Term: Pragmaticism

Quote: The contents of most logic books is a syncretistic hodgepodge, and it is difficult
to detect any differences but those of detail between one book and another. It
is certain, however, that there have been, and still are, many logicians who in
regard to our more primary and simple thoughts would protest against the
theory that they have any exterior meaning. “The meaning!” these logicians
would exclaim, “That is precisely the concept!” The refutation of this opinion
will make us pragmatists, according to my analysis. In order to establish
pragmaticism, it will be necessary further to show that if the ultimate
interpretation of a thought relates to anything but a determination of
conditional conduct, it cannot be of an intellectual quality and so is not in the
strictest sense a concept.

References: MS [R] 908:3-4; EP 2:361-362
Date of Quote: 1905 [c.]
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