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In Humphrey's book Trout Tactics Pages 139 shows a photo of the 3 hackle dry fly. On 140-141, it describes the tying procedure.

From what I can tell, the 3 hackle, wrapped last, has a lengthy bare stem compared to the first two hackles. The 3rd is used to brace the others in a forward canting direction, if I'm correct. Might not be.

Have any of you tied this style of fly using your normal hackle capes. Do you have any pictures.

I know Joe is up in the years. Love his fishing videos-dvds over the years. I wish someone would have sat him down and shot video while he tied some of the flies he's known for while discussing why he tied it in a certain manner. He's obviously a real thinking sort on and off the stream.

I have one of his caddis pupa patterns and I whispered to Joe,...in an empty room of course,...what were you thinking Joe?

Jeff