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I used an improved clinch for a long time, but quit using it back in the late 70's when I noticed that with the small crankbaits we were using when we float fished for smallmouth, the imp. clinch had a tendency to "hinge" and weaken the line just ahead of the body of the knot.

I've been using the uni-knot ever since. It's great for tying flies on. I use 5 turns when using it with anything 4X or larger and 6 turns for smaller material. Two uni's used to join leader sections are superior (IMO) to the blood knot, although I usually use a double or triple surgeons (depending on line diameter) for this.

One of the best things about the Uni is that it is also the same knot as the so-called "speed (nailless) nail knot" and can be used to make a durable, lasting fly line to leader butt/butt section loop. No nail, no straw or any of the rest of that stuff. You just have to slowly pull and tighten it down so the wraps are all together.

I really like the Uni-Knot. It can do it all, pretty much..

[http://www.proknot.com/html/uni\\_knot.html](http://www.proknot.com/html/uni_knot.html)