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Richard W. McDonald
37 Easter Ave S. E.
Grand Rapids, Mich 49503

Dear Richard:

Enclosed are two dozen soft hackles as you ordered.

I want to thank you very much for the purchase and
wish you good luck with the flies.

Sincerely yours,

Syl Nemes

Syl Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
Bozeman, MT 597722

Judith Schnell
Stackpole Books
5067 Ritter Road
Mechanicsville, PA 17055-6921

Dear Judith:

Congratulations on your new title of Publisher and Vice President!

And thanks for your interest in purchasing "Soft Hackled Fly Imitations" and "Six Months in Scotland." We do not have any copies of "Imitations" left, but we did sell 5000 copies since its publishing date 16 years ago.

"Six Months in Scotland" has sold 1640 copies from a total number of 3000 published in 1998.

We are glad to have you back in the US and we hope that Stackpole did well in the Frankfurt Book Fair.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel and Syl

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, Mt 59772

Troutwood
PO Box 19644
Mpls, Mn 55419

Dear Larry:

Enclosed please find 3 "Soft Hackled Fly Imitations". 3 "Six months in Scotland", and 3 "Spinners."

I have given 55% discount, but have also included a fly at no charge with each copy which should make them easier to sell at the shows. In fact, I sold quite a few of the Scottish book for \$10. more when I included the fly. Now, there is no charge for them. I have the feeling you may sell the Six Months in Scotland with the fly in a short time. If you do, take orders, and I will tie up as many as you need free with the order of the book, itself, at the same 55% discount.

Good luck at the shows, and if you do get out here next spring or summer please call me. I might even show you some nice water on the Madison.

Sincerely,

Sy

Sylvester Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301
August 25, 1998

John Randolph
Fly Fisherman
PO Box 8200 6405 Flank Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8200

Dear John:

Enclosed are 25 color slides, most of which were used in the printing of SIX MONTHS IN SCOTLAND. I have also included a made-up copy of the book, which includes the chapter, SALMON FISHING IN SCOTLAND TODAY, and a dust jacket and extra color signature from the book. I would like the book returned after you are finished with it because it's an oddity without the cover.

The book is being bound in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and we have been promised delivery around September 4. I will send you a bound copy or two for review purposes. If you do run the article on Scotland we talked of originally, can you run a little copy telling the reader how to order.

I have offered the book to be co published in the UK, but have not found any takers yet. Might you know a publisher who might be interested?

I have many more slides of Scotland, but these were among the best. If you want more to look at, please let me know, and I will make another selection. If there's any way I can help you prepare the story for printing, please let me know. Since considerable time has passed, I could make some phone calls to give your readers last minute information. I have heard recently the salmon are not coming and it might be the worst year on record.

And, I'm happy to hear you're back at work.

Sincerely,

Syl

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301
February 5, 1999

Jim Butler:

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are some slides I promised to send which we might use or which will act as photo ideas in the article on tying my spinners. These are all meant as suggestions to new shootings and I'm sure you will have plenty of suggestions, too.

Top Left hand corner: How to remove strands of Organza for wings of one or two of the patterns.

Next 10 slides across and down: The fly tying sequence of tying the fly. Number 6 shows a needle being used to coat the fly body with nail polish. This should be the actual brush that comes in some of the bottles. Number 9 and 10 show the hackle from the front and being squeezed into a flat plane. I will suggest using a little fly flotant grease on the fingers. Number 11 (number 24) shows another squeezing process.

Number 13 (number 12) is a slide of the 14 Danville regular threads available. I have new spools of the company's 7 fluorescent threads, and I have tied some patterns with the pink which makes a gorgeous looking body. I have asked Danville to explain what the advantage is in fluorescent threads. If I get any information about that I'll include it in the piece. (I will send you some of the spinners tied with different colored fluorescent threads.)

Number 14 (slide number 34) is just some of my spinners on a page from Halford.

Numbers 15 and 16 are of an actual spinner of a JW Dunne fly which was tied by Hardy. This was loaned to me by Datus Proper.

Number 17 shows the handling of a partridge hackle in front of the regular hackle as in the Callibaetis tie, trying to duplicate the smoke or vitta on the front edge of the spinner's wing.

Number 18 and 19 are of golden pheasant topping feather and wood duck flank feather--two kinds of tails for all the flies.

The last slide is of some spinners made with dyed hackle stems prepared by D's Flies, 1999 So. Zenobia St., Denver, CO 80219.

Here are other photo suggestions. Whole hen necks I prefer to work with and side by side photos of individual hen and rooster hackles.

Please let me know if we're on the right track.

Sincerely,
Syl

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301 Phone
406 587 1813 Fax

Mr. David Paton
Grandhome
Aberdeen
AB22 8AR, Scotland, UK

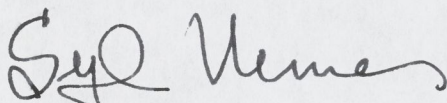
Dear Mr. Paton:

Enclosed is the chapter for the book, "Six Months in Scotland", THE LAW OF SALMON FISHING IN SCOTLAND, which includes the mention of Grandhome water and which reprints a portion of the instrument of sasine in 1828, showing the purchase of the fishings by John Paton. Again I want to thank you for permitting me to look through the document and copy portions of it and to be able to include it here in this book, which will be published around July 1st.

I'm also sending you a portion of the chapter, "Salmon Fishing In Scotland Today," which gives some of the fishing details of Grandhome and which will be printed this fall by FLY FISHERMAN magazine. If there is any reason why you would not want that information in the article, please let me know.

Enclosed, too, is a SALAR'S NEMESIS, which caught three salmon when I was there in 96 and 97.

Sincerely,


Syl Nemes

*another letter
sent.*

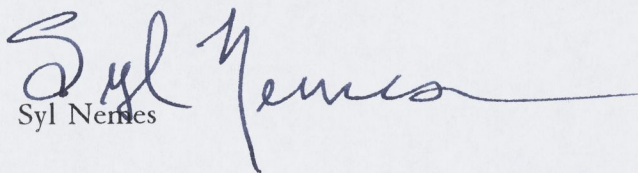
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Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301

Peter Veniard
Managing Director
Veniard, LTD
69 Gloucester Road
Croydon, Surrey CR9, 2DD
United Kingdom

Dear Sir,

After so many years, I would like to remain on your mailing list. You may know by now that I have written three books here in the US on soft-hackled flies. I always thought it might be a good idea to approach you to see if you would like to sell any of the books through your catalog. There are no such books being published in England now and they might be good sellers in your country. They were THE SOFT HACKLED FLY, THE SOFT HACKLED FLY ADDICT, SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS. I have sold the first two books mentioned to Stackpole Publishing in Pennsylvania. I still own the imitation book, and I also wrote SIX MONTHS IN SCOTLAND, which I'm including here. If you would like to see any of the others which are now handled by Stackpole publishing in PA, please let me know. If we could work something out on the Scottish book, I would include Salar's Nemesis, a salmon fly I dreamed up, on the pre title page, as the one included here.

Sincerely,


Syl Nemes

Syl Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
Bozeman, Mt 59772
406 587 8301
12/13/06

Grahame Maisey
PO Box 176
Wyncote, PA 19095

Dear Grahme:

Enclosed you will find some of the bigger hooks, which I would never need, returned to you, and two copies of my new book, "The Soft Hackled Fly and Tiny Soft Hackles". One of these you included and the other I'm including as a thankyou for some of the hooks you sent. I would also like a couple of your Masterlines in DT 4 and 5, in the olive color. I always thought these were the best lines ever made for fly fishing.

I will take the hooks I've kept to show to three fly shops here and try to get some orders for you. And thanks for all the free hooks.

Sincerely

Syl Nemes

Sylvester Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301

Tony Lyons
The Lyons Press
PO Box 480
Guilford, Ct 06437

Dear Tony:

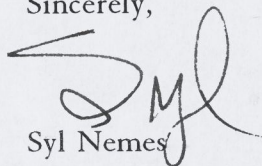
It's been a while since I last talked to you. I think I bought my copy of Pritt's book from you quite a few years ago. I couldn't have written my books on the soft hackle without it. Now, I'm writing you to see if you and the Lyons Press might be interested in a novel I wrote about John Dillinger a few years ago.

I lived for many years in Crown Point, Indiana, where Dillinger escaped from the county jail during the early thirties. A lady was the sheriff at the time, because her husband who was the sheriff was killed by a crazy farmer. She and Crown Point and the state of Indiana won Dillinger after he was captured in Tucson, but he escaped from her jail after being there a few months. A couple of weeks later he was gunned down coming out of a movie house in Chicago.

Nobody, not even an important detective agency, hired for the job, could figure out how he escaped. My novel gives a pretty good narrative of how he did it.

If you're at all interested in seeing some chapters or the whole thing, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Syl Nemes

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~~ERIC~~

~~REMAINDER HOUSES.~~

ANNIE LODGE-SMITH

REMAINDERS

Syl Nemes
PO Box 3782
Bozeman, Mt 59772
406 587 8301

Dear Amy:

Here are the corrected manuscript and slides of the Partridge and Orange, Green and Yellow for between the lines of the title for the dust jacket. You asked me to shoot the flies so you might look at the idea we had for the dust jacket.

I left the leader material long so you might cut it where you want it, and it does match the hand colored one of The Fly Fishers Entomology. The loops go both ways in the slides.

You might tell Judith that I hope this work will be worth 25 more copies of the unbound and uncovered the book when it's printed, at no charge, thankyou. That makes 50 copies.

Amy, I think you did some very nice work editing and arranging the manuscript, and I like your choice of the photography, and the way you stretched out the photos from page to page. Frankly I had thought of another section for the photos, but your way works better integrated the way you designed it.

We'll be in St Louis at my son's house. Phone number is 314-638-7579.

Sincerely,

Syl

Sylvester Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301

Umpqua Feather Merchants
17537 N. Umpqua Drive. PO Box 700
Glide, Oregon, 97443

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will please find an order for Umpqua tying materials from a neighbor of mine who ties flies with a group of ten or twelve other fly tiers in a garage in Belgrade, and where I have tied flies with them as a guest every now and then. They have purchased fly tying materials through me previously and have asked me to give you this current list of materials.

The order comes from Jim Bowker, a neighbor, and a member of the group, who has ordered fly tying materials previously from you.

Thankyou very much for your participation in this group.

Sincerely,

Syl Nemes

Sylvester Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
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Jared Kimmel
Rumpf
PO Box 319
Sellersville, PA 18960

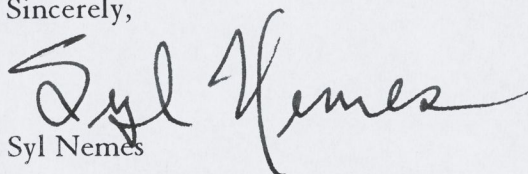
Dear Mr. Kimmel:

I enjoyed signing all those copies of my new book for your company, and I thought I might offer you copies of two of my other books, signed by me, to sell to your dealers, in a kind of 'strike while you're hot' timing.

These would be two of my books, "SPINNERS", at \$34.95 retail and "SIX MONTHS IN SCOTLAND", at \$29.95 retail. I would sign all of the copies, and pay freight. The "SPINNERS" book has 48 books per box, and the Scottish book has 34 books per box. I would pay freight and also reduce the wholesale cost to 60% discount. I have included copies of each book for you to look at.

And thanks again for selling so many copies of "The Soft Hackled Fly."

Sincerely,


Syl Nemes

Judith Schnell
stackpoole Books
PO Box 1831
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Syl Nemes
Sylvester

Dear Judith:

Well, we have your offer and we are not too excited. Your letter indicates you are not interested in a straight buy out. ~~Thxxxxxxlityxx~~
~~xxx~~ Does it mean that I would still own the books

Well, we have your offer and we are not too excited

Well, we have your offer and we are not too excited. Do you mean that the titles will still remain my property? And whwer e you say we're willing to purchase the film outright, is that in addiction to the \$6,000.?

Syl Nemes Syl Nemes

Well, we have your offer and we are not too excited. But let us have some time to think about it

Well, we have your offewr and we are not too excited. Your letter indicates you are not interested in a straight buy out. And I guess that means, that the titles would still be my property at the end of our relationship? Is that correct?

Why don't you go over your figures again and ~~thxxx~~ make us another offer. In the meantime, please return the color proffs of the ADDICT

And is there any wayt Stackpole would published GOODBYE CROWNPOINT as part of the arrangement?

Sincerely,

Syl


Jim Steinmetz
"Imitations"

4th Janua

414	731	2566
414	788	0552

323 N. Monroe
Appleton 54911
Wis.

Shirley



Syl Nemes
PO 3782
Bozeman, MT 59772

Judith Schnell
Stackpole Books
5067 Ritter Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Dear Judith:

Enclosed you will find 143 pages of SPINNERS, which I hope may resume our negotiations on this book. There are 26 species (some species chapters have more than one species). The work still needs an introduction or chapter one which gives the raison d'etre, an outline, how to use the book, what's in it, etc. A chapter on your suggestion, January 14, 1994, of classic flies and descriptions. I'm also thinking of quite a large appendix, listing some of the more popular dressing of spinners over the last two hundred years. (The definitive book on spinners.)

Added to the tying section will be b&w or color photos, particularly of the method of dividing and flattening the hackle into the wings of the spinner. The writing there could be handled with captions. There should be color photos of the fly patterns.

I have also devised a table or chart of the 26 patterns, which gives the hook size, body color, ribbing, tail, wing hackles, etc, in a quick look at kind of listing where the reader could find a certain pattern, without looking it up in the text.

I have at least 50 rolls of color slides of spinners and I have included a handful of seconds or duplicates. One of these, or one very much like it, might make an interesting dust jacket. I don't think I have to tell you which one it is. (I would still like them returned, however.) Also included are a few new, spinner patterns.

The following considerations are offered as talking points in arriving at a favorable contract.

1. Resuming the discussion on the advance.

2. Considering this a two book deal, SPINNERS and A DIFFERENT SHERIFF (GOODBYE, CROWN POINT's new name. I have rewritten the book. It would not be necessary to have an immediate publishing date.

Dear Bob: (Marritot

Here is number 50 of the limited edition of THE SOFT HACKLED
FLY ADDICT, whi;ch I want to donate to the Orange County Fly
Fishers club, for their upcoming auction

It is a fine club and I rmemember how nicely they treated me last
year when I spoke there. I also want to thank you for your
cooperatrion and friendship.

Sincerely yours,

Syl

Aug 23

Henry Rasoff
Arco Books
215 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10003

Dear Mr. Rasoff:

Enclosed is a manuscript for an intended paperback on fly fishing. Nick Lyons of your city suggest⁴ed I should try you with it. Most of the photography is shot. I would also like to include a merchandising scheme with one of the big ~~fly~~xxxx manufacturers. Something like "Valuable rod, reel and line offer inside." I know quite a few people who might be interested.

as simple as this. It has mass apeeal and could
There's nothing on the market quite like this. Lyons just came out easily be sold
with LL Bean fly fishing ;handbook, but I think it's too scientific for in non-fishing
beginners. climates.

You may know I've written "The Soft Hackled Fly a" and "The Soft Hackled Fly Addict." More than 10,000 of the first and nearly 3000 in two years of the second.

This offer is currently being ~~made~~xxxx made to two other publishers.

Please let me know if you might be interested in publishing this. Or if you might be interested in the ~~distribution of~~ sale and distribution of it if I were to publish.

Sincerely yours,

Nick Lyons
Nick Lyons Books
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Nick:

Here we go again. Enclosed is a manuscript designed for a fast selling, paperback only book on learning how to fly fish.

I can easily do the thing myself and make a few thousand. But I won't get the distribution this kind of publication needs. And if you don't want to get involved with it, can you suggest some big company who might want to distribute after I print it.

The idea of learning how in one day came to me about 7 years ago when Rand McNally did a paperback on learning how to cross country ski in one day. The format is to include a black and white photo on every page and run the copy under the pictures so that it is never very far from the picture.

I am shooting the ~~xxx~~ photos next week in Bozeman, ~~Mont~~ where my two grand daughters live. You'll see from the introduction ~~they~~ that they will be the models.

I was urged to finish the book ~~when~~ by some things I heard at the San Francisco Fly Fishing Exposition. People were looking for an ;instruction book and couldn't find one. I remembered my outline ~~from~~ got it out and voila.

I have just received "Yellowstone". It looks

I was urged to write the book when I overheard some people at the Fly fishing exposition here say they couldn't find any books on learning how to fly fish.

I'll be glad to send you the photos ~~if~~ when we get back about June 26. ~~Meantime, study this~~ Hope we can do something together on this one. I'm still obliged to you for your reading and consultation on Goodbye Crown Point.

You'll like Scotland even more
after you read "Six Months in Scotland"
by me, Syl Nemes.

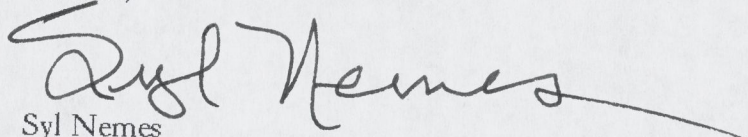
Dear Publisher:

Here's a nice little book on living and fishing in Scotland which I wrote a couple of years ago. I'm sending it to you so you can see that I have a little writing talent which I also put into a 30's novel about John Dillinger's escape from the county jail in Crown Point, Indiana. Even Pinkerton's detectives were mystified by his departure and so was the lady sheriff who plays a major role in the book.

This novel provides an answer in fiction to the years' long question of how the lady sheriff got him and how he got her.

I have a new book on fly fishing at your favorite book store, "Two Centuries of Soft Hackled Flies," published by Stackpole.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Syl Nemes". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

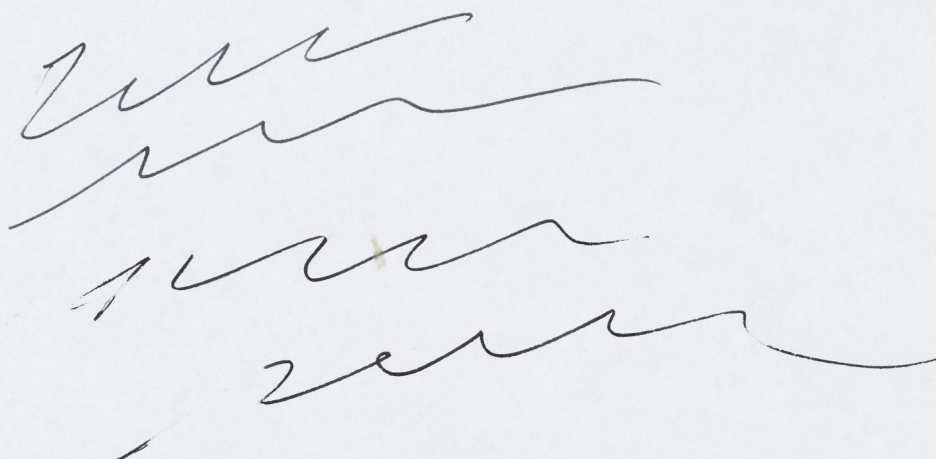
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406 587 8301

Sylvester Nemes
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Bozeman, MT 59772
406 587 8301

Darleen Morrison
WW Norton
500 5th Avenue
NY, NY10110

Dear Miss Morrison

Enclosed are all of the chapters from "Goodbuy Crown Point," a few chapters of which I sent to you a short time ago. I hope this means there might be a chance for the book to be published by Norton.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvester Nemes', written in a cursive, flowing style across the bottom right of the page.

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

Jeff Passante
280 E Main Street D3
Clinton, CT 06413

Dear Jeff:

I have your letter of Oct 17, and I will be there for the flytying and slide show as you request. If I am not able to return to my home on Sunday, March 22, however, I would request another night motel and food. I will bring standard editions of SPINNERS and SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS to sell to your members for \$20 each, which is substantially below retail.

I would also appreciate your trying to find another club close by which might want to hire me for Friday or for the Sunday for tying and slide show.

Sincerely,

Syl Nemes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Syl Nemes', written vertically on the page.

Sylvester Nemes
3200 Shooting Star Lane
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406 587 8301
2/11/06

Dear Fly Shop owner:

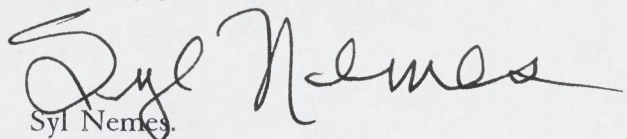
My first book "The Soft Hackled Fly" is being published again next month by Stackpole publishing in PA. It is a redo of the first book I wrote on the soft hackled fly in 1970, but with around fifty 50 new pages and color photos on tying and fishing soft-hackled flies in a tiny style.

There seems to be quite a growing interest recently in tiny flies and the lady editor at Stackpole thought the book should be republished but with the emphasis on tiny flies, which I have done.

So I'm offering you copies of my books, "Spinners", signed and with a spinner pattern tied by me on the pretitle page and "Six Months in Scotland" where I fished for salmon and trout and with a salmon fly tied by me called 'Salar's Nemesis'. "Spinners" retails for \$34.95 and the Scottish book retails for \$29.95. You can order them with free corresponding flies, tied by me, for only \$9.95 each, with free shipping.

If you might also want copies of the new Soft-Hackled Fly, please let me know and I will ship you copies at 40 % dealer's discount when they become available, soon.

Sincerely yours,


Syl Nemes.

Dear Marc: and Cynthia

Well we are going full steam ahead on the book. We had two offers from Stackpole, but we have decided to publish the book ourselves.

We have an art director in Chicago who is designing the book and dust jacket.

We don't know the exact usage of your beautiful fly renderings; We may use them as chapter headings as we planned in the beginning. or here and there throughout the book. We have two estimates already and the use as chapter headings, (there would be 10) might be prohibitive.

But I would still like you to paint each fly as originally planned, but I would also like you to paint all 14 on one page. The printed page format is 6 by 9 inches. You can paint on a larger size of course, and the color separations would take the flies down, as long as you keep the painting to the same scale. This may be too difficult an undertaking, and perhaps the individual flies could be arranged on one or two pages

Dear Marc & Cynthia

Well, we are going full steam ahead on the book. We had two offers from Stackpole, but we have decided to publish the book ourselves.

So, I would like to proceed as we did originally and have included here, all of the flies for you to paint. ~~I have been told you~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ If you feel comfortable with the sizes you painted on the first attempt, we will have no problem in reducing in the color separations. I have been told, you could even go a little larger than the first ones.

To make it easier for you, I have tied the 14 flies on larger hooks as well as included the smaller patterns. And with each fly I'm including the actual size of the fly as it is intended to be fished.

Your suggestion to do them on smoother paper, (maybe a whiter paper) will help. And it would help, if you labelled each fly after you finished painting them.

You offer to do the flies for 5 copies of the book is very generous. ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~make that 6 of the standard edition xxxxxxxx~~ That's fine with me, but I would
 also ~~like to xxxxxx like to xxx~~ give you three copies of the limited edition of the
 book, when it comes out. This will be in an olive green leather and slip
 case, similar to THE SOFT HACKLED FLY AND THE SOFT HACKLED FLY ADDICT. The lea
 leather This edition will probably not be available for at least another 5 or
 6 months.

And of course, your name will be ~~prominently~~ displayed on the title page as is required in good books., And the flies will not be reprinted in any way without your knowing.and permission.

I have included the appendix which gives the dressings of all the flies.
~~Rxxxxxxignorethexdressingsxxxthe patternsforxxxxxxxx~~
 This may be helpful.

Again, Hazel and I, welcome you to be our guests during your short stays

Im glad you had a good time with my midge. I have included a couple extra so that if you find yourself on the Green again you wont run short.

One last request. Is it possible to paint all 14 flies on one sheet? The page format is 6 x 9, but you could paint them on a bigger sheet, if you kept the same size relation. I'm thinking of such a display

I will return the drawings to you
after the book is published if you
so desire, but, of course, I would
like to keep them for ~~a~~ permanent
mounting in my office. You decide.

you can, however, keep all
of the plates after you've painted them.
In 50 years, they should be worth
a penny or two.

Dear Al:

I was very happy to hear that you would design the dust jacket. Enclosed are six new transparencies of me studying and photographing Green Drakes and Pale Morning Duns on the Henry's Fork, June, 1990.

Any of these slides might work on the back cover. Be sure to include the name of the photographer, Victor H. Colvard, if you set any type. With this photo on the back cover, it will probably not be necessary to include ~~the~~ head shot of me on the inside flap.

Also on the back cover, I would like you to find room for ~~a couple quotes~~ *one quote* from the book. The first one would be from the Introduction by David Hughes. "This new book can be seen in one light as a treatise on the most important hatches; how to match them with soft-hackles, how to fish those flies and take trout in this new way. It's an important book in that respect alone. But it can also be seen as a method; as a departure point for learning to recognize your own hatches, and learning to construct your own soft-hackled magic to match them

From the introduction to SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS

From Dave Hughes introduction to SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS.

For the cover, I would like to suggest you use one of the ~~photos~~ macro photos of the living insects and the imitation lying next to it. To me that says IMITATION ~~immediately~~ immediately. I have included a rough of what I have in mind. ~~I don't know if it is acceptable or~~

Ps:

Many of the older books used to contain a quote ~~from a previous book~~
~~book which in some way pertained to~~ at the heading of a chapter,
which came from a previous book, which in some way pertained to what
was to follow in the current chapter. A good example is Hills"
History of fly fishing for trout. Chapter 5. Charles Cotton and his
Contemporaries. "To fish fine and far off is the first and principal
rule for trout angling." THE COMPLEAT ANGLER, By Charles Cotton. 1676.

From that, I would like to use the same thing right after the chapter
name, perhaps centered over the chapter copy.

For the chapter on the Midge:

"Drag, for instance which is supposed to be
so terrible on an upst^{ream} cast with a dry
fly, sometimes seems to serve as an added
attraction to a midge that's floating on or
in the surface film. When you see your fly
starting to drag, give it an occasional six-
inch twitch and you're more likely than not
to produce an answering explosion."

THE WELL-TEMPERED ANGLER, by Arnold Gingrich. 1965.

For the chapter on the rusty spinner:

"It's very possible to fish a spinner fall
successfully without ever getting a look
at the bug you're imitating so carefully."

SEX, DEATH, AND FLY-FISHING, by John Gierach. 1990.

For the chapter on the Pale Morning Dun:

"This popular name was given to this species
by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards in their
fine book, SELECTIVE TROUT, and it is such an
appropriate description that I wish I had
thought of it myself."

NYMPHS, by Ernest Schwiebert. 1973

*It will take a day or more to find six
more for the other chapters, but what
do you think?*
Syl

Dean Yarnes

Last night at 9:40, I did the final work on IMITATIONS, by approving the color printing of the dust jacket. That was after ~~XXXXXX~~ I caught 7 or 8 nice fish on syl's Midge from the East Gallatin. I thought you might like to see the whole book, now, unbound. We should have bound copies around April 25.

Thanks for the phone call, too, yesterday, on my birthday. Do you call a lot of old guys around the country just to wish them happy?

On your trip here this summer, you might plan one evening here either coming or going for the big blowout.

How can I thank you for the diligence?

Sincerely,

Syl

Just that a stunning best friend

But, when you realize \$5000 for four years work, it's not very much.
And it would be at least 4 years before I would see any more income.

The midge is working very well again on the Lower Madison and on the East Gallatin during the last two hours of the day. On the East there are a lot of tricky currents which slam into each other. It would be a hard place to fish the Gnat drag free. But with the Partridge Midge, you dont worry about it.. What a thrill to see the white line go upstream. It's so unnatural

You must come to Montana this year and come and stay with us.
Bring somebody if you like.

I hope your not dissappointed doing the intro

Thanks again for the Intro.

Ted Ward

Dear Ted:

I know you cant wait to see the bound book, but we finished the printing last night and I thought you'd like to see it unbound.

We wiull have bound copies around April 25.

I hope I didn't clobber up your flies and dressings too badly?

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Syl

Al Adams

Dear Al:

I'm not going to bother with a lot of words, because I know you don't read them anyway. But here is the complete, unbound book, finished jsut last night.

Some people might say the best part of it is the jdust jacket. I might agree. It's a romantic design, but the word cluster angled word cluster makes it today.

Thanks

Sincerely

Syl Nemes
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TEL:

fax: 92 05 25 62

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Dear Jean Paul:

Thank you for your Christmas message. I would be honored to do a show for your club if it can be arranged. I have a slide show on the history of soft hackles and some fishing suggestions. Some of your club members might want to learn how to tie soft hackled flies and this could be a separate three or four hours for those members.

The book on spinners is finished and I could bring slides of various species and their imitations. I finished with the study of 26 species in all. We could take time during the tying course to include tying some new spinners. The manuscript is at a publisher now.

My fee for similar shows here is \$600. Might this be possible with your club? Many of your members maybe only partially interested in soft hackles. But I'm sure they might like to know all they can about les seches spinners.

We have already inquired about flights and there doesn't seem to be any problems getting there by March 1 or a little later.

I hope you will be able to join me again, however, in July or August. If Albert will not bring you to North America, you will just have to come by yourself and Dannielle. I enjoy showing you Montana.

Please contact me as soon as possible about the show and the fee so that we can book our flights and make our plans.

Goodbye,

Syl

Syl and Hazel.

If you want to fax me the return, the number
is

406 587 1813

Feb 27
sub

Dear David Taylor
PO Box 329
Mt. View HI 96771

Enclosed is your copy of the soft hackled fly addict limited edition, number 89. This was the lowest number I had at the time I received your order. I hope it meets with your approval.

I have also just obtained 180 copies of the soft hackled fly in a limited edition similar to the addict, except it is in a burgundy color with matching red slip case. I could send you one of these in a very low number in the 30's or number 89 to match your copy of the addict. It is my intention to do the same thing in a green leather of the new book I'm working on with the tentative title of some soft hackled fly imitations. This book should be published before the end of the year.

So please let me know if you would be interested in one of the limited edition of the soft hackled fly. Thank you for the order of the addict.

The price is the same for the soft hackled fly \$125.--00

SYLVESTER NEMES
PO BOX 3782
POKEMAN, MT 59777

Dear Collector:

I have two sets of limited editions left of my three books, SOFT HACKLED FLY, SOFT HACKLED FLY ADDICT and SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS, numbered 179 and 180. The first is in red leather, the second in blue and the third in green, with printed limitation pages and a fly tied by me on each page. Each book comes in a similar colored slip case. These are the last two matched numbered sets, except those from 1 through 10 which are being saved for the family, and possibly two or three sets of much lower numbers purchased some time ago by Angler's Art.

I'm anxious to sell these two sets and since you already purchased one or another of these limited editions, I'm letting you know about the sale. Number 179 is \$500 and number 180 is \$750. You may also purchase any limited edition for the regular price of \$125 for either of the first two and \$135 for IMITATIONS.

Sincerely,

Syl Nemes

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Syl Nemes
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Ken Menard
Umpqua
PO Box 700
Glide, OR 97443-0700

Dear Ken:

Enclosed please find the manuscript for SPINNERS, a new book I've been working on for the last three years.

I have two contracts from publishers for this book, but have not decided yet who will publish it. I may even publish it myself. It will be published this year.

I have sent it to you and Umpqua to try to arrange a 'royalty' offer for the exclusivity of Tiemco hooks. This could be a one time payment in advance of publication. The amount could be negotiated by telephone.

There is another reason for sending this. And that is to try to encourage Umpqua to include some of the more popular patterns in its list of author or personality developed flies.

You may even want to reconsider some of the soft hackled fly imitations you already have in your possession.

As you know, there never has been a book on spinners. Better fishing depends more and more on the kind of knowledge in this book. Two publishers besides myself think it will be an important and popular book.

I would like the book, particularly the new patterns to be a matter only between Umpqua and me, and would also like the ms returned as soon as possible without copying.

In closing, I want to thank you and other Umpqua people for sending me sample hooks for tying some of the patterns.

Sincerely,

Syl Nemes

and I have given my own method for painting the hooks in the book. But it may be profitable for Umpqua to do this and sell the hooks already whitened, if there is some way to do this? Could I expect the usual 10% royalty for suggesting it?

I will accept the offer of the \$500. in cash and \$500 merchandise at the best wholesale level, (P/L3) for the Tiemco exclusivity in the book. Please send me current order material and forms. I may start using that immediately.

I have not planned to attend the fly tackle dealer show. I only have SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS to sell and last year was not worth the money and trouble. But yes, I would like to attend if you can sponsor me. And, I am attending the conclave in Livingston and tying there.

I think that wraps it up.

Sincerely,

Syl

PS. How about ordering 100 SOFT HACKLED FLY IMITATIONS to sweeten the deal, specially since Dave Hughes' new book, WET FLIES has me featured throughout and the book is already being considered for reprinting. And how about considering some of those patterns since they are featured in the book.

considerations in my letter of around Jan 12, 1995: the two book deal, perhaps designing the book or helping to do so, and 300 sets of signatures at actual cost for a limited edition. There is one more consideration which is that I can buy SPINNERS, THE SOFT HACKLED FLY and SOFT HACKLED FLY ADDICT from Stackpole at a better price than the 56% I'm currently getting. I have discovered that certain book sellers get far better than that. I don't believe that the publisher (that's you) should really make money selling the author his own books.

I have also included some spare slides of tying sequences and fly patterns. I'm quite happy with the tying sequences, but the fly pattern shots need redoing, possibly with fewer patterns per shot. I have also put into envelopes slides of real spinners many of which should be included in the book and corresponding captions. I will keep these here for the time being.

With a spring 96 publication, we have time for a longer chapter on the fishing of the spinner patterns. Already this year, most of April, I have been fishing some of the spinner patterns on a couple rivers with outstanding success. True, there were duns on the water, but I did not see spinners. But the feeding fish are taking my new spinners as confidently as they take the duns. This can be an important answer to when should the reader fish the spinners in the book.

I received a copy of WET FLIES and a nice letter from Dave. I saw my name so often in the book, I thought I might write you and arrange for royalties. But, it is nice work and he paid honest homage to those beside me who deserved it. I can see now where the handling of that issue might have been a problem. Could I be so bold as to ask for 3 or 4 'review' copies. And would you like a copy of IMITATIONS?

And could you send me a zerox of the SPINNERS manuscript I sent you. I want to make sure you have what I think you have.

Sincerely,

Syl

2 CENTURIES

Syl Nemes
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Dear Judith:

Enclosed are five rolls of slides, including roll 1 which Aimie sent back to me a short time ago. All of the slides are named with the name of the fly, the number, and the author in whose chapter the fly appeared.

To clarify the name and the inventor, I have listed all of the flies with the name of it, the author and the number of the slide. I am giving this information, not in numerical order, but in numerical roll number, just in case you cannot read the information written on each slide. Some flies were photographed more than once. Please choose the best one.

Roll 1. Olive Nymph, Lawrie, 42.
Drop Fly, Scotcher, 41.
Red Tag, Gazette, 18.
Dark Needle, Gazette, 17.
Bradshaw's Fancy, Gazette, 16
Smoke Fly, Gazette. 15.
Winter Brown, 37. Wooley.
Blue Bottle, 11, Gazette.
Poult Bloa, 9, Williams.
Water Hn Bloa, 7, Williams.
Woodcock Quill, 38, Wooley.
Light Dun Hackle, 39, Wooley.
Olive Nymph, 44, Lawrie.
March Brown, 45, Lawrie.
Iron Blue, 47, Lawrie.
Pale Watery, 49, Lawrie.
Iron Blue Nymph, 56, Lonsdale.
Spanish Needle, 57, Lonsdale.
Sedge Fly, 58, Lonsdale.
Caenis, 59, Lonsdale.
March Brown Nymph, 60, Lonsdale.
February Red, 61, Lonsdale.
Winter Brown, 62, Pritt.
Sandy Moorgame, 63, Pritt.
Green Sleeves, 65, Pritt.
Grey Partridge, 66, Pritt.
Salter, Number 1 fly, Salter.

Roll 2:

Ginger Hackle, 31, Norris.
Dotterel Dun, 1, Williams.
Dark Spanish Needle, 2, Williams.
Pale Watery Dun, 3, Williams.

Grey Duster, 4, Williams.
Pale Evening Bloa, 10, Gazette.
Honey Dun Bumble, 14, Gazette.
August Brown, 12, Gazette.
Honey Dun Bumble, 14, Gzaette.
Blue Bottle, 11, Gazette.
Old Blue Dun, 19, Leisenring.
Iron Blue Wingless, 22, Leisenring.
Pale Watery Dun, 2, Williams.
Dotterel Dun, 1, Williams.
Iron Blue Nymph, 30, Leisenring.
Black Spider, 29, Stewart.
Ginger Hackle, 31, Norris.
Red Spider, 28, Stewart.
Brown Red Hackle, 21, Leisenring.
Old Blue Dun, 19, Leisenring.
Coachman, 23, Leisenring.
Blue Dun Hackle, 24, Leisenring.
Tups Nymph, 25, Leisenring.
Pale Watery Dun, 26, Leisenring.
Snipe and Yellow, 27, Leisenring.
Red Spider, 28, Stewart.

Roll 3:

Lunns Little Red, 80, Hills.
Lunns Yellow Boy, 79, Hills.
Tups Indespensible, 78, Reid.
Reids Assasin, 77, Reid.
Blae and Black, 76, Reid.
Hen Blackie, 75, Reid.
Grouse, 74, Webster.
Olive Nymph, 43, Lawrie.
Salter Number 2, 68, Salter.
Water Hen Bloa, 69, Lawrie.
Blae Hen and Yellow, 70, Lawrie.
Black Spider, 71, Webster.
Red Spider, 72, Webster.
Golden Plover Spider, 73, Webster.

Roll 4:

Partridge and Green, 96, Paul Young.
Partridge and Orange, 95, Paul Young.
Partridge and Yellow, 96 or 97, Paul Young.
March Brown Hackle, 93, Lonsdale Library.
Winged March Brown, 92, Lonsdale Library.
Rough Olive, 91, Lonsdale Library.
Brown Owl, 90, Williams. A Dictionary of Trout Flies.

Brooke's Fancy, 89, A Dictionary of Trout Flies. Williams.
 Blue Dun, 88, A Dictionary of Trout Flies. Williams.
 Black Spider, 87, A Dictionary of Trout Flies. Williams.
 Light Dun Hackle, 85, Wooley.
 Spring Black, 84, Wooley.
 Winter Brown, 83, Wooley.
 Lunn's Dark Hare, 82, Hills River Keeper.
 Rough Olive, 91, Lonsdale.
 Brown Owl, 90, Williams.
 Dark Spider, 87, Williams.
 Red Spinner Wingless, 109, Lonsdale.
 Starling and Purple, 112, E. M. Tod.
 Greenwell's Glory, 108, Lonsdale.
 Iron Blue Dun, 107, Lonsdale.
 Little Marryott, 106, Lonsdale.
 Rusty Spinner, 105, Lonsdale.
 Blue Dun, 111, Lonsdale.
 Waterhen Bloa, 110, Lonsdale.
 Snipe Bloa, 102, Lonsdale.
 Pheasant Tail, 103, Lonsdale.
 Pale Watery, 101, Lawrie.
 Hatching Dun March Brown, 100, Lawrie.
 Pale Watery, 97, Lawrie.
 Large Pale Watery, 96, Lawrie.
 Iron Blue, 95, Lawrie.

Roll 5:

Dark Snipe and Purple, 113, Tod.
 Dark Snipe and Purple, 113, Tod.
 Water Hen Bloa, 116, Tod.
 Woodcock Wing, 117, Tod.
 Dun Hackle Starling, 118, Tod.
 Starling and Starling, 119, Tod.
 Starling and Woodcock, 120, Tod.
 Starling and Woodcock, 120 (Dupe), Tod.
 Tod's Best Fly, 121, Tod.
 Cinnamon Hen, 121, Tod.
 Hare's Ear Spinner, 122, Tod.
 Hare's Ear Spinner, 122, (Dupe), Tod.

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Tom Weber
Cushing & Malloy
1350 North Main
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Mr. Weber:

Enclosed is a copy of Soft Hackled Fly Imitations, which is the book I talked to you about on the phone a few days ago.

I am anxious to print and bind another amount of these books, (numbers later in the letter) and I would like estimates from you on the cost of the printing, and if you are able, the cost of the binding as well, from Dekker. I will give you the numbers of copies I'm interested in, and the kind of binding from Dekker in Grand Rapids, which would be the same as the sample book included here.

You will notice there is some color printing on the title page and on 10 or so pages with trout flies through out the book. If that will add a great deal to the printing, I may choose to do them in black and white. So make sure your price includes the little color and no color. Your price, of course should include the dust jacket, and the four color insert of flies toward the back of the book.

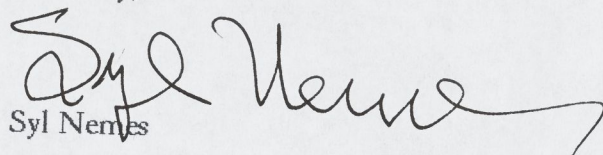
I will, of course, furnish the film for the printing, which, as I told you, was done on a 19 x 25 Heidelberg here in Bozeman.

Now, for the numbers. You may know that the reason I'm writing to your company is the high cost of the shipping of the printed pages from Color World here in Bozeman to Dekker in Grand Rapids. I am trying to eliminate that and perhaps get the work done cheaper because you are bigger and more professional than Color World.

Please give me your price on two thousand copies and on three thousand copies. for the printing by your company and the binding by Dekker, and also approximate time to do the work. If you can also include the shipping, (or estimate) I would appreciate that.

I would like the book returned, if possible, and thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Syl Nemes