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
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