Would-be

…by a Habit I shall mean a character of anything, say of B, this character consisting in the fact that under circumstances of a certain kind, say A, B would tend to be such as is signified by a determinate predicate, say C. The same thing might be more briefly expressed by saying that I call any real “Would-be” a habit of the subject of such predication, but by stating the matter more fully I bring into prominence the fact that a “Would-be” is a relation between three objects, A, B, and C.


References: MS [R] 681:22

Date of Quote: 1913

URL: http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-study-how-reason-safely-and-efficiently-0