Term: Quality of Feeling

Quote: ...every simple idea is composed of one of three classes; and a compound idea is in most cases predominantly of one of those classes. Namely, it may, in the first place, be a quality of feeling, which is positively such as it is, and is indescribable; which attaches to one object regardless of every other; and which is sui generis and incapable, in its own being, of comparison with any other feeling, because in comparisons it is representations of feelings and not the very feelings themselves that are compared.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1907 [c.]). (Prag) [R]. MS [R] 323.

References: CP 5.7

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