Term: Relation

Quote: A relation is a fact about a number of things. Thus the fact that a locomotive blows off steam constitutes a relation, or more accurately a relationship (the Century Dictionary, under relation, 3, gives the terminology. See also relativity, etc.) between the locomotive and the steam. In reality, every fact is a relation. Thus, that an object is blue consists of the peculiar regular action of that object on human eyes. This is what should be understood by the "relativity of knowledge."

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1892). The Critic of Arguments. II. The Reader is Introduced to Relatives. The Open Court, 6, 3415-3418.

References: CP 3.416

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