

Mark Twain Writing Competition

“A Murder, a Mystery and a Marriage”

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“To get the right
word in the right
place is a rare
achievement.”

*Mark Twain, in a Letter to Emeline Beach
February 10, 1868*

An Unpublished
Short Story by Mark Twain

In 1876, Mark Twain composed “A Murder, a Mystery and a Marriage” with the intent that the same plot be developed into a story by the leading authors of the day. Following the spirit of Twain’s original intent, this uniquely challenging competition was born.

