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A friend who manages a fly shop in CT has said that in heavily fished waters, trout have learned to associate the bright flash of a gold bead with getting stuck. He, like other posters here, has moved to dark bead colors and tungsten. Mostly, though, he has done away with the bead altogether and instead weights the fly with non-lead wire. He believes that, due to the influence of the knot and the tippet material, an unweighted fly, while most closely reflecting the actual weight of the nymph, does not drift as naturally as a fly with weight because the weight counteracts the stiffening effects of the tippet on the drift. Something to ponder.

Also, he won't use flashbacks where fishing pressure is heavy, though I don't know what effect they would have on a place like Valley or Saucon. Valley, the fish are so skittish I feel like they wouldn't have the opportunity to associate flash or goldbeads with getting stuck hahaha.