Term: Hypothesis [as a form of reasoning]

Quote: These differences between these two scientific inferences are so great that it seems to me essential to a right understanding of the subject that we should recognize two kinds of scientific reasoning. Induction and Hypothesis. [—] Hypothesis alone affords us any knowledge of causes and forces, and enables us to see the why of things. [—] So that we have

- Deduction
- Induction
- Hypothesis

as three coordinate classes of reasoning.


References: W 1:428

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