Term: Symbol

Quote: Signs are of three kinds,

1st, the icon, which represents its object by virtue of a character which it would equally possess did the object and the interpreting mind not exist;

2nd, the index, which represents its object by virtue of a character which it could not possess did the object not exist, but which it would equally possess did the interpreting mind not operate;

3rd, the symbol, which represents its object by virtue of a character which is conferred upon it by an operation of the mind.

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A symbol is a sign which represents an object by virtue of having a character imputed to it by an operation of the interpreting mind.


References: MS [R] 142:4-6

Date of Quote: 1899-1900 [c.]

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