

'Second Intention' (pub. 23.08.15-22:28). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-regenerated-logic-5>.

---

**Term:** Second Intention

**Quote:** The sort of idea which an icon embodies, if it be such that it can convey any positive information, being applicable to some things but not to others, is called a *first intention*. The idea embodied by an icon which cannot of itself convey any information, being applicable to everything or to nothing, but which may, nevertheless, be useful in modifying other icons, is called a *second intention*.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1896). The Regenerated Logic. *The Monist*, 7(1), 19-40.

**References:** CP 3.433

**Date of** 1896

**Quote:**

**URL:** <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-regenerated-logic-5>