Term: Icon

Quote: An icon is a representamen which refers to its object merely because it resembles, or is analogous to, that object. Such is a photograph, a figure in geometry, or an algebraical array of symbols which by virtue of the “rules,” or permissions to transform, [...] are analogous to the objects they represent. An icon is so independent of its object, that it is immaterial whether the latter exists or not.


References: MS [R] 1147

Date of Quote: 1901-1902 [c.]

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