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Greenwood, Indiana 46143

December 30, 1991

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
P. O. Box 3782
Bozeman, Montana 59772

Dear Mr. Nemes;

I've just finished reading *Soft Hackled Fly Imitations*. Thank you for adding more insights and patterns to this intriguing way to fly fish. I started tying and fishing soft hackles after reading *The Soft Hackled Fly* last winter. Just about the time I starting thinking about ways to imitate PMDs, BWOs, and even spinners, with the soft hackle method, I discovered your new book.

I'm writing to you because I have two questions to ask of you and have one soft hackle fishing story to tell you.

First, could you send me a sample of the creamy-white rusty-edged hackle you recommend for your PMD and Rusty Spinner patterns? I'm not familiar with this particular coloring and want to get a sample so I can search for the right hackle. I did come across a beautiful hen neck, back and saddle in light dun with golden edges that I'm using in some of my soft hackle ties, but I don't think it is close enough to the hackle you recommend.

Second, have you ever used, or considered using, barred white Quail feathers in your patterns calling for light or near white hackles? I've enclosed a sample of the feather in question. I'm going to use this feather in some of the soft hackles I tie this winter. I was just wondering if you had any experience with it. I think it will work with the BWO and Mahogany Dun ties.

Finally, the fishing story. I belong to the Indianapolis Flycasters. A small number (three) of us are tying and experimenting with soft hackles. We tell some of the other members about the success we are having. We even offer them flies. But, we haven't had many converts. That's okay though. Means better fishing for us.

Anyway, last June, on the Main Branch of the Au Sable (Michigan), on my first trip to this river, I fished your soft hackle patterns for the first time. I was fishing with a friend and fellow Flycaster member who has fished the river many times before. It was mid-day by the time we got in the river -- near dam 6. We started hitting the deep holes with the usual nymphs and produced nothing. As we moved downstream, the river opened up to a wide, shallow glide with a few riffles. Earlier that day, I'd noticed quite a few Sulphur dry fly variations for sale at Gates Au Sable Lodge. I tied on a Partridge and Yellow, cast down and across, and at the end of the swing connected with a nice Brookie. My first ever cast with a soft hackle. A dozen casts and four Brookies later, my partner came over to see what I was using. He opted not to switch to the soft hackles I offered. I continued catching fish. He didn't.

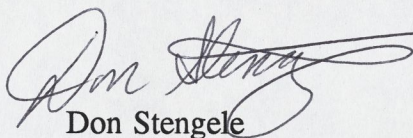
Later that evening, in the river right behind Gates Lodge, I made six down and across casts with the Partridge and Yellow to a seam between some slack and fast moving water on the downstream side of a small island. I landed a 12 inch Brook, a 12 inch Rainbow and a 14 inch Brown. A gentleman who had been watching me from the bank asked to see the fly I was using. I offered him some assorted soft hackles, which he gladly accepted. The next evening he came by to report the success he'd had. I showed him how to tie soft hackles and told him about your books. He was converted.

That's my story. I could tell you another one about using the Partridge and Yellow in the Smoky Mountains instead of the popular Tellico, but that's a story I'll save for another letter.

I've enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelop in case you find it possible to send me a sample of the rusty-edged hackle.

Thanks for your wonderful books. I enjoy them immensely. Good Health...Good Luck...and, Good Fishing!!!

A Soft Hackle Guy,



Don Stengele

278 HUMBURG CREEK RD
JACKSONVILLE

OR 97530

(503)846-6610

Aug 20 1971

Dear Sylvester,
at the FFF Conclave
I said I would let you have
an address in UK from which
you could get soft-bodied flies.

The one I had in mind
is Charles R. Sykes^K
guns and Tackle.

4 GREAT DOCKRAY

PENRITH

CUMBRIA

U.K.

This is an old fashioned shop
and the flies are almost certainly
tied locally. You could ask for
all the flies in your book
and I have also included a list
from memory some of which
are in your books which would
be worth asking for. Charles
Sykes is quite knowledgeable

and could tell you in modern terms the insects and stage of development which various flies represent.

Two other sources are

John Nossins
21 Victoria Road

PENRITH

CUMBRIA CA11-8HP

UK

GORDON FRASER

31 PRINCESS DRIVE

MELTON MOWBRAY

LEICESTERSHIRE LE130DS

UK.

These latter two are fairly large establishments and publish catalogs (or catalogues). For all of these sources a VISA or MASTERCARD should cover payment. In UK simple flies cost 20 pence - 50 pence say 30 cents

to 80 cents at £1 = \$1.60.

I grew up in Northern England but have lived in US for 30 years. I go back occasionally and can still catch English brownies - sometimes on American flies yours
Eric Smith

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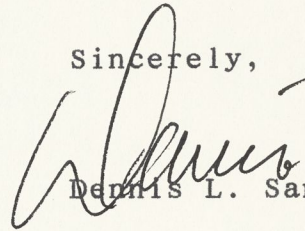
Syl Nemes
P.O. Box 3782
Bozeman, Mt. 59772

Dear Syl;

Please find enclosed my check in the sum of \$27.50 for your latest book on soft hackle fly fishing. I am looking foreward to reading it.

It was a pleasure visiting with you last night. If you happen to be in the area or would like to come down and sample the fishing, I'd be glad to show you around. You will find the fishing pretty good without the crowds that you have on the famous streams in your area.

Sincerely,



Dennis L. Sanderson

Dr Jim Steenmetz
323 N Morris
Appleton, Wis



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Sly

Thanks for the Book. I find the Soft Hackle Flies fascinating I use your Patterns from your earlier Book As I catch fish.

I would like to have the Actual Flies that you describe in your latest Book As Patterns for our fly Tying group. If you could send them I will be happy to send you a check.

Last September I was on the Big Horn. During the Black Catfish Hatch. During the evening I did quite well on the Flounder Peacock & Gizzard Catfish; However, in the mornings the fish were rising in the faster water (About 3mi) & I could not catch a fish. I assume the pattern in your Book would work but if you have any ideas I would be grateful.

Congratulations on your "Retirement" in Montana. That's my dream too---

Hope someday to meet you

Thank you

To:MR.Cyl Nemes

10.14.92.

I orderd soft hackled fly imitations
both of special edition & hard cover
with out author's fly.

Now day I saw that you sale book with
your fly.Can I order your fly separa-
te as on the balance of price \$10.00.

Your sincerely.



Toyooki Sawada
319 W. 48th Street 505
New York, NY 10036

VSVS
Oct 24, 92

Dear Mr. Nemes,

I thoroughly enjoyed your books The Soft-Hackled Fly and Soft-Hackled Fly Imitations. I have a great deal of respect for anyone who practices catch and release - especially on Franklin's Gulls! The reason for my writing is that I can not locate a copy of The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict. Since I'm sure that it is as enjoyable a read as your other two books, I was wondering if you knew where I could acquire a copy? I would really appreciate any help you could give me on this.

Thanking you in advance for your time,

Dan Snow
554 B Manor Ct.
Woodland Park CO 80863

answered
Apr 30



Please help me PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Dennis Schieck
2230 White St.
N. Las Vegas, NV 89030

4-14-90

Enclosed are the pictures I
took at the Condave last weekend.

This was my first use of the
new 1600-Speed Kodak film, and I didn't
know what to expect.

Enjoyed watching you tie the
soft-backed flies. I've tied and
fished some of your patterns with
some success.

Regards

Dennis Schieck

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For the 2 Soft
Hackle Fly Boats.
Enjoyed talking to you
about fishing. I hope
to see you and fish with
you this summer.
Alan Shaw

LABEL

REFILL:

GENERIC SUBSTITUTION PERMITTED

D.P.M., M.S.

AS 5211646

AE 7135367

BL 2717924

Mark Strissguth
8100 428th Ave. SE.
Everett, WA. 98005

Dear Syl,

Nice to hear from you again. Thank you for the opportunity to purchase a limited edition of your book Spinners. I'm sorry it has taken me a while to respond. Please send me two (2) copies of the limited edition, find my check enclosed.

Thank again.

Sincerely,

Mark



USA 19

Sylvester James
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Bozeman, MT 59772

Please let us know if your
book on Soft Hackled Fly is
still available - How to order
& cost. Thank you—



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DEAR MR. NEMES:

BILL GREEVER STOPPED BY MY ELECTRICAL SHOP THE OTHER DAY AND GAVE ME YOUR BUSINESS CARD WITH AN "ORANGE & PARTRIDGE " ATTACHED TO IT. BILL VISITED WITH YOU AT THE CASPER SHOW AND YOU TOLD HIM TO GIVE IT TO ME. THANKYOU VERY MUCH AND I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT AND GESTURE.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MADE THE CASPER SHOW AND VISITED WITH YOU BUT AS ALWAYS THIS DAY AND AGE, TIME SEEMS TO BE ALWAYS AT A PREMIUM.

I HAD A CHANCE TO REALLY STUDY THE FLY YOU SENT TO ME AND IT FINALLY DAWNED ON ME THAT I'M STILL SOMEWHAT OVER DRESSING MY SOFT HACKLED PATTERNS. IT'S A HARD HABIT TO BREAK.

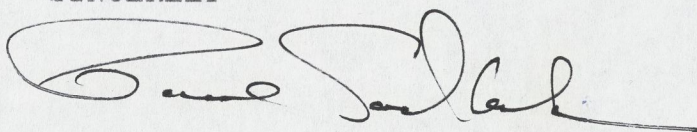
LAST TIME I VISITED WITH YOU, YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU WERE WORKING ON ANOTHER BOOK WHICH I THINK YOU SAID WAS GOING TO BE AIMED AT THE "SPINNER" HATCH. WHAT IS THE STATUS ON THIS PROJECT. I WOULD TRULY LIKE TO GET A COPY WHEN IT COMES OFF THE PRESSES.

I WOULD ONCE AGAIN LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO YOU TO FISH THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY. IF YOU HAVEN'T FISHED THE BIGHORN AT THERMOPOLIS WYO., I THINK YOU WOULD ENJOY IT. THE BEST TIMES ARE EARLY SPRING BEFORE THEY RAISE THE LEVELS FOR IRRIGATION OR IN THE FALL. THE SUMMER SEASON CAN BE GOOD ON DRY'S, BUT NYMPHS AND STREAMERS ARE TOUGH DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF DRIFTING MOSS.

AT THE RISK OF IMPOSING, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO MEET YOU SOMETIME UP IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS OR EVEN ON THE BIGHORN AT FORT SMITH AND SPEND A DAY ON THE WATER WITH YOU IMPROVING MY TECHNIQUES. I KNOW YOUR BUSY BUT IF IT EVER WORKS OUT PLEASE DROP ME A LINE, IT WOULD BE A MEMORABLE EVENT.

ONCE AGAIN THANKYOU FOR THE FLY AND YOUR TIME.

SINCERELY





Sylvia

Thanks for the product promo
in your new book. Here are one pk.
of each color for you to tie with.
If in the future you do any
tying demonstrations at sport shows
or whatever let me know, and I'll
send more for you to use.

Thanks

Darrell Submon

July 5, 1994
1051 W. Mercury
Butte, MT 59701

Dear Syl,

Here are colored copies of your recent article in **Trout and Salmon**. Reading your piece was especially enjoyable since you shared your Test experiences with us at Butte T.U..

The Baetis spinner pattern that has proven so successful on Armstrong is tied as follows:

Hook: #16 & #18 heavy Partridge sproat (G3A?). The heavy sproat sinks quickly and hooks extremely well.

Thread: Orange Pearsalls silk

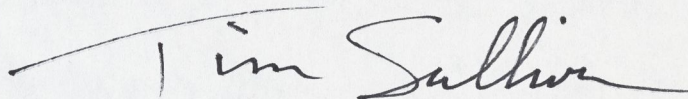
Tail: White antron. The pearl Lureflash you're currently using on your spinners would probably fish even better.

Body: Rusty brown antron. Loop thread dubbed to capture air bubbles as do the diving Baetis spinners.

Hackle: Chuckar. Distribution wrapped. Sometimes I just put the fibers on the upper two thirds of the shank.

Swinging little soft hackles is always effective during the early Baetis. On March 1, when we met you at O'Hairs, it was the ONLY method that worked for Scott Reynolds and myself. Do try this fly!

Best of luck,

Tim Sullivan

7/11/77

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Dear Mr. Nemes

Last night as I was re-reading an article in the "Spring-Issue of Fly-Fisherman Magazine," I happened to notice your advertisement for your book and Soft Hackled Fly.

I looked through the "Mid-Season" and most recently the "Late-Season Issue" and could not find your ad.

Is it too late to place an order?

If not please send me

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Thank you
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8/7/93

Sylvester Nemes
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Hi Syl!

VLP > Aug
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Please send us the following:

- 6 Soft Hackled Fly
- 3 S.H. Fly Simulations

Please autograph the books and apply any special offers or discounts.

Are you marketing any other books? If so, please let us know before you ship this order.

Tight lines,
Dan Shields

JACK SAYERS

4991 South Clinton Street
Englewood, Colorado 80111
(303) 771-6497



March 1, 1989

Dear Syl,

Was fortunate to find a copy of the Expo agenda. I had trashed mine but located one at the State office of TU when we met to finalize the coming auction. Copy is enclosed.

You should do good in San Mateo. I agree you should make an occasional appearance - if only to prove to the old timers out there you still exist. I know, prior to meeting you, I thought you were a contemporary of Theodore Gordon and Hewitt. In fact, I might have thought you went back to Walton.

Am also enclosing the manuscript and drawing you left on the downstairs organ. It's understandable, at our age, anything related to the organ is but a memory.

Let me hear from you from time to time. I do hope you can get over to the Bighorn on Memorial Day weekend. Would enjoy wetting a line with the master.

Regards,

Best wishes,

Jack
The Gray Ugly Guy

CLASSIC CREST



2/1/89

Dear Mr. Nemes,

I enjoyed our phone conversation this morning. Enclosed are a couple of my favorite flies for the North Platte River. The Cary Special we talked about. The other fly is tied with pheasant tail body and any mottled brown hackle, in this case its quail wing.

Both flies are fished on a sweep downstream. If they wake they are going too fast, just under the surface works best. Tippet size is not critical, 4x works on most days. These flies are low water late summer producers, often working best during trico hatches. Rising fish will take these patterns fished on the sweep. Its a fun way to fish.

Have a good winter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Streeter

Ken's Dental Lab

North 915-B Pines Road
Spokane, Washington 99206
(509) 926-9118



Ken H. Smith
PO Box 14774
Spokane, WA 99214

Hello Mr. Nemer

Thank you for sharing your fishing knowledge and your nice books. I just order your Soft Hackled Fly Imitator and the Feather bound one also from our friend from The angler out. He told me to say hello to you for Ken.

I have only been trying flies for 2 years now and really like it. I have your The Soft Hackled Fly book and have been trying to try some of your flies. They are fun the very small and neat.

Last Friday I went fishing with one of the top nymph fishermen over here and after fishing for 2 1/2 hours in a lake we caught nothing. we had about 1 1/2 hours left so I went thru my fly box and got one of the purple & snipe flies I had tied. It was a little big but in that time left I caught 11 trout that were 16 to 19 inch long. I gave my friend the last one I had and he caught 9 fish. So it turned out to be a great day.

on Sat I had to do some Honey do thing so I tied four more purple & snipe that night. went out Sunday to another lake and at first did

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nothing. So I shorten my indicator up to 2 feet
and caught a $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb rainbow and saved more
before I went home. I float tube. Now I want to
try and try other pattern you have listed.
in your book you talk about liquid wax
to help with dubbing. Can you tell me what it is
and where I might get some. I have another English
eye's book and they talk of liquid wax also.

Once again thank you for the nice books.
I can hardly wait till I get your new one.

The best of fishing and many more good
books.

Sincerely

Ken H. Smith

Answered
June 22

MR, Syl Nemes

5.14.91.

I received your book. I cannot find
good hen hackles. Please suggest me that
where can I buy it and can you sale your
tying fly for samples.

sincerely yours

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319 west 48th street #505
New York NY, 10036

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Mr. Sylvester Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
Bozeman, Montana 59715

May 5, 1995

Dear Sylvester,

Initially, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to learn more about the soft-hackled fly, and especially for the privilege of being able to see your fishing technique with it.

My partner and I will be staying at the Parkway Motel in # Livingstone, and arriving late on the 13th of September. I will call you several days prior to that date, to arrange a meeting place for our day on Armstrong Creek (on the 14th.)

During our telephone conversation, you indicated that we might fish another day, on the Yellowstone. We'd like that, and if possible, would appreciate doing it on Saturday, the 16th. If this all sounds right to you, please drop a line or post card to confirm.

Sylvester, I have first editions of your 1st and 3rd books, but not "Addict." I'd certainly like to find one, and would be open to any suggestion on where I might look.

Finally..... I agree..... in fact I triedit is virtually impossible to get a dish of *scud* in Chicago..... even at Well-of-the-Sea !

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert D. Simon

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See enclosed letter.

Mr. Sylvester NEMES

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MONTANA 59772 - UNITED STATES

January 24, 1995

Dear Sylvester,

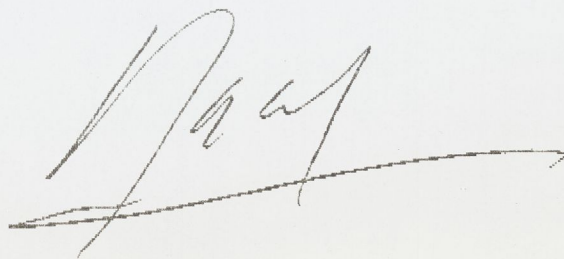
I can't answer to your questions before the 31st because Jean-Marie is out of Monaco for business.

I think the show as you wish about it will not be possible because :

- 1) We don't have enough money in our cash. We are trying to find members for the fees payment.
- 2) Your coming is the season's opening first March's week-end.
- 3) Perhaps it will be difficult to find enough time for your show.
- 4) Some of us are interested in Winston rods and brown hen hackle. May we order them ?

I'll try to join Jean-Marie as soon as possible.

Anyway, we will be happy with Danièle to meet you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Dany', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ANTHONY J. SCIRICA, MEMBER
331 FLOURTOWN ROAD
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PENNSYLVANIA 19462



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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14 July 1976

Dear Mr. Nemes,

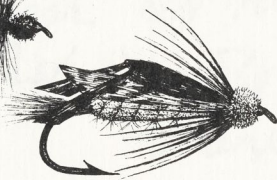
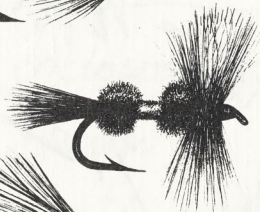
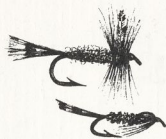
I greatly enjoyed your book on the soft-backed fly and was pleased to find in my fly box some Schweibert caddis nymphs that I rarely used but which seemed to closely resemble your fly. I have used them extensively this summer with much success and therefore was delighted to see your notice in the latest issue of FFM.

Would you kindly send me three dozen of your soft-backed flies, I enclose a check for \$30. I would appreciate receiving the bulk in your basic patterns (orange, yellow, green, brown) and the rest in other assorted patterns. If this is a problem, just send me your assorted collection.

Thank you very much

Sincerely,

Tony Scirica



Standards

Loring 81 ©

#16 UPS
Mar 22

Mark Streissguth
8010 428th Ave. S.E.
Snoqualmie, Wa.
98065
(206) 888-4594

Dear Syl,

3/12/89

Please send me the limited edition of
The Soft Hackled Fly #16 as you offered. Find
enclosed my check for \$125.00. Thanks for the
chance to get a copy. I'll be looking forward
to it and your new book. By the way, enjoyed
your article on the Test in Fly Fishing Heritage.
Thanx again. Regards,
Mark.

Mr. Sylvester Nemes
PO BOX 3782
BOZEMAN MT 59772
USA

May 1, 1993

Dear Mr. S. Nemes

Excuse me for writing to you; this probably is an abuse, but I saw your address in your book "Soft hackle fly imitations" and I decided to contact you.

I bet this is the first time you hear something about fly fishing in Portugal. My country is known in the world of fly fishing only because of the cork ! We have the best in the World (probably the handles in your rods is made of the Portuguese cork).

I've been thinking about writing to you for some time now, and at last I decided to do that. It happens to me that I feel the need for other ways of participation in my sport besides actual fishing. Such ways usually include reading or re-reading my books on fly fishing or to order new ones, to order a lot of (frequently unnecessary) tying materials (I have a neurotic pleasure in receiving by mail those packets with threads, rare bird's wings, Glo Brite flosses, bizarre hooks, Lureflash oddities, etc) and ... to write to people whose scripts had impressed me. It was through such a mechanism that I've in the past made connection with Mike Griffiths and John Roberts in England, and with Dr. J.-P. Pequegnot in France (he is the author of several nice books on fly fishing, including a very interesting and comprehensive one on Trout Dry Fly Fishing).

My decision to write to you results from my appreciation for your publications (I have 2 of your books: "The soft hackle fly" and "Soft hackle fly imitations", but I could not get the second one "The soft hackle fly addicted") and for your philosophy for fly-fishing. I'm a biomedical research scientist working on microbiology and immunology*, and by temperament I like to experiment. As explained below, I like very much dry-fly fishing, but I noticed that that method can't be used always and something alternative should be looked for. And I found that your method is ideal. I know that you use almost always the soft hackle fly; I'm for the moment using it as an alternative, and I find it most interesting and efficient.

I'm 60 years old and I was bitten by the fly fishing bug only some 4-5 years ago. After more than 30 years of trout fishing with worms, grasshoppers and spinning lures I, at last, got the fly fishing sickness. During those years of "blindness" I suspected that something far better was waiting for me, and I really don't know why I postponed so long the switch to fly fishing. May be one of the reasons was that fly fishing is not at all popular in Portugal (!).

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* The immunology research we are carrying out in my Lab although mainly directed to the study of mammalian immunology also includes fish immunology. For that study we have facilities to keep several species of fish and lamprey larvae. Presently we have rainbow trout, carp, sturgeon (a small species), ray and lamprey.

Perhaps it was after all good having delayed the apprenticeship of fly fishing, because now I still am at the phase of discovering many of the basics of the sport, with all the pleasure associated with discovery (as in research work). I read somewhere that the British say that it takes 11 years to make a decent fly fisherman, so I still have a lot to learn !

In 1987 I occasionally met (in a scientific meeting) a colleague with some experience on wet fly fishing for trout (but who had quit fishing), and he gave me the essential information on tackle and flies. Then I got a rather poor fly fishing rod in a local shop (a heavy and inexpensive Kunnan 9 ft, line 5-6), together with a reel, a Cortland 333 DTF 6 line and a few size 14 hooks to tie some flies (using feathers and threads given by my colleague). And, in spite of the fact that for a full season I had many problems with my auto-didacticism and only hooked 2 or 3 small trout with the wets I learnt to tie *, from the day I met my colleague I became an addicted to fly fishing and a fly-only fisherman!

Soon after my initiation in fly fishing I started ordering and reading books (from France, G.B. and USA; we, Portuguese, don't have any !) and so I found in a French book on wet fly fishing a description of a technique that interested me. I suspected that my difficulty in catching trout would be due, at least in part, to the difficulty in detecting the takes, and when I saw the description of the 2 fly technique (1 dry as an indicator and a wet or nymph at the point; I'm sure you know the method) I thought it would help me. And something very interesting happened: very soon after beginning to use the 2 fly technique I was delighted to see trout rising to and take the dry (indicator) fly! And I started catching trout on dries, which I decided to use almost exclusively. And for the next 3 seasons I became a dry fly-only fisherman.

All these initial trials were carried out in a very small stream, some 40 minutes driving time from home, where I used to fish for trout since 1958 mainly with spinning lures and that I know better than my hands; that small stream is my "home water" (by the way: have you read the book "Home Waters. A fly fishing anthology", edited by Gary Soucie and published by Simon & Schuster ?).

Now, I'm less fanatical about dry fly fishing (although I privilege it whenever possible), and I'm becoming more versatile: I use the occasional nymph and , as I said above, your soft hackle flies.

The Portuguese fly fishing scenery is rather different from that in Spain and France (where I fish a lot) and in G.B. and USA (from what I know from the magazines and books I read; I've been in those countries many times until 1986, because of my research work, but that was before I became so interested in fly fishing, and, so, I never fished in G.B. or U.S.A.). In Portugal, fly fishing is practised only by a small minority of trout fishermen (I don't know why). Dry fly fishermen are even less frequent (most fly fishermen fish wet spiders); that's why I had to learn by myself. After the initial efforts and when I started to catch a few trout on the dry fly, I was somewhat influenced by French fly fishermen I met in the Pyrenees. I spend my annual vacations in a very small village uphill in the Ariège province (altitude about 3 000 ft) where I go for 3 weeks with my family every September since 1974, allways to the same unexpensive chalet; around, there are several beautiful mountain streams full of very, very difficult trout.

There, I saw a style of dry fly fishing that I guess is not popular in GB and that I thought would suit very well the small streams of Northern Portugal. It consists in the use of a rather long rod (9-11 ft, provided it is light, that is less than 100 gr) and a thin line (DTF 1-3 or a level, natural silk, thin line, like the French Robinson, which is 0.65 mm thick). This tackle is excellent to fish at the short distances I've to fish most of the times here, and, moreover, it provides a very discrete fishing because of the thin line employed. I frequently use the DTF 1 or the Robinson lines. When it is windy (or in Northern Spain where I fish a much wider river; see below) I go up to the DTF 3. To cast the light lines (AFTMA 1-3 or the level, thin, natural silk I use rods for line 3; I have one French Nive (IM6 carbon, 9.5 ft, 3 pieces, line 3-4, 90 gr weight) and a Sage LL 389 (8 ft 9 in., line 3, 2 pieces, 70 gr. weight !). I'll probably get a Loomis (9 or 10 ft, line 3 or 4) in a near future. Do you know it ? One of the friends in my fly fishing group owns one (9ft, line 4, 4 pieces) and I like it.

* Now I realize that they were not much different from your soft hackled flies ! It is interesting that those wet or damp spider patterns were introduced in Portugal, and probably in Spain, France and England by the gipsies at the end of the last century, and, indeed, spider wet flies tied with hen, mallard and partridge feathers are still in use in those countries.

By temperament (I am not in the research work by chance !) I like to learn and experiment. So I did a lot of "research" with insects and flies. This included the observation of aquatic insects from my home water, that I collected and kept in an aquarium. It was delightful to see upwing and caddis nymphs swimming around and hatching. I have 20-30 books on fly fishing and fly tying (and I'm always getting more and more), and I have collected a tremendous amount of varied fly tying materials (most of which I don't use any more !).

After the initial trials, I'm now using mostly palmers (usually size 16, sometimes smaller) tied with brown and grizzly hackles wound together (like in the collar of the American Adams). These flies are rather easy to follow on the water and are sufficiently effective most of the times (see below).

I always use high quality hackles, although I suspect less expensive ones would do. I use a lot the Metz necks and, sometimes, the Hoffmann grizzly, which is also excellent (and expensive!). I like very much, as well, the French hackles called "correzien". They are beautiful in the rare tones of grey.

I like to mix colours both for the body and the collar of my dry flies. For example, and besides the mixing of grizzly and brown hackles I referred to above, I use to mix light ginger and grizzly, light ginger and brown, or light blue dun with brown. As for the bodies, I'm now experimenting on the mixtures (done with blenders) of several colours of Orvis Antron\Hare, or G. Fraser's Blended Fur which I blend further ! I also mix several tones of Hare's Fur (natural and dyed). I do a lot of dyeing, too. So, you see: I'm in the acute phase of the fly fishing sickness ! I admit that these experiments are mostly for my own amusement, but fly fishing is made of that, as well !

I like also very much the flies tied with "cul de canard", mainly those with a wing of CDC inclined backwards, a body of natural or picric acid-dyed heron, or pheasant tail centre, or hare's ear fur; sometimes I add a dark thorax (peacock herl, for ex.) and 2 turns of grizzly hackle as legs. Except for the thorax and legs (which they don't tie) these are some sort of emergers very popular in France. They are also good imitations of sedges, when tied with the proper colour and size. I've been using the CDC with good success for 3 years. I see that CDC is getting popular in GB, too ! For the soft hackle flies, I use mainly partridge (brown and grey), and snipe, woodcock, waterhen and coot marginal coverts and undercoverts. For the body, I use frequently hare's ear (natural or dyed with picric acid) and Persall Gossamer silk in yellow, olive, brown. The most frequent mayfly in our rivers are the small *Baetis scambus* and *Ephemerella ignita* (2 flies rather similar to each other and not much different in color from your blue winged olive). Their size calls for a 18 hook. For the soft hackle imitation I use a body in waxed yellow (n° 5) Persall silk and a snipe or waterhen feather. It works very well. The nymph of the very widespread *B. scambus* (it is not only frequent but it hatches from February to November !) has a brown body, so I use a soft hackle fly with a body of pheasant tail and a hackle of snipe.

One peculiarity of Portuguese fly fishing for trout is that fishing is possible from the start of the season (first of March), and frequently March is the best time of the season even for dry fly fishing (provided that the water is not too high). This is certainly due to the fact that our winter is mild (snow is rather rare, except above 3 000 feet, and also because at the beginning of a season trout are less wary).

Another peculiarity about Portuguese fly fishing regards the scarcity of hatches of aquatic insects. We have mainly *B. scambus* as I said above, some other baetideae (including *B. rhodani* and Iron Blue Duns), *E. ignita*, a few heptagenidae (like March browns, *Ecdyonurus insignis* and *H. sulphurea*), several medium-sized brown and small, almost black sedges. *Chironomus* also abound, as everywhere. I've seen *E. danica* (similar to your green drake), but it is very rare. Stoneflies are rare, to my knowledge.

The aquatic insects are not abundant in most of our waters (as judged from the number of flies I see hatching or falling and from the number of nymphs I can collect from the water) and the hatches are usually very sparse, the trout being almost always opportunistic feeders. Most of the time I have to fish the water instead of matching the hatch. Only when the occasional rise to naturals is seen I cast my fly knowing that a trout is there and feeding. I like much more to fish for rising trout than to fish the water, but only rarely that can be done in "my" waters. For the above reason, and because our streams are mostly stony, rain fed, fast streams, the choice of the fly is not so critical as, for example in chalk-streams (we don't have them here).

The 2 above factors together with the fact that, as I said above, fly fishermen are rare in our waters, almost any dry fly properly presented will be effective most of the times. In spite of

that, my fly boxes are full of many different patterns, because, you know, I'm always afraid of being without the "proper fly" at some time ! I care about size: I have always with me flies in the range 14-26.

The situation is quite different in France in September: there, most of the trout fishermen use flies and at the end of the season the trout had been shown thousands of artificials and are too educated. It is almost impossible to catch trout on dries, unless you go down to so thin a leader that I am afraid to use (some French fishermen use nylon 0.06 mm thick and claim to catch 1 pound plus trout with them !). Usually nymphs (PT or Hare's ear or a tiny and rather simple imitation French fishermen use a lot, probably representing the nymph of *B. scambus* which is also very frequent in those streams are a better solution, but again with thin tippets (usually I go to 0.12, rarely to 0.10 mm nylon). There are incomparably more trout in the Pyrenees streams as compared to the Portuguese, but my catches are much better here than in France. My average for the last 3 seasons in Portugal is 11 trout/fishing day (about 5-6 h fishing time), what gives a total of more than 500 trout in one season (I fish a lot: at least twice a week from March 1 until September 21; in Portugal and Spain the season closes by August 30, but in France it goes on until September 21).

The problem with the Portuguese trout is that they are rather small: last season I only hooked (and released *) 1 trout 40 cm long, and 13 about 30 cm; all the others were around 20-24 cm (more on the 20 cm class). This year I caught more than 100 trout but most were small: I had one trout 36 cm long and 6 around 30 cm. The small size of our trout (they are all wild brownies; we don't stock trout at all) is due, I think to 2 main reasons: i-Although officially there are river guards, in practice they do nothing (I never saw one in more than 32 years of fishing in Portugal), and so poaching is frequent as is destruction (mainly during summer, with bombs and poison); also, due to the lack of control (and of education of many fishermen) many very small trout taken with worms and maggots are killed. As you see, in this respect we are in a very under-developed country ! ii- The weather is getting drier and drier every year (I remember the water level some 30-20 years ago was incomparably higher than now) and the water level in summer can be too low for the trout and the insects. Here we are on the Southern limit of trout distribution in the Northern Hemisphere.

That's why I'm often going North to Galicia in Spain, where there are beautiful rivers with many trout. There, the rainfall is much higher than here and even in August there is plenty of water. I use to fish the Tambre and its tributaries, close to Santiago de Compostela (4 h. driving time from Porto), where the falls of sherry spinners are something to experience ! I met there, 2 years ago, a British fly fisherman, Mark Adkinson, who lives in Spain now for 15 years, and who is a very good fisherman and a nice guy. He showed me a few nice rivers in the area and the techniques to fish them. The first time I fished with him, in the evening of June 10, 1991, in a small tributary of the Tambre, the B.W.O. were everywhere and the trout went like crazy, and he hooked (and released) about 50 trout in the 2 h before dark, with dries ! My share was not so good, but anyway I had a lot of sport, something I never experienced in Portugal.

The other times I've been fishing there (now for 2 years, with several visits during June-August) sport has not been so spectacular, but, anyway it is usually much better than here. The rivers I fish in Spain are quite different from my small, stony streams here in the North of Portugal. They are less steep and consequently slower, very weedy from May to August (a lot of *ranunculus*), easy to wade even when they are 20 meters wide (I use to call these stretches "water avenues"), and they have an extraordinarily rich insect life and many small trout. I think they have alkaline water (I'll test this next season). If trout are active, you'll take 2 hours to fish 100 meters ! *E. ignita* is very abundant, as are several brown sedges and ... the terrible *Caenis*. Many times when fishing at dawn, I had to face the "white curse". They are millions, trout feed like crazy, but, as you know, it is not easy to catch them on those occasions ! I've been using a Trico spinner (white abdomen, black thorax, spent poly wings) in sizes 24-26, but with little success. I've been told recently that a big sedge can be productive during the *caenis* hatches; I'll try this, too. The evening fishing is much easier, with the BWO and sedges.

* I am an almost 100% catch-and-release fishermen (surely more than 98 %), and so are my 2 sons who are trout fishing with me (Paulo, 32, the eldest, is a dry fly-only fisherman and Pedro (or Peter, like your son), 29, is not yet converted to fly fishing). The youngest, Filipe, 17, does not like fishing at all !

Catch-and-release is almost unknown among Portuguese trout fishermen. I've been trying to implement it, but the idea is not at all easy to pass !

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Therefore, so far, my fly fishing for brown trout has been here in the North of Portugal from March 1 until August 30, with several visits to Galicia from late May to the end of August, supplemented with 2 or 3 weeks in the French Pyrenees (in September).

We don't have grayling in Portugal, unfortunately, and sea-trout and salmon are so rare that there is no reason to fish for them. This means that fishing for salmonids has been closed for me from the middle of September until the first of March.

This coming Summer (first week of July) I'm going to England for a one week fishing trip. It will be the first time I go to the UK with a fishing rod. I'd like very much also to fly-fish in the USA. I go there sometimes because of my scientific work (presently I have a collaboration with a laboratory in Bethesda, Maryland). May be we could meet in a near future ?

Well, this is enough to bother you ! If you feel some interest in what I tell you and find some free time to answer me, I'll be much glad. I take this opportunity to thank you for the many interesting writings you have been producing.

Yours sincerely,

Manuel

Dr. Manuel T. Silva

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January 15, 1990

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Dear Mr. Nemes:

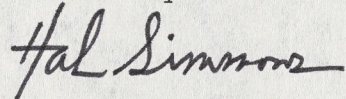
Ever since purchase of your book "The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict" several years ago, I too have been a soft hackle addict. I appreciate the simple aesthetics of the flies, as well as their fish catching abilities. Soft hackle flies have saved the day for me on numerous occasions.

It was, therefore, of great interest to me to find a case of soft hackle flies tied by you for sale at Marriott's Flyfishing Store in Fullerton, California. I, of course, purchased a selection for inclusion in my modest collection of famous flies.

My purpose in writing is to ask that, if indeed you did tie those flies for Marriott's, if you would be so kind as to sign your name on a small card and mail it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. I like to frame flies with signature cards by their tiers and I would be thrilled to add yours to my collection in my tying room.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely



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January 24, 1990

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Tom Wickman
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Dear Sir:

Happy new year! Mine will be happier if you will help me find some good material for my fly-fishing anthology, Home Waters, which will be published by Fireside Books. According to the enclosed ad, it seems you are publishing just the writerly sort of stuff I am looking for. I already have material or commitments from such as Ted Williams, Nick Lyons, David Quammen, Ted Kerasote, Paul Quinnett, John Madson, Chris Madson, Brian Kahn, and Robert McCracken Peck, and a great many others are rummaging through their material or trying to make room in the schedules to write something new.

Here are the pertinent specs on my anthology:

Theme: Home is where the heart is. To one fly-fisher, home water means the stream flowing out behind the house. To another, it's the water you fish whenever you can, no matter how far away it is. For some of us, it's the water we would fish often, if we could just get away. For others, it's where we learned to fish. For all of us, home water inspires us to our most sensitive and evocative best. This isn't "where-to" material, so the writer can be as vague or as specific about your home water as he or she wants to be. Fly-fishing only, but it can be salt water.

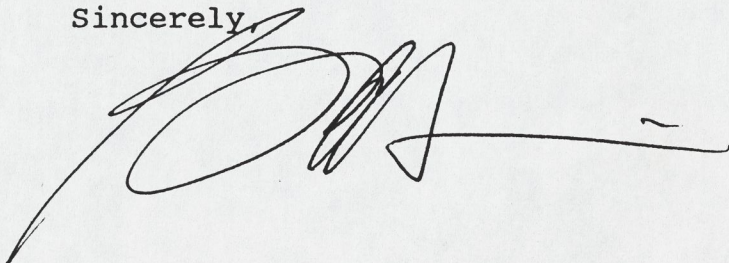
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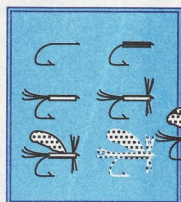
Deadline: My deadline is the end of June, so I hope you will send me manuscripts, tear sheets, clips, photocopies, whatever, **before** the fishing season starts in April.

The publisher plans to use an illustrator, so at some point I will need snapshots of the writers and their home waters, as well as biographical material on each author.

Please call if any of this needs clarification. I look forward to reading very soon about some of your writers' home waters.

Sincerely,





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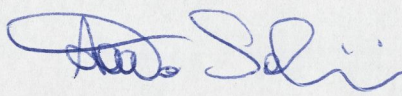
Dear Sylvester and Hazel,

It was a great pleasure to receive your card and read that you spent a good time in UK. Sorry for our delay but the time runs when you work hard!

Now Marika works with me, we are opening a new office in Rome and we have a lot of problems about lotteries and games. We are good but so busy! We were sorry that we didn't meet you last summer, we made a video with Paolo (and cameraman) and we would shoot something about you and your beautiful flies, next time! My collaboration to a fishing magazine is much more important and I'll probably start a new business on fly-fishing. I send you some copies of the magazine, my articles and pictures, just for now because I want give you the original when we'll meet you again. Marika and me don't know exactly the program for next summer but for sure we'll be at the "Federation of Fly Fishers" Conclave in Michigan. In fact Paolo is going to booking a booth for his videotapes and we'll be there to help him. Let us know if you are going to come to the Conclave, anyway after that we'd like to fish again in Montana (we love it) and so we have the opportunity to meet you (if you'll be in Bozeman).

I wish everything is good for you and we look forward to meet you again and go fishing together!

Take care
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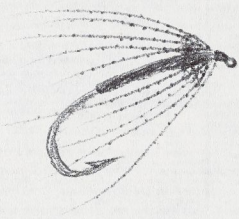

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Dear Syl,

Hope you had great holidays. We were quite busy with the little ones and all. Things are finally starting to get back to normal. Thankyou for your great generosity in this matter. I know that it will also be appreciated by the Trout Club. I am sorry that this has taken me so long to get this out to you and I am too blame for that — please forgive me.

Mark

To; Syl Nemes

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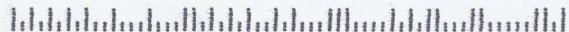


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28 July 81

Dear Sir,

My records show that I sent you a check
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June 29 /82.

Dear Mr. Nemes;

A short while ago I finished reading your book The Soft-Hackled Fly & Trout Fishermans Guide and after putting this technique through a good work out I am truly impressed. I've been fly fishing for about seven years, and I was starting to look for a way to take some of the frustrations out of tying and fishing a fly. This technique that you've brought back to the attention of Fly Fishers should accomplish this and put fun and enjoyment back into this art.

I have recently read in Fly Tyer that you have a second book, The Soft-Hackled Fly Addict of which I've become.

I'm very interested in purchasing this book, could you please send me information pertaining to my desires.

I will await your answer with eagerness.

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Tight lines and God Bless

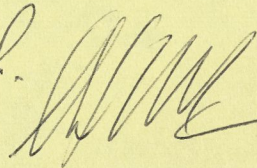
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Please ship it to me via my employer. The shipping label should be addressed as follows:

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Thank you for the visit with us at the store. I hope everything is in good order by now with your family members.

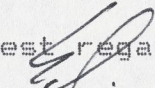
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Each month this year im donating to our local FFF club, flys tyed by famous fly tyers. The flys are to be placed in a shadow-box and raffled at the club meeting. At the dealer price, could you please send me 12-flyes and a copy of your book(signed).. I'll send a check by return mail, and the flys and book will be a part of our next Ozark Fly Fisher meeting. And again name-dropped in our own bulletin to allow you the most exposure possible.

Also, if you ever need Hungarian partridge feathers, we offer them to pro tyers by the ounce and washed. We are now in the process of gathering starling flank feathers to offer.

Again, thank you for the visit and we hope the next time you are in our town we hear from you.

best regards


Ed Story

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STARZINGER



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P.O. Box 3782
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Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
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November 27, 1995

✓ Thank you - yes, one
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M. H. STAIZ EINGER
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NORWICH, VT. 05055

Dear Fly Fishing Friend:

Well, I'm writing you (again, perhaps) 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 7. (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 payment 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

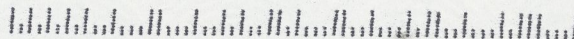
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December 13, 1995

Mr. Syl Nemes
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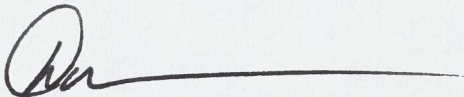
Dear Mr. Nemes;

I received your letter of December 6 and was very pleased to learn you have produced another book. I have thoroughly enjoyed, and used, your three books on soft hackle techniques. On my annual July pilgrimage to Montana, I fish soft hackle patterns about half the time -- and Craig Matthews' Sparkle Dun and X-Caddis patterns (really "damp" patterns) the rest of the time -- and consistently get more than satisfactory results.

Please send me a signed, first edition copy of "Spinners" at your earliest convenience. Enclosed is my check for \$30.00.

Thank you for excellent writings, which have helped me get more enjoyment from my tying and fishing pursuits. I hope you keep writing for many, many years to come.

Tight lines and screamin' reels,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Don Stengele', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Don Stengele

Enclosure: check

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301
Jan 12, 1995

Dear Fly Fishing Friend:

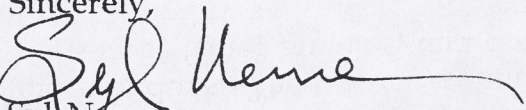
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Sincerely,

Syl Nemes

*Please forward one copy
to:*

*L. F. Stephens
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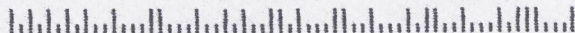
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Mr. Sylvester Nemes
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Bozeman, Montana 59772

Dear Syl:

It was nice to talk with you last evening. I am very interested in your new book and enclose check in the amount of \$30.00 as per your letter. If you could inscribe the book for me I would greatly appreciate it.

I do all of my trout fishing in the Catskill watershed. I have been a member of a private club on the Willowemoc for over thirty years, but for several years have done a good deal of fishing on public water. I enjoy the public water and no-kill areas because of the caliber of the fishermen and fly tyers one encounters on them. I have been a trout fisherman for fifty-three years and it is a learning process that never ends. Would we want it otherwise?

I recall that your last soft hackle book had a series of patterns designed for the Delaware watershed. Although I fish the Delaware's West Branch whenever I can, I can't say that I've used those flies. Maybe this season. The hatches on the West Branch can be prolific, but conditions are effected by the releases from the reservoir at Cannonsville. When the City of New York is releasing 925 cfs of water, wading can be an adventure. I usually seek out some safer haven at those times.

I enclose a pattern that you may find useful. I call it the sulfur emerger. It is dressed as follows:

Hook:	16-22 Mustad 94840 or Tiemco 100
Thread:	yellow 8/0
Tail:	few strands of sparkle yarn to imitate a trailing shuck
Body:	light orange or yellow sparkle yarn
Wing:	sparse sparkle yarn extending a little past the bend
Hackle:	three turns of soft pale dun or cream hackle collared wet fly style



Body material is made by combing out four ply sparkle yarn. The yarn is then cut into pieces about a sixteenth of an inch long and mixed in a blender. The resultant ball of dubbing is brushed against the working thread which has been well waxed, similar to the way Gary LaFontaine "touch dubs" the body on his emergent sparkle pupa. The thread is then wound up the shank forming the body. The body material should not be compressed between the fingers before wrapping. The idea is to create a light, airy body.

The pattern is actually a compromise between LaFontaine's sparkle pupa and Borger's "wet dry fly". I fish it upstream like a dry fly or across and down if I can get a drag free float. I have taken (and released) some nice trout (14 to 16 inches, good fish by Eastern standards) on this fly from hard fished public water. These were rising fish that refused sulfur comparaduns and parachutes but took this fly on the first cast. Each fish was hooked well back in the roof of the mouth, an indication that they were really fooled.

Of course, this design can be used to imitate other mayflies and caddis. I believe it is particularly well suited to the Ephemerellas (Hendricksons, Sulfurs and larger Olives) which float some distance before emerging. The pattern is similar to the emergers recommended by Fred Arbona in his "The Mayfly, the Angler and the Trout", one of finest books I have ever read and one I always recommend to fishermen interested in broadening their knowledge. Others in that category are Charlie Brooks' "The Trout and the Stream" and Swisher-Richards' "Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout". The latter is also on videotape. I watch it ten times a year and learn something new with each viewing.

I take it you enjoy living in Montana. As I said, I have a good friend who lives in Missoula. My wife and I hope to visit him next year.

I look forward to receiving your book. Good luck and continued success.

Very truly yours,

BOCKY STORNS

January 23, 1996

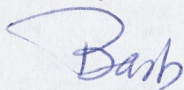
Sylvester Nemes
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Bozeman, MT 59772

Dear Syl,

I got your letter dated January 12, 1996 regarding your new book. I would like to order Spinners and have enclosed a check for the amount of \$30.00.

I have enjoyed your previous books and am looking forward to Spinners. I'd have contacted you sooner but have found myself involved in a fund raiser effort which delayed me. Thanks for thinking of me.

Sincerely,



Barbara Stevens
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Daly City, CA 94014

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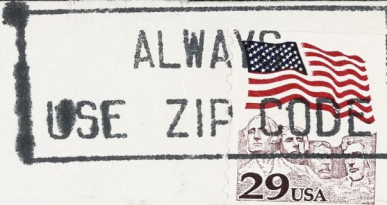
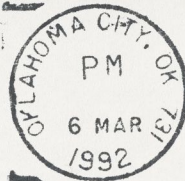
Tegut hies —

Bob Stevens
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P.S. The extra \$5.00 is to cover the cost of the fly.



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Memo from:

Bill Sturdevant

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Mr. Memes,

I certainly enjoyed
our telephone conversation
and appreciate all the
good information you gave
me.

I am looking forward to
receiving your book.

I hope to have the pleasure
of meeting you and your wife
some day.

Thanks,
Bill



September 30, 1994

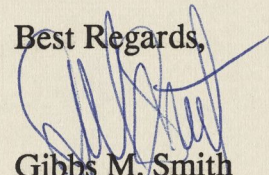
Diane Colson
Lupine Log Arts
13750 Kelly Canyon
Bozeman MT 59715

Dear Diane:

Thanks for letting me have a look at your father's books. I have enclosed them for return.

I look forward to getting the new manuscript.

Best Regards,



Gibbs M. Smith
President

GMS/td
Enclosure: 3 books

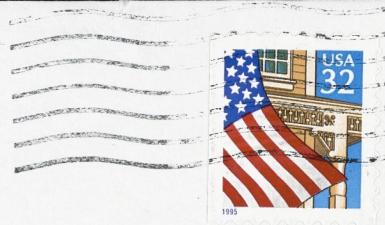
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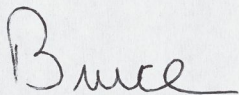
Dear Syl:

I have given your name to the organizers of the Chatsworth Angling Fair during my participation in that event last week in the United Kingdom. It was, of course, a wonderful experience, and I recommend that you accept if they contact you about participating in the 1996 version. You will see that it is quite different than the shows put on in this country. It is a two-day affair, the second weekend in May (Saturday and Sunday with a Friday night dinner to kick off the event), held outdoors in tents and includes not only fly fishers, but bait fishers, lure fishers, conservation societies for all kinds of fish, crafts organizations, tackle dealers, clothing dealers and others. I can give you more details in Livingston this summer.

Enclosed is the card of Mike Sugg, a Partridge employee. Mike should be of interest to you because he and his wife raise prime grouse to be used for fly tying purposes. He informed me at the Fair that they cape out about 1000 birds each season, and they wish to keep their operation this size to retain quality. He sells mainly to private individuals, and I understand that his product is much in demand in the U. K., whether in natural or dyed colors. You may wish to contact him about using his product and possibly demonstrating with it at the 1996 Fair or at other shows.

I look forward to seeing you in Livingston this August.

Sincerely,



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