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I fished Valley creek in the rain tonight. I went to a favorite spot while it was still a light sporadic rain, and started off fishing a caddis pattern that has become a bit of a go to for me on this section of Valley. It is a modification of a Davy McPhail pattern that is a fairly unique no-hackle hairwing that I really like. You can fish it as a dry, a cripple/emergent, sink it and dead drift as a nymph and then swing as an emergent. All methods have been productive. So I fished this for about 20 minutes with no luck, then switched to nymphs and wound up catching 2 little browns on a casual dress. All in all it was a nice quite, albeit wet, evening.

After switching to nymphs, I wound up misplacing a backcast and getting my fly stuck in a tree that has become the bane of my fishing existence. I usually wind up donating at least one fly to the tree trout in this tree on every visit. So I pulled, and it seemed to be hooked well. I pulled a bit harder, and it popped and the fly came whizzing back to me. As I retrieved it, I realized that something was wrong. The fly looked like it had begun to fall to pieces, and the tippet was wrapped up in an unusually large birds nest. I moved to the side to rebuild my leader and tie on a new fly, and as I drew the fly up into my hand I realized that the fly was in fact fine. I had hooked and retrieved one of my fairly unique caddis patterns along with the attached tippet that I left in the tree the last time I fished there over a month ago! As the rain began to increase I decided that was as much luck as I could handle and headed home.

Mike.