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IMO, the advantages of a 90\* angle rig as described above are nullified by the fact that it can't be adjusted to the proper depth. To fish effectively, most of the time, you need to be very close to the bottom. Especially in the cold water of winter, it is a rare occurrence for a fish to be suspended above the bottom while feeding, or for a fish to move any great distance from it's holding position to feed, therefore a rig that can be adjusted to ride inches from the bottom of the stream is essential.

I believe that the same thing can be accomplished (a near vertical presentation) by spacing small shot (micro shot) or small pinches of Tacky Weight along the tippet, all the way up to a moveable indicator. This is similar to a center pinning rig. Experiment with the amount of weight and the spacing needed to get the rig to drift the way you want. I make yarn indicators to fish this type of rig, but yarn indicators of any size are very difficult to cast, eventually become waterlogged, and have to be dried and treated with floatant. From the comments on this board, the Thingamabobber looks like it holds a lot of promise for this type of rig. Jack, any tips on foraging for them?