**Term:** Definition  
**Quote:** The definition and the utility of a definition require it to specify everything essential, and to omit all that is inessential, to its *definitum*: though it may be pardoned for calling special attention to an omission in order to show that it was not inconsiderate.  
**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1911 [c.]). *A Sketch of Logical Critics*. MS [R] 675.  
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