Term: Definition

Quote: As Aristotle well says (and his authority is well-nigh absolute upon a question of logical terminology), a definition asserts the existence of nothing. A definition would consist of two members, of which the first should declare that any object to which the *definitum*, or defined term, should be applicable would possess the characters involved in the definition; while the second should declare that to any object which should possess those characters the definitum would be applicable.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1904). *Sketch of Dichotomic Mathematics*. MS [R] 4.

References: NEM 4:285

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