**Term:** Would-be  
**Quote:** ...a “would-be” refers to a whole range, or general description, of possibilities which it asserts to be alike in a certain respect; so that two directly opposite assertions of would-be’s might both be false, just as two directly opposite states of things might-be true.  
**References:** MS [R] 930:21-2  
**Date of Quote:** 1913  
**URL:** http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-meaning-real-r