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**Term:** Prescission

**Quote:** A decrease of supposed information may have the effect of diminishing the depth of a term without increasing its information. This is often called *abstraction*; but it is far better to call it *prescission*; for the word *abstraction* is wanted as the designation of an even far more important procedure, whereby a transitive element of thought is made substantive, as in the grammatical change of an adjective into an abstract noun.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). Quantity. In J. M. Baldwin (Ed.), *Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology, Vol. II* (pp. 410-412). New York: The MacMillan Company.

**References:** DPP 2:411; CP 2.364

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