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I read Brad Angier in a
pensive mood. I wear less
wool. My kids urge me
to try the technical side,
so I buy a new sleeping
bag. Warm and wrapped, drifting
off, I hear the icy spill
and splash at the beaver
dam; further down, under
cold stars, in slower water
an elk crosses where once
a huge brook trout, ghostly,
rose to my #12 Ginger Quill
tied on a string, tied
to a stick of tag alder.

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