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Tenkara shouldn't be cane pole fishing if done the original way. If you don't think it is fly fishing I doubt you have gotten all you could out of the technique. I'll make the same argument about dapping. Sure it can be dangling a fly straight down from a cane pole, but it can be a lot more too. Our fly fishing ancestors had a lot of tricks up their sleeves even with the simple equipment available - they didn't just hang flies straight down off a long stick. In my reading it seems like "fish heads" of any time and place developed sophisticated techniques and the 5% of fishermen catch 95% of the fish has long, long roots.

However, to be honest even though I mess around with Tenkara and other rod types from 400 years ago and dapping, doing so most often illustrates why the fly reel, modern lines, and modern rods were invented. Fun to fish the way of the earliest fly fishers, and you do pick up some subtleties lost with modern equipment. Something is usually lost when products get improved. But, when all is said and done we aren't going to go backwards. The advantages of heavier tippets and soft fiberglass or cane rods are even being lost except by a few old cranks (yours truly) and some younger crazies. On a windy day on the upper Delaware there is nothing like a fast Sage rod and a modern fly line to reach out to those wary browns. Each tool has it's sweet spot and most ancient techniques just can't handle any wind in your face.