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I remember a couple of weeks ago, a man was talking about his difficulty setting the hook on some fish. Well, I think I figured out a trick by mistake. If you bend the point of the hook away from the body to the side, I think it limits the amount of times a fish hits the fly, but doesn't get the point of the hook. I think the off-set point penetrates easier without the obstruction of the fly itself. I have a luck with this idea with large streamers, as well as small midges. I figured this out on day on a extremely small brookie stream (were the fish don't exceed 7 inches). I saw some rising fish in a back eddy and threw them my size 14 adams parachute. The first 3 times it hit the water I had a strike, but no fish. So I switched to a size 14 emerger, that I developed, where I bend the hook shank with needle nose pliers. Often when I bend the hook it offsets the point. I managed to catch 2 fish out of this tub-sized hole and didn't miss another all day with the bent fly. Give this a try and see how it works for you.