Scribing

The graphist may place replicas of graphs upon the sheet of assertion; but this act, called scribing a graph on the sheet of assertion, shall be understood to constitute the assertion of the truth of the graph scribed. (Since by §1 the conventions are only “supposed to be” agreed to, the assertions are mere pretence in studying logic. Still they may be regarded as actual assertions concerning a fictitious universe.) “Assertion” is not defined; but it is supposed to be permitted to scribe some graphs and not others.

In the original, the parenthetical passage is enclosed in square brackets