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Term: Firstness

Quote: *Firstness* is the mode or element of being by which any subject is such as it is, *positively* and regardless of everything else; or rather, the category is not bound down to this particular conception but is the element which is characteristic and peculiar in this definition and is a prominent ingredient in the ideas of quality, qualitateness, absoluteness, originality, variety, chance, possibility, form, essence, feeling, etc.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1983). A Brief Intellectual Autobiography by Charles Sanders Peirce. *The American Journal of Semiotics*, 2(1-2), 61-83.

References: Peirce, 1983, p. 72; MS [R] L107:22

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