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Well your suspicions are correct. The parachute style of fly sits with the body in the surface film, whereas the "catskill" pattern balances the fly on the hackle and tail. In any given circumstance, one might work better than the other.

The impression made by the fly in the surface film may look more or less like what the trout are seeing and successfully eating. If flies are taking off quickly and a given trout has made a few attempts, only to be thwarted by the natural alighting from the surface quickly, they may begin focusing attention on the naturals that are still shedding their shuck or trying to break the surface tension. This is when the parachute will outperform.

I use both and experiment with each when it seems possible that a preference may be at work in that pea-sized brain of trouts.