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Spent the early evening fishing the Yellow Breeches. Found a few trout rising to what I am guessing were Hendricksons. Promptly sent my first back cast into the trees. After I untangled, I chased a few on the PT nymph and egg I had tied on to start. Managed a nice little rainbow on the egg dropper. Chucked that rig into a log that was on the far side of a deeper run.

Things were picking up on the surface, so I tied on a parachute adams, which was the closest match to what I saw them rising to in my box. Turned several other trout from that pool. I am convinced I am setting the hook too hard like the bass fisherman I have always been. I am anxious for the water to warm up, as that really got exciting even though I wasn't hooking up. Bad match? Bad presentation? Probably some of both.

As it got darker, I worked my way back to some swifter water, so I switched to a black wooly bugger. Had a take almost at the surface, was busy looking there then missed a strong strike from the downstream as it hung in the current.

Worked my way back up toward the stone bridge near where I parked since it was getting dark and chucked that black bugger into a seam below a nice riffle. Huge brown slammed the bugger and I was ready for him. Set the hook WAY too hard and up went the bugger into the trees.

I was ready to call it quits right there, but figured I'd fish back up the run. Lots of other anglers so I ended up all the way at the end of it, fished a nymph through some crystal clear water. I couldn't spot a single thing, so figured it was just good casting practice. moved 20 feet downstream and then had a riser come up TWICE right where I had carefully fished. Worked my way back up toward my car with no takers. Gave up after one more tree snag.

I am getting a hard education in this fly fishing thing... Please tell me it gets a little easier! :) Enjoying a beer and thinking how much larger that brown is getting now.