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Re: tippet visibility and floatant
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I think that tippet that's too heavy definitely tends to impede the natural drift of a fly, particularly a dry fly. Micro-drag is still too much drag, especially in the case of a tiny fly. Not as much of an issue with caddis or large terrestrials.

A dragging floating tippet sends out ripples that look at least as bogus as a dragging fly. But a sinking tippet may get caught in the water column and disturb the drift, too. I usually grease my entire leader. I think either way, with dry flies the fish can usually see the tippet.

The big question I have: how many times can you put a fly past a rising fish without tipping it off that someone is trying to put them on? I often get the impression that my repeated efforts don't really spook a fish or get it to stop rising. It's more like after a while they're just shaking their head and saying "give me a break"... especially if they've already short-struck at the fly, or I've missed the take.

The hardest thing about fly fishing for me is hooking a fish when it takes. I can't figure out whether I'm doing it too fast or too slow. My guess is that it's neither of those things- it's that I react with too much drama, yanking instead of tugging. It will take some doing to break that habit. I know a medicine that helps, but presently I'm not allowed to take it.