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**Term:** Second Intention

**Quote:** The scholastic doctors used to talk of *first intentions* and *second intentions*. First intentions were conceptions obtained by generalizing ordinary experiences. Second intentions were conception[s] obtained by generalizing conceptions themselves considered as objects of logical comparison. Now an abstract notion, that is, the *name of a quality*, is the first fruit of second-intentional thought.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1893). *Book II. Division I. Part 2. Logic of Relatives. Chapter XII. The Algebra of Relatives*. MS [R] 418.

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