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## Infinity is not a number

I've never been any good at mathematics but I imagine a field whose purpose is to define what lies in the field or sets off the grass that grows there from the grass elsewhere. And the clover, a slurry of stones; the goats and their hard raisin trail of poop. The long-legged horses, cows flicking their tails at gnats. Number them if you wish: the gnats, the cows, their rank catalogue of irregular black and white spots. Infinity, I've been told, isn't any of these countable facts but more like some unseen wind or a hum that surges through the electric fence. Add to it or take away from it: its quantity remains the same.