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While you're experimenting, wanna try something really cool?

Take your unattached leader and coil it up like a store bought one - pinch the tippet, and wrap it around your fingers, and then spiral wrap the very end around the hoop 4 or 5 times.

Drop this coil in a pan of boiling water and boil it for 5 minutes. Take it out with a fork, uncoil it, and immediately give it a good stretching. This takes all the memory out of the stiffer material - it feels almost rubbery at first. Then attach to your fly line, and reel it in.

This little trick brings old leader butts back to life, and doesn't harm them at all. This works on any mono or fluorocarbon leader. The effect lasts for a week or so, and the leaders really cast great! I commonly do this before a long fishing trip, and I don't have to fight the memory in the leaders much at all.

This trick really makes Harvey style leaders work fantastic - they're nice and supple after doing this.