**Term:** Sign  
**Quote:** “Representation” and “sign” are synonyms. The whole purpose of a sign is that it shall be interpreted in another sign; and its whole purport lies in the special character which it imparts to that interpretation. When a sign determines an interpretation of itself in another sign, it produces an effect external to itself, a physical effect, though the sign producing the effect may itself be not an existent object but merely a type. It produces this effect, not in this or that metaphysical sense, but in an indisputable sense.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1904 [c.]). *Draft of Nichols Review [C]*. MS [R] 1476.

**References:** CP 8.191

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