**Term:** Firstness  
**Quote:** Category the First is the Idea of that which is such as it is regardless of anything else. That is to say, it is a *Quality* of Feeling. [...]  
Category the First owing to its Extremely Rudimentary character is not susceptible of any degenerate or weakened modification.  
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