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Abstract: A real surprising fact is the absence of the phrase “Scientific Metaphysics” in Charles S. Peirce writings in spite of the presence of that expression on the spine of volume 6 of Peirce’s Collected Papers . In order to explain the circumstances of that fact and to get a clearer view of this expression, the paper is arranged into five sections: 1) a brief presentation of Peirce, focusing on his work as a professional scientist; 2) an exposition of Peirce’s conception of science; 3) a sketch of the notion of metaphysics in the mature Peirce; 4) an attempt to answer the question of what a scientific metaphysics is; and finally, 5) a brief conclusion.

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