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Bamboo rod anglers don't like green tin Mucilin because of the silicone. It messes with varnished rod finishes and causes spotting. Silicone may be bad for silk lines, too, but I'm not sure about that. Silk line users may just be staying away from green tin Mucilin because most of them also fish with cane rods. Practically all the ones I know about, anyway.

My secret weapon for floatant is Nikwax. The only problem is that it works too well. It takes some doing to get a leader to sink after it's been soaked in Nikwax. It also works as a pre-treatment on dry flies, but don't leave them in too long, the hooks will rust. Also, sometimes there's a white residue on the bodies and hackles.

When using searching patterns, I try to do without any floatant at all until I find out what- and where- the fish are taking. I like a fly that starts out floating and then sinks at the end of the drift. I do use fleece patches for soggy flies. It would be nice to find a super-aborbent cloth that would dry a fly back to unused condition right away, but fleece is as close as I've gotten to that.