Term: Induction

Quote: As for induction (in my sense of this term) or the experimental method, it consists only in putting very definite questions to Nature, to which Dame Nature only replies, either by a curt “No,” or else by a dubious and provisional “Well.” No vestige, no scrap, of a new idea can possibly come from that source.


References: MS [R] 318:30

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