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When I first started flyfishing, around 1970, and before that time, everyone who fished nymphs did so without a strike indicator.

Because strike indicators didn't come on the market until about 1973, if my memory is correct. Around that time I remember seeing the Palsa foam stick on indicators for sale.

Some people began using those, but still most nymph fishing was done without indicators well through the 1970s.

Nymph fishing with indicators became very widespread, the norm, sometime in 1980s, as I recall.

We didn't call nymphing without an indicator "euro" nymphing. It was just nymph fishing. It had been done that way since the origin of nymph fishing, which I believe was around 1910 or so.

For lack of a better term, I call it "old school nymph fishing."

We fished not just "at your feet" but also pulling more line out gradually to fish a whole run. Using reach casts and mends to prevent drag.

I still nymph fish this way. I've tried various indicators, but I don't like them.

You can do the same thing. Just use your standard rod and leader. And just tie a beadhead Walts Worm on the end of your leader.

Cast it upstream at about a 45 degree angle. And drift it down through nice looking runs and pocket water. Follow the line and leader with your rod tip. Set the hook if you see the line stop or make an unusual movement.

It can be done very, very simply.