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Term: Possibility

Quote: We certainly have the notion of objective possibility, whether there be such a

thing or not. It may be defined as that mode of being which is not subject to the principle of contradiction since if it be *merely* possible that A is B, it is possible that A is not B. [—] How can the principle of contradiction fail to apply to

anything? By something being held in reserve and not expressed.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1905 [c.]). The Branches of Geometry; Existential Graphs [R]. MS

[R] 96.

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