

'Possibility' (pub. 24.11.15-16:23). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-branches-geometry-existential-graphs-r>.

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**Term:** Possibility

**Quote:** We certainly have the notion of objective possibility, whether there be such a thing or not. It may be defined as that mode of being which is not subject to the principle of contradiction since if it be *merely* possible that A is B, it is possible that A is not B. [—] How can the principle of contradiction fail to apply to anything? By something being held in reserve and not expressed.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1905 [c.]). *The Branches of Geometry; Existential Graphs [R]*. MS [R] 96.

**References:** MS [R] 96

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