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I high stick a whole lot more than I use indicators - however, all techniques have their place. I like high sticking better in deep pools because I get a better feel for the bottom. I also like doing without an indicator when casting tight up against the bank - where most of the fish hang out in the places I fish.

In general, I zone out when fishing indicators and focus more without them. Your mileage may vary. My most successful nymphing is when I imagine where a fish is lying and then run the nymph through that lie. I do that better when "Euronymphing". When I am fishing with an indicator I tend to "chuck-and-chance-it", which isn't a high percentage way to hook up.

One of the most challenging things with high sticking is to sense the hit so you can strike. Most times I do not feel it and just see the leader subtly move. After a while you get a sixth sense about it and strike automatically for reasons you aren't aware of. I try to lead the nymphs so there is the slightest sag in the leader. Having some sag in the leader also allows the nymphs to sink. When the sag starts to tighten I strike - you almost never feel the hit with a sag in your leader. I don't use a colored leader because I do OK without it, but some people really find that helpful.