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The only way to detect a "take" is to have sufficient little slack in the portion of your line/leader that is visible, unless in crystal-clear water, where you can actually watch your bait.

No slack is ideal, but it is also a nano-second away from imparting drag. You must find the balance, I think, with or without a bobber.

The way I see it, with a bobber, you manage slack from bobber to bait; whereas, without a bobber, you manage slack all the way to your point of concentration, whether that is the line-leader connection, or some point along the leader that is still visible.

Slack beyond the point of concentration only concerns you when you decide to set the hook. Too much will be a problem for hooking up, too little a problem of drag.

See diagram above.

This said, drag is more over-rated as a detriment to nymphing than dry fly fishing in my opinion. Nymphs swim--they don't always, nor consistently, simply drift.