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I have no doubt that story is true, JU. I think tyers use way too much material for the wings of spinners. I have had the most success with trimmed hackle wings very sparse - just enough hackle to keep the spinner floating in the film.

I tie three or four turns of hackle, tied in at the head of the fly and wound reverse. I tie it off and wind back to the head the same amount of turns and tie off at the head. I trim the hackle flush, under the fly and there are equal amounts of hackle for each wing.

Another method I use for hackle wings is tying a parachute fly using slightly over sized hackle. I gather the hackle on either side of the fly to form spinner wings and trim off the excess. I often use a highly visible color for the post, but trim it short for better visibility.