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But Charlie Meck has a different story:

"Almost immediately I began catching trout In an hour I released seven heavy brown trout measuring up to 20 inches long. Meanwhile Bryan and Ken had not caught one trout. We sat down on the bank overlooking the pond and tried to figure out why these two skilled fly fishers had nothing to show for an hour of fishing. They were both skilled fly casters and both reached the brushy bank on the far side of the pond with the same degree of accuracy that I did. They used the same pattern that I used—a Chernobyl Cricket. After a minute or two Bryan and Ken looked at my tippet material and both blurted out almost in unison: "What's that tippet material?" Both anglers used regular 5X tippet material. During that successful hour I had used a 5X fluorocarbon tippet from Orvis called Mirage (You can click on Orvis in my photo section and order this leader material.) That tippet material seemed to be the only difference in our approach to fly fishing that morning.

I tore off a 2-foot piece of 5X fluorocarbon tippet and gave one to Ken and another to Bryan. They both tied on the new tippet material and began casting. Within an hour Ken and Bryan each caught seven huge brown trout on that new rig. Does flourocarbon really work? You bet it does—especially on or in slow, clear water! After that episode that day we hurried a few miles to Tom Harmon's Orvis Shop in Sheridan, Montana, and bought every spool of 4 and 5X Mirage he had in the shop. Do an experiment to prove to yourself that flourocarbons are less visible. Place two, three, or four different 4X leaders in a jar and attach a weight like a small bolt or nut to each one. Make certain one of these is a fluorocarbon and the others are not. Put holes through the lid of the jar and add water. Now look at how well you can see the leaders. I did this experiment before a group one day and everybody complained that one of the leaders in the jar was a smaller diameter because they couldn't see it as well. That one they couldn't see as well was the fluorocarbon."

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