Term: Virtual
Quote: …a “virtual $x$,” where $x$ stands for a common noun, means something which is not an $x$, but which has, for whatever purpose may be uppermost, the virtue of an $x$, that is, such properties as make it equivalent to an $x$.
References: MS [R] 279:13
Date of Quote: 1906
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