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I once watched a WWII special describing how submarine skippers were nearly in tears as their faulty torpedoes failed to detonate on the hulls on Axis ships despite direct hits. That's how I felt yesterday when I watched numerous browns rise to smaller (size 18-20) dry flies but fail to get hooked when I raised the rod.

What is the key to effectively landing fish on these small hooks? Obviously, it's most likely a case of user error here rather than faulty equipment, but any way you slice it, it sure does suck to literally watch a nice 13-14" fish sip your fly only to yank it right back out of his mouth with no effect.