Term: General

Quote: It is essential clearly to discriminate between vagueness and generality. As applied to assertions, this distinction is very easy. Namely, an assertion is *comprehensive* in so far as it extends the person to whom it is addressed a certain latitude in the interpretation of it; it is *vague* in so far as it reserves to the utterer of it a similar latitude.


References: MS [R] 151

Date of Quote: 1903 [c.]

Editorial Annotations: Peirce has replaced the word "general" with "comprehensive" in this passage

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