Foundations of the Formal Sciences
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The Incan Quipus

The Peruvian Incas had no writing in the common sense of the word, but they had a notation system for numerals: the quipus, strings with knots tied into them. Not only could numbers be symbolized effectively, but structures such as tables could be built into the quipu. Preserved specimens supply clues about Inca mathematics.