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“Anthropologists have reported on the primitive number systems of some aboriginal tribes. The Yancos in the Brazilian Amazon stop counting at three. Since their word for ‘three’ is ‘poettarrarorincoaroac’, this is understandable.”¹ — They are said to respond to queries about larger numbers with stupefaction.

Isn't this just Moore's method? the method of stupefaction?

¹ I think I am quoting Albert Sukoff here, though where he said this I don't know; I first came across it, I think, in *Harper's*.