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David Robbins conjectured that Dodgson condensation has a surprising “ $p$ -adic stability” when computed with finite precision  $p$ -adic floating point arithmetic. This appears to extend to much more general contexts, including (suitable) cluster algebras and, in particular, to certain Somos sequences. Moreover, there is a natural purely algebraic conjecture that implies the Robbins-like conjectures. We consider this circle of ideas for Somos sequences, proving the algebraic conjecture for Somos-4 and Somos-5, and giving interesting empirical observations for related sequences. (This is joint work with Kiran Kedlaya.) (Received January 20, 2015)