Term: Firstness

Quote:  
  firstness, n.  
  1. The ordinal position of the first member of a series.  
  2. The mode of being of that which is whatever it is positively and regardless of 
     anything else. According to the phenomenology of C. S. Peirce, this applies only 
     to simple qualities, especially qualities of feeling. According to several of the 
     other systems of metaphysics, it describes the mode of being of a substance, 
     and does not apply to qualities which are such only by inhering in substances. 
     In explanation of the former meaning, it is said that firstness is not attributed to 
     simple qualities as embodied in subjects, but in the peculiar positive suchness 
     which [...] makes each what it is and which is not affected by the embodiment 
     of the quality...

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