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I've really been working on nymphing for the past year or so, and sometimes I don't feel like I'm making much progress. I even read "Dynamic Nymphing," and don't feel like I gained much from it.

Most of my nymphing is indicator nymphing, done with a thingamabobber or a stick-on indicator (for more stealth). I have also tried the dry-dropper rig and had some success with it, but use it less frequently because it's a pain to rig up, and tends to get tangled.

I am also aware of techniques like czech nymphing, and high stick nymphing, the goal of which is to maintain a direct connection between the nymph and the rod. I haven't had success with these techniques, because I find it difficult to get close enough to fish to use them.

I have also tried simply casting a lightly weighted nymph as i would a dry fly and watching for my line to twitch. I've caught sunnies in a stream doing this, but never trout.

I don't really know any other fly fisherman, so haven't been able to watch someone fish a nymph. I just go by what people tell me, or what I see online.

So what I'd really like to know is: What techniques are most successful nymph fishermen using? Does anyone really Czech nymph on a regular basis? Is it even possible to catch trout at a distance without using an indicator?