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Tightline/Euro nymphing is a pretty effective way to fish and I much prefer it to fishing with "bobbers". For me, it keeps me more engaged than just flinging indicators.

You can have your heavy fly at the point (at the end) or in the middle. Both ways have their pluses and minuses. If you want both flies on the bottom I think the heavy fly in the middle works better - the heavy fly on the end allows you to raise the smaller fly off the bottom. In an extreme case (borrowed from old wet fly guys) you can anchor your set up with a heavy fly on the end and fish your highest fly (usually a third fly) right in the surface as an emerger.

Most "Czech" patterns are slim and heavy so they sink well. You can adapt this style to many of your favorite nymphs. For example, one of my favorite heavy nymphs is a Bob Jacklin style March Brown, only tied slimmer and heavier. Stoneflies are a common large, heavy fly in PA, but in Nevada I got introduced to using a baby crayfish pattern for the heavy fly and it works well. Also, a deadly PMD (something like a sulphur) nymph pattern I learned out there is a mallard flank tail and a tapered hare's ear body tied with orange thread. A simple one, but it works well. Can tie a darker version for some places.

Something else I am doing more is tying nymphs on jig hooks since they hang up less. Always did it for buggers and crayfish patterns since I could always get larger jig hooks, but now there are jig hooks down to size 16 for smaller nymphs.