestimate that specific kind of help, yet it is critical to an endeavour like yours. So here's to Hazel from all the fly fishers Bravo Hazel!

Well Syl , here we go again on a further renaissance started by you. To missappropriate the Olympic phrase "let the fishing begin".

Kindest regards,



Jan Normandale

PS. I'll keep you posted on my efforts to codify the British North Country and other British regional hackled patterns. Who knows what shape it will end up taking.



August 16, 1994
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Dear Syl & Hazel,

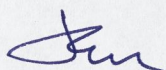
just a short note to let you know that I enjoyed our two get togethers at your house and to thank you and also to say thanks on behalf of my friend Al Hails. Now that I'm back I still can't stop thinking about all the water that I didn't get a chance to fish, like the Missouri, Ruby, Madison, Henry's Fork and so many others. "So much water so little time" a slight plagiarism but I think that it's appropriate.

Thanks to you, Al and I were able to fish the renowned Depuy's spring creek. As you had asked we both used your spinner patterns and with success! We began using the flies you had given us at about 8:30 pm . Al fished at "Betty's Riffle" until about 9:15 when a powerful lightning storm swept in and he decided to leave the water. During the 45 minutes of fishing with your flies Al had numerous rises , 5 hook-ups and landed 2 fish. I would say that was pretty good performance. I fished the same time period but Al had to drag me out of the water since I would fish to the very last moment before I would leave. I had chosen to fish a part of the creek above the culvert at the head of "Betty's", known as "the Phd. Pool" . My luck was identical to Al's , numerous rises , 5 hook-ups , and 2 fish landed.

Syl, I was impressed with the flies. I am curious as to whether they are impressionistic or representative, and if they have been used before. Based on their success I think that they are the result of a lot of "fine tuning and distillation".

Once again I'll offer any resources that I can , I have also asked if anyone has a line on Dunne's flies . No luck so far but you never know.

Best regards,



Jan Normandale

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Jan Normandale
85 Coalport Dr.
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April 4, 1994

Dear Syl,

I thought I would write to you and let you know that I plan to be in your neck of the woods during the month of July. I have talked a friend into coming along with me. I have already written to about 10 state and federal agencies asking for information on fishing , camping , accommodation and guides in Montana. I have already picked up two publications ' The Montana Angling Guide" and "Flyline" . The latter is a 98 page magazine with maps and commentary on 18 rivers .The "Montana Guide" is a 1" thick cerlox bound book of 291 pages and 53 maps . It has so much information in it that I'm overwhelmed, and the way it describes most rivers they all sound good . The problem is that I don't have enough time to fish everything that sounds good.

So I'm writing to ask your opinion as to which rivers you personally like and also which rivers would be on a "must be fished " list. My personal preference would be to fish some smaller quieter streams and not solely the larger rivers. I think that would give me a feeling for some of the other facets of Montana's flyfishing.

On another note I have bought a computer and am in the process of compiling a database of all the older British fly fishing patterns , to-date I have entered Ronalds, Edmonds & Lee , and Bainbridge , only about another 40 to go! I don't know what I'll have when I'm done but it should be interesting. I don't think it will have widespread interest but it will help those interested in fly patterns . What I think will be interesting will be the number of flies with the same name, say , "The Oak Fly" and the different materials used to tie the same pattern or how many are identical in the materials and

hook size, and who wrote about them and who didn't. Needless to say this is a less than scientific endeavour, already I find problems with "bug identification" by Bainbridge and as I progress through this exercise I will find this a recurrent problem I'm sure.

Enough of that . On another note while I'm in Montana I'd like to buy you a coffee or a beer, your choice , if you're not on the road and you have the time to get together.

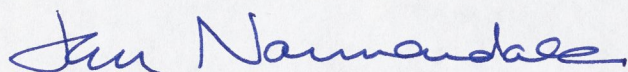
On a totally different vein could you give me your thoughts on what flies I should be tying in preparation for some of the water I'll be facing on this trip, as well as any references I should check or acquire relating to the rivers or hatches.

Well I think that about covers it for now , I hope that you're well and busy with your work, writing , speaking and fishing .

As I'm closing it has hit me that you may not recall me (perfectly understandable), we met about three years ago at the Izaak Walton Flyfisher's "Flyfishing Forum " in Toronto and you and I spent some time kicking around theories about the early British writers over a nice cup of tea . I also brought along a copy of Mosley's entomology book which was written as a supplement to Halford , the book was printed as a wallet format , intended for streamside use. I'm not sure if you picked up a copy from John Moldenhauer at the show after you saw my copy.

Thats my best effort at an "aide memoire".

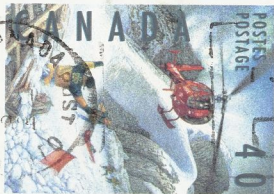
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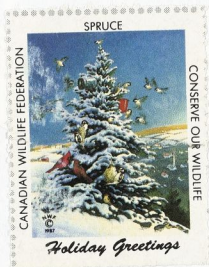


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István Nemenyi
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CANADA.
Nov. 4/91.

Dear Mr. Nemes,

I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation this spring at the Isaac Walton Forum. I have your original book (reprint), read it, tied all the flies, but have had success with only a small grey brown fur, gold rib, and very sparse partridge hackle fly at the still water where I frequently fish. I took a whole box of the North Country flies to Alberta and British Columbia to fish river riffles. I had no success! It may be that I am not used to fishing in moving water. I have also read various articles in the British fly-fishing mags about the flies' effectiveness. Please tell me the price of your newer books "Soft Hackled Imitations" including shipping. The flies look and behave in the wet that they should catch fish. I will be persistent in using them. How is their success in still water? Has someone devised tactics in

ponds and lakes?

In May of 1992 my wife and I will travel to Northumbria and travel around the border country on both the English and Scottish side. I intend to try soft hackles there too!

Thank you in advance for any assistance.

Sincerely in Fishing,
USPS June 13,

I. L. Lanning

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31 Aug 97

Dear Syl,

Thank you for the limited Spinners and
for the note you enclosed. I appreciate your
kind words.

I also appreciate getting number 14 and
the four flies. That was most generous of you.

Most sincerely,

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ALTHO THE BIRDS ARE PLENTIFUL.

I HAVE INCLUDED SOME LARGE FEATHERS
FOR TAILING AND BEARDS.

BEST REGARDS,

TED NIEMEYER



Mr. Sylvester Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772

4/16/97

Dear Mr. Sylvester Nemes:

It was nice talking to you on the phone. It always amazes me that the world is getting smaller every time I talked to someone.

This letter is to remind you to let me know of your friend in Scotland who flies helicopter and collects salmon fishing related goods. Although I'm not an antique collector like Al was, I really want to get some of those antique hooks or materials to tie classic full dress salmon flies. If he can help me, that will be wonderful.

The fly pattern we talked about on the phone, The Carnagie, was in fact from Kelson's The Salmon Fly. Unfortunately, the book won't tell us much.

I really hope that I'll be able to make it there very soon both to see you and to fish.

Best regards,

Tai Nakamura

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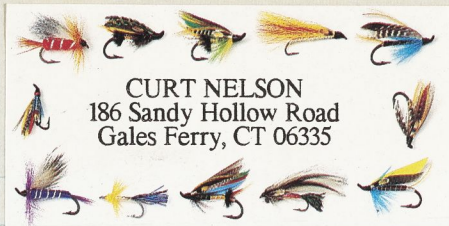
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Dear Syl,

— This is how I pictured Salar's Nemesis.
If my picture is skewed please do not hesitate
to say so. I will happily tie another. Just let
me know which components need correction.

Warmest regards,

Marvin



16 June 1994

Dear Syl,

In your letter in January you mentioned you had some hen and cock necks for \$25. If you have some left I'd like one. My preference is as follows:

1. Hen - Rusty edge/white center
2. Cock - Rusty edge/white center
3. Hen - Rusty edge/~~rusty~~^{dun} center
4. Cock - Rusty edge/dun center

The samples you sent me were much appreciated. They really gave me a good idea of what you were using in many of your patterns - and the difficulty in finding these feathers for smaller-sized patterns.

Our trout fishing is about done until September when cool weather returns and hatches of caddis and olives are the fare. If the summer is cool-like it was in 1992 - we could still get lucky and have some morning and evening fishing. The soft hackles worked wonders at my fishing club this spring and in our local rivers. In addition to tan, olive, ^{gray} and brown caddis we also have a good hatch of zebra caddis (also called Alders). The pattern I use is as follows:

tail - sparse z-lon, clear or dun about body length
body - Dark dun (^{fur or poly} my friend uses peacock herl)
hackle - heavily mottled partridge - heavy brown mottling
Thread - dark dun
Hook - #12 1x or ^{long} (2x long #14) I use mostly #12

The patterns we use for other caddis are what I consider very standard soft hackles - z-lon tail, body to match naturals and either partridge or dun hackle. Dun hackle is used primarily for a dark smoky gray caddis that come on a few rivers.

In late July & early August I will be in Idaho and Montana to fish the rivers around Missoula, the Missouri, rivers around Dillon, and Silver Creek.

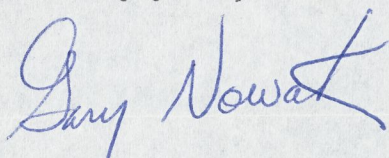
Hope your season is going well
Curt *Shails* June 21

Dear Mr. Nemes;

I was referred to you by Bernard and June Hills, members of our local fly fishing group. As program director I am interested in making arrangements with you for a speaking engagement before our group.

I would like to have you come sometime in the spring and speak on the tying and presentation of soft hackled flies. How was the fishing out west with Fred Lee? He told me that you were going to guide his group. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,



Gary Nowak
416 East Railroad St.
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19/4/78

Dear Syf.

I must say, if Bruce & I had not run in to you, we probably would have cast the "uglies" a few more days and gone home cursing not only the madison, but all other waters in the area.

At any rate, we did meet, we did catch fish, and we ended up a wonderful week of fishing.

Like many fisherman, I have an older wiser friend who has been & is willing to teach me everything he knows about trout fishing with a fly. His name is Bob Sim and I will most likely be dropping his name throughout this letter.

Bob & I met four years ago while fishing and have been best friends ever since. He has taught hundreds of people how to fly fish. Some have gone on to be good, some excellent. I have read & heard of people like Bob, but never thought I would meet someone like him.

Having never seen your book he began giving names to your flies and telling me that his father used the same flies years ago. He told me of a 90 yr. old man who ~~lives~~ lives down the street who has been using the very same flies for some 40 years.

Thank goodness that someone such as yourself has taken the time to put all of this together so those of us who

would like to use wet flies can fish with a system.

I say this ~~because~~ because I am primarily a dry fly fisherman, although, as learned from Bob, I will do whatever it takes to catch fish (with a fly and no uglies).

I hope you like the silk I am enclosing. I ran right up to Bob's as soon as I got home to take care of this most important matter.

This silk is not that easy to get hold of but Bob has enough for all of us. Let me know what colors you need and I'll send it.

Tomorrow I am going up to the river to try the soft hackles on our native (western Slope) cutthroat. If there is nothing going on I'll probably run over to my favorite lake, which is five minutes away.

We will be experimenting with your flies on our many good trout fishing lakes from this point on and will, of course, be reporting the results. You will undoubtedly need this info for your sequel on fishing the soft hackle in lakes.

I am going to cut this letter short because I could go on forever but, I don't imagine this will be my final correspondence.

I have many questions to ask but I will wait until I have more experience using the flies before I begin.

Closing for now and hoping to hear from you soon.

Your boy, Col Ray

Syl and Hazel Nemes
P O Box 3782
Bozeman, Montana 59772

November 9, 1993

Dear Syl and Hazel,

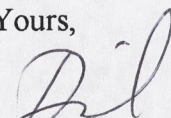
I found the enclosed letter when I was cleaning out my desk. I wrote the letter while I was on the plane back from Montana, but I lost it on my desk. August was a bit hectic for me. After returning home, I went to Chicago to take my Board Exam in hand surgery (I passed) and then left from there to lecture at a conference in Verona, Italy. In any case, I apologize for failing to send my thank you letter on time. I hope that you will forgive me.

I am making plans for Kalispell. I will be putting on a workshop on stoneflies and giving a presentation on them as well. Just in case Syl is worried, no, I will not be giving any casting lessons. I hope to be taking some.

As I probably told you in August, I was forced out of the University in a political battle. I have been out of work since then. The medical-economic environment occasioned by the Clinton Health Plan makes it almost impossible to open up a practice or to join one. I am very hopeful that I be able to join a practice near San Francisco soon, maybe as soon as December. It would help very much with the bills. I will continue to do hand surgery and I hope to be able to continue some research as well.

I hope all the news about Eric is good news. The offer of our extra room is still open, if you come to San Francisco. See you in Kalispell.

Yours,



David Nelson

56 Delmar St
San Francisco, CA 94117

415-864-7884

Syl and Hazel Nemes
P O Box 3782
Bozeman, Montana 59772

August 15, 1993

Dear Syl and Hazel,

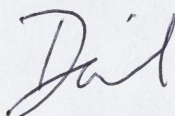
Thank you for your gracious invitation to visit your house and to try my hand at fishing. I had no idea that Syl would take me to a spring creek, and it certainly was a thrill to see what spring creek fishing is like. I am afraid that my casting is more suited to pocket water fishing, and you now know why I am involved in tying and organizing, not casting. Nonetheless I enjoyed the challenge, the wide open fields, and the company, and I have more motivation now to take advantage of the casting ponds in Golden Gate Park.

Hazel, thank you for the coffee and cookies. The beauty of your home is matched by the beauty of the view. I am sorry that we did not have more time to visit.

Brenda and I purposefully bought a house with an extra room so that our friends that visit San Francisco could come and stay. We would be pleased if you would stay with us if you come to San Francisco.

Good luck to Eric. He has been through a lot. If I can help translate some medical-ese, please give me a call. Our home number is 415-864-7884.

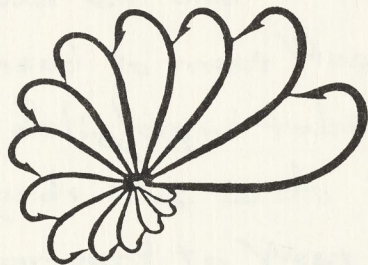
Yours,
A Tyer, not a Caster,

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

Marvin Nolte
4355 Trails End
Bar Nunn, WY 82601



Sylvester Names
P.O. Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772



29 Apr 91

Dear Syl,

Thank you for adding so much to our banquet, and to my Saturday. I thoroughly enjoyed your trying clinic and banquet presentation - - and so did everyone I asked. I was truly pleased to meet Hazel. I could not have asked for two more delightful table companions. Please give her my regards. If I do not see you before then, I look forward to West Yellowstone this August. Warmest regards

Mamie

Feb 17/91
38 Balsam Ave
Toronto Ont
Canada
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Dear Mr Nemes

I have been meaning to write to you for about 6 or 7 years but I've only just got to it! I've been motivated by two things first I saw you were coming to Toronto to speak at the "Flyfishing Forum" and second I've been meaning to ask for some of your "self tied" soft hackle flies. Recently I saw an ad placed by yourself in "Fly Rod + Reel" for your "old book" as a re issue for \$30 and you included a dozen flies.

I would like to ask your indulgence, I own the "first edition" and I would like to bring it to the forum & have you autograph it, I would also like to

obtain some of your flies, So....
I've enclosed \$10 if that's OK with
you.

Now another topic I've been
fly fishing since 1973 and developed
an interest in "North Country" patterns
as well as others such as "West Country"
and Usk, Clyde and other local patterns.

I had not seen any writing about
these flies from a North American
Author & as a result have followed
your writing with interest.

I have many British books on
these types of flies and if there is something
you would like to see while in
Toronto please let me know since
I have an in depth selection of
mainstream and obscure titles and
it would be a pleasure to let you
look them over

Best regards
USPS ~~Mar~~ Jan Normand
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Sunday Aug 25/91
38 Balsam Ave
Toronto Canada
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Dear Syl

I've been meaning to write to you since our meeting at the Isaac Walton Fly Fishing Forum in Toronto in April. It was a real treat to sit down & have a chat about fly patterns, fly fishing literature and various other theories, ... all good fun!

One of the things you mentioned was the "BWO conundrum" and the fact that Mattram had touched on the matter of the orange fly being attractive during a BWO hatch. This discussion of ours kept running

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through my mind, finally I remembered.
In a book titled "Fishing my
life's hobby" by Norman McCaskie
(which has an 11 page intro by
Skues who was a friend and
both were members of the Fly Fishers
Club in London), his chapter
on Exact Imitation he describes
a day on the Tweed fishing
with a "usual cast of wet flies"
but was having no luck so
he changed to a single fly
"and to dry it before casting."
"Straight away, I caught five good
fish, and then lost the fly. I
put on another of nearly, but
not quite the same pattern,
but I rose not another fish.
I tried every fly I had with
me but all in vain, though
the rise went on gaily until

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"I left the river." -- "I think that the explanation is that the blue winged olive, which hatches out so freely on the Tweed in August, is a difficult fly to imitate. The body changes in colour from olive to orange and the wings vary so much in shade that for some hours or days one pattern is most killing, and then loses it's virtue, and I have noticed that some times it seems the more attractive when it is rather the worse for the wear as it was on this occasion."

This quote took me a while to dig up but it's

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fascinating because the chapter is about imitation theories.

He discusses Boulker's views on fly tying then goes on to discuss Marryat and Mosely who could be described in McCaskie's terms as fly fishing minimalists. Marryat being from the presentation school, Mosely a two fly man, "one light, one dark according to the brightness of the day". McCaskie observed that this was "a dreadful practice" for such a great authority on entomology and the son in law of Halford.

What great fun these people must have had, I'm envious!

Any way

Best regards, Jen Narmandale

P.S. Very hot summer, poor trouting here, hope it was better for you



Sylvester Nemes
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59772



Jan Narmundok

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E. RICHARD NIGHTINGALE
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October 10, 1995

Dear Syl:

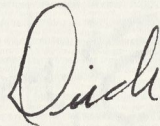
I tried your Mother's Day Caddis on the Miramichi. The salmon commented on what a lovely fly and ignored it along with everything else I threw at them. Actually I did hook two salmon and landed two grilse, all on those damn green machines.

I do appreciate your tying those flies for me. Now I can retire them to my show-and-tell box.

Look forward to receiving your other book.

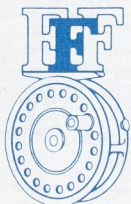
With best regards.

Very truly yours,

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

ERN/gs

Mr. Syl Nemes
P.O. Box 3782
Boxeman, MT 59772



FEDERATION of FLY FISHERS

2122 South Sunland Drive
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

July 17, 1982

Sylvester Nemes
Partridge Press
901 S. Plymouth Ct Apt 204
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Sylvester,

This is to acknowledge your donation of "The Soft Hackled Fly Addict" for the Conclave '82 Auction/Raffle. We sincerely appreciate your support and thank you very much for your contribution. We are looking forward to a most successful Conclave '82 and your support will definitely help to make it so.

Thanks again,

Chuck Newmyer

NORMAN NETZ
1731 BEACON ST.
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BROOKLINE, MASS. 02146

AUG. 8-81

DEAR SYL,

Received your letter, and most
certainly want a copy of your new
forthcoming publication.

Enclosed please find check
for same.

Good luck with the new
edition.

TIGHT LINES,

NORMAN

P.S.

Note change of address - will be here for
about a year -

DANIEL D. NOWAKOWSKI
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JANUARY 15, 1982

SYLVESTER NEMES
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MR. NEMES:

Would you please send me a copy of your new book "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict." Enclosed is check #1299 in the amount of \$18.20. I greatly enjoyed your first book, "The Soft-Hackled Fly". I reread it often. In fact, the first trout I ever caught on a fly I tied myself was on a #12 partridge and orange soft-hackle!

My best producing fly this past season was the brown bomber nymph from the Orvis Fly Index. I tie it like a soft-hackle with a beaver fur body - fine gold mylar rib and brown partridge collar. It was particularly effective on the local streams during late May and early June.

As for your greased-line method of fishing the soft-hackle, it is now my favorite and

most used method of fly-fishing. This past fall I used the method around the Lake Erie tributaries for Coho Salmon and it proved quite successful.

I greatly look forward to receiving your new book.

Dan Nowakowski

P.S. I am placing my order from your recent ad in the Jan/Feb. '82 "FLY FISHERMAN" MAGAZINE...

1-13-82

Soft-Hackled Addict

Mr. Nemes,

I got your address from
Dr. Fred Oswald. If the check is not
for the right amount please let me
know. Been waiting for your 2nd book
since our "1980 Brothley's Lodge".

Thank You
My Nick

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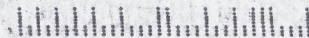
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184 St Clair Ave E.
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November 4, 1995

Dear Syl,

I just saw an advertisement for your new book "Spinners". I don't know how long it has been out but this is the first that I have heard about it, so understandably I want to be the first on my block to have one! I don't remember where I saw the ad or what the price was for the book so maybe you could either send me a copy and a bill and I'll send you a cheque or drop me a note first and then I'll send you the cheque.

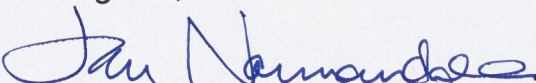
I hope that you had a good summer, I don't know what happened in Montana but some of my friends on the Bow River in Alberta had a tough year due to all the rain this past summer. I hope that your fishing and weather was better and you enjoyed a bit of a break after finishing your book.

Hopefully this letter finds you and Hazel in good spirits and health. Please pass on a hello for me. As I was writing this I remembered her telling me how you were chasing spinner falls for original research for your book. Hope that your travel now lets you chase spinners for fun and fish and is not as compulsory as it was while you were writing.

My summer was spent fishing BC, Alberta, Quebec, New York, Pennsylvania and of course Ontario. This sounds like a lot more travel than it really was, I was in BC and Alberta on business with friends and we fished for a few days after our business was completed. Fishing in Quebec, New York and Pennsylvania is a half day's driving at the most and is easily done for a short 2 or 3 day trip.

We have a tailwater here on the Grand River which is about an hour drive from Toronto that has received a lot of attention a result of a rather extensive article in Sept / 95's Fly Fisherman magazine, needless to say some of the journalistic superlatives in the article (such as "possibly the best tailwater fishery in the east", "a world class tailwater") have sparked considerable attention for the river and it now appears that there will be an influx of fishermen in 1996 based on enquiries to the local tourism offices. Oh well there goes the neighbourhood so to speak. We'll just have to wait and see if people lose interest or hopefully forget the article as other new hot spots are revealed or old favourites are revisited. I hope to hear from you when you have time.

Best regards,


Jan Normandale

PS I'm still looking for leads on Dunne's flies for you